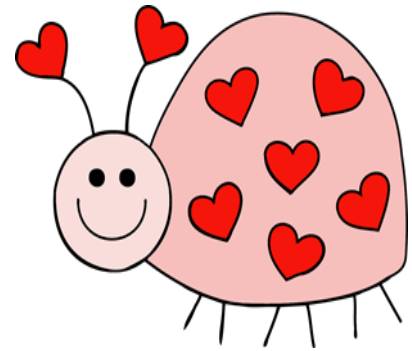


# February 2017 Chisholm Head Start



## Happy February!

From the Desk of: Jennifer Tinstman, CDS  
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Our new year is off to a great start! Happy February to all of the children and families! This is the month that we associate with Valentine's Day and love and caring. Take some time this month to teach your child to care for other people by expressing kindness through their words, a hug or just taking time to visit or play with friends and family members. The teachers spend a lot of time each day teaching the children social skills and ways to show caring for one another. During this Valentine's month of February would be an excellent time to reinforce at home ways to help and care for others. With the cooler weather here, this means that you or your child may become sick at some point. One of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of germs and stay healthy is by washing your hands frequently throughout the day. If your child is ill and cannot attend school, please let your teacher or family advocate know that they will be out for the day. We appreciate your help keeping us informed.

Please make sure that children are coming to school each day with weather appropriate clothing and note that the classrooms still go outside each day weather permitting.

Thank you for your participation in classroom events, parent meetings, and activities with your child. We will have our first Transition to Kindergarten meeting this month as well for those families with children who will be moving on in August.

Always remember, YOU are your child's first teacher and your involvement makes all the difference in your child's school success!



### February's

### Important Dates:

2/7 Kindergarten  
transition meeting  
at 2:00

2/14 Parent meet-  
ing at 2:05

2/14 Parent activi-  
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2/20 No school  
President's day

## From Classroom 1: Ms. Sharonda & Ms. Sue

Classroom 1 is started the year off in winter wonderland, through snow experiments, snowman shapes. Our class also learned about landmarks near our schools and in our city. The children explored the use of tools and how they are used on a daily basis throughout the class, home and construction. The children had fun learning and creating rhyming words and opposites. They have soared in the areas of sorting and numbers 1-30. Our children are constantly moving and learning through music and outdoor activities. Classroom one will be remembering and celebrating the past, the present and our future African Americans who paved the way for equality, education and opportunities to excel. A few reminders, parents please take your children to the bathroom upon entering the classroom. Also, please bring in a change of clothes as the weather changes and update all new telephone numbers and address. Parents thank you for being a part of our program.

## From Classroom 2: Ms. Kenya & Ms. Terry

Greetings from the Super Heroes. This month we have two children celebrating birthdays on the same day February 28 which are Brantley and Willie, Happy Birthday to both of them. We have a field trip planned for Friday February 3<sup>rd</sup> to Pettis Park for the Black Heritage Festival. Our theme for this month is "Construction Zone". The children will be learning about different types of tools and what the tools are used for as well as learning about safety when using tools. They will learning about how homes are built and what materials are used to build homes, different types of homes, and different machines used to build things. In math the children will be learning about length and heights, shortest to longest, and measuring. In art they will be creating Valentines crafts and crafts for celebrating Black History. With the weather getting colder please make sure your child is dressed for the weather and they have a blanket.

## From Classroom 3: Mrs. Lynn & Ms. Carmen

Classroom 3 has been working and learning about animals, we have discussed wild and domestic, animals that can fly, swim, walk, slither, etc. It has been so much fun learning about animals. The children enjoyed this theme so much. We were able to graph animals, sort animals, talk about where they live, how they live, what they eat, and being able to identify the mommy's and babies.

We have also been learning about WINTER, we have discussed the different season's and all about winter, the children can tell you the animals that like the weather cold and the one's who don't. We have discussed solids and liquid, we experienced with water and that the cold will make the water freeze, we also made snow, this was a great experience since we don't get snow in Florida. The children enjoyed these experiments, it was really fun.

I would like to say to my parents, the weather is changing and we are having some cool days, please dress your child appropriately to the weather, we go outside everyday and our bathroom's are located outside and when the children are not dressed according to the weather it can become very difficult because they are cold and we don't have extra clothing here to provide to the children. Please check your child's cubby and make sure that their extra clothing is appropriate for the weather. Please, also discuss with your child about germs and covering their coughs and sneezes, we are also encouraging the children to do so as well.

I want to shout out a great thank you to all of our parents who attended the parent meeting and for coming in and being a part of the parent involvement activity. It is so important to be involved with your child's education. I also want to give a great big thank you to our wonderful grandmother Pat Nohr for all the help you provide us and for all

## Extended Day: Ms. Stephanie

We here at extended Day want to thank all of our parents. Thanks Ms. Amber for all you do. We at extended day are learning great things about our animals, and famous people in the world and what they stand for we also started making different projects so be on the lookout for the wall of fame in the upcoming months. Thanks to all our parents for your words of encouragements. We are looking for Baby food or (small jars) and can tabs for our February projects so any one who wish to donate please feel free. Drop off in class room three or see me.

**FA Corner:** February is finally here! Please remember to join us at our Parent Meeting Tuesday February 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:05 PM. The parent meeting was moved to February 14 because we will be having the first transition meeting for kindergarten on Tuesday, February 7 at 2:00 pm. It is very important for parents with children going to kindergarten to attend both this meetings because they always provide valuable information regarding the education of your children, activities and announcements.

We will be closed on President's Day, Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a Spring Nutrition Event to learn about healthy eating and gardening with other Head Start Parents. Head Start will provide transportation for you to the Farmer's Market at the Volusia County Fairgrounds on Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please RSVP to (386) 427-8149 or let your Family Advocate know. There will also be flyers up throughout the center for this event.

Please remember to give your Family Advocate Julyette Santiago your child's immunizations, physical exams, and dental treatments. It is very important to keep these documents up date, first for the health and well-being of your children and because it is a requirement of the school.

As always, I can be reached at (386) 427-8149 to report absences, make appointments, and help you in any way possible.

### **Parent Meeting 1-17-17**

Chisholm minutes from last meeting as secretary was unable to attend. She cannot make the scheduled meetings and has to step down. Attending parents voted on a new secretary.

Welcome classroom # 1 children performed "If you're Happy and You Know it".

Policy Council report was read, next meeting is set for January 26 in Leesburg.

Michael Davis thanked all the parents who came today to help with the parent activity with the children. They made bird feeders.

Jennifer Informed us of the upcoming field trip the students will be taking to the Black Heritage Festival on February 3 at 9:00 am.

She stressed reading to the children to help them be ready for kindergarten.

Miss Lynn gave an overall curriculum that the children were working on, animals, liquid and solids, reviewing previous activities since coming back from winter.

Julyette Family Advocate informed parents of a parent activity that will be held on March 1 at the fairgrounds. Transportation will be provided. It will be held during the farmer market, will get nutrition information, cooking and tasting. It will be held from 9-12. She also passed out information for free dentist for children without insurance and information to help with your taxes.

Guest Speaker Sara Levasseur make smoothies for everyone to taste. She told us that they would be offering a 6 weeks nutrition series class one day a week. The classes will be 1 1/2 hours long. She would like people to sign up if they are interested and to say what day and time they would be available to classes. Depending on interest will determine the place and time it will be held. She gave hand outs for nutrition tips and recipe for the smoothie.

Parents vote to have a CPR class for the Parent Activity in April. This will need to be approved by the Policy Council. Exact day and location to be announced later.

Parents voted on a date to have the Spring Fling. A day at the end of April will be scheduled. Parents are to let us know what activities they can offer for this event.

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## Policy Council update for January 2017

The January Policy Council meeting was held on Thursday, January 26th at 10:00 am. It was a face to face meeting that was held in Leesburg. Thirteen policy council members (11 parents and 2 community partner members) were present.

The following persons were approved for hire:

Ivy Sebastian, Family Advocate (Volusia County)

Tony Broxton, Family Advocate (Volusia County)

Amanda Phillips, Teacher (Volusia County)

Ja'kera Peterson, Program Substitute (Volusia County)

Elizabeth Witt, Child Development Specialist (Volusia County)

Kaitlin Burton, Teacher's Assistant (Volusia County)

Lillie Shells, Program Substitute (Sumter County)

Carlie Nelson, Teacher's Assistant (Sumter County)

The following reports were approved: Budget and Credit Cards, Enrollment/Attendance, Meals and Snacks, Service Area and Center. Parent activity requests for the following sites were approved: Bushnell, Brooksville, Horizon, Westside, Pathways Port Orange and Malloy.

Policy council members were advised of the update to the program's Selection Criteria which included an increase in the points for the following risk factors: homelessness, foster care and having a family member in the household with a current IFSP or IEP. An updated Head Start Public Relations Plan was reviewed and approved. Materials for an age appropriate home safety program titled "Eddie the Eagle" were distributed following introduction and discussion of the program at a previous policy council meeting.

Our Disability Services Coordinator, Denise Thompson, led a training for policy council attendees. She explained the developmental screening process and how the program works with parents to make referrals to support children.



The next Policy Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10 am. It will be a video conference meeting.

**Classroom 1**

**Qad'r 2/24**

**Classroom 2**

**Brantley 2/28**

**Classroom 3**

**Alfonso 2/20**

**Ms. Sue 2/25**