

March 2018 Chisholm Head Start

From the Desk of Jennifer Tinstman, CDS

Can't believe March is already upon us! It seems like the months are flying by much too quickly. February was a flash and surely summer will be here in the blink of an eye. There will be lots of exciting events coming in March.

We are excited to see the progress of the children at this point in the school year. All are doing well with their pre-school skills and our staff feels so fortunate to have such a bright and beautiful group of children.

Please join us in welcoming Susan Gilmore, our new teaching assistant in Classroom 2 working alongside of Ms. Lynn. Ms. Sue is new to us at Chisholm but has many years of experience working with children and with Mid Florida Community Services, Head Start. We are all very happy to have her as part of our team!

We appreciate all of your efforts in making your child's Head Start experience a fun one. Parent and family participation and communication makes our job so much easier.

This month we will continue to fill the children's school days with a combination of fun activities, educational games and events. School pictures will be taken this month.

We want to thank parents for helping the teachers to get their home visits completed. We hope that all of you can enjoy a restful and relaxing Spring Break this month and can share some quality family time together.



Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss



March's Important Dates:

3/9 No School

**3/12—3/16 Spring
Break**

3/27 Picture Day

**3/27 Parent Meet-
ing**

Classroom 2: Ms. Lynn & Ms. Sue,

First off, I want to take this time to introduce Ms. Sue, she is the new teacher in our classroom. She has been with Head Start 13 1/2 years and is very familiar with the program and working with children. The children enjoy working and learning with her. We have had many changes happening in the past couple months, but we are well on our way of getting things back to normal, we have also did some changing with our routine in some ways, the children are catching on and learning the new ways we are doing things. We have learned about animals and their habitats, we have talked about construction and how to build things, we have been writing our names, and learning to problem solve situations that will arise.

Classroom 4: Ms. Sharonda & Ms. Tria,

Classroom 4 will be in the spring of themes and enjoying our families during our Spring Break, March 12th – 16th, 2018. We will also be celebrating Dr. Seuss birthday with creative rhyming, drawings, books and tons of fun. We will also explore spring and its characteristics through weather, plants, observations, predictions, mixing paints and stories. Our class will have fun painting Shamrocks and understanding it is part of the plant family. Our class is constantly moving, learning and growing.

Extended Day: Ms. Amber & Ms. Melanie

We are discussing animals and their habitats, the children have been working in the garden and watching it grow, they are so excited to see the food growing. We have been following the same curriculum that they are doing in the classroom, we are an extension of the learning in their classroom.

Perfect Attendance

Classroom2:

Jayce Green

Andre Troupe

Madison Jackson

Kharlie Walker

Olivia Nohr

Jacob Zollo

Tristan Rainge

Lawrence Tracy Jr

Classroom 4:

Ezrah Charles Amari Foster

Alfonso Cucuzella

Colt Goodwin

Joselyn Jutras

Terrance Littles III

FA Corner: Ms. Kishmar

Hello, I would like to welcome you all again here at Chisholm. As discussed in the Parent meeting on Tuesday February 27th, 2018 the important school closing dates will be on the 9th of March- In Service day and also Spring break dates will be on March 12th-16th, 2018. Congratulations to all the parents and children that has been selected for Perfect attendance!

Daylight savings time starts on March 11th, 2018. Don't forget to swap out those old winter Clothing and pack the summer clothing.

*Attendance and punctuality of every child is extremely important. Please ensure that your child attends school daily during the full instruction time so that he/she can benefit from the full learning experience!

*Parents are asked to call their child's classroom before 8:00 am to report an absence or tardiness for the purpose of meal count. As always I can be reached at (386) 427-8149, with any concerns or comments. I also encourage all to call with absences, running late, etc., as it helps so much with recording attendance. Thank you all so much for your efforts in this area so far and for bringing your children to school every day. Our attendance has been great!!

*Please remember to give your Family Advocate your child's immunizations, physical exam, lead 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.

Parent Meeting Minutes:

February 27, 2018

Reviewed Activities for Spring Fling- discussed the dates and Volunteers needed

Everyone was asked to think of some ideas for the Spring Fling

Reminded everyone of school closing dates March 9th, 2018 and also Spring Break March 12-16th, 2018.

Reminded everyone of daylight savings time- Starts on March 11th, 2018

Introduced Teacher Assistant- Susan Gilmore in Classroom #2

Discussed changing out the winter clothing to summer clothing

Ms. Pat read the Policy Council minutes

Jennifer discussed the school pictures

Family Advocate discussed keeping children health records updated: Physical, shots, dental and also Lead.

Mrs. Pat ended the meeting

Next meeting will be held on March 27th, 2018 at 2:00p.m.

Policy Council update for February 2018

The February Policy Council Meeting was held on Thursday, Feb. 22nd at Mid Florida Head Start/Early Head Start Administrative Offices in Hernando and Volusia Counties via video conference. Fourteen policy council members were present. Twelve staff members were present.

The attendance rate of several classrooms fell below 85% last month. The primary reason for absences was illness.

The following reports were approved: *Budget, Credit Cards, Enrollment/Attendance, Meals and Snacks, Service Areas and Centers*. Parent Activity requests for EVEC and Jo Sheppard were approved. New hires for the following positions were approved: One substitute teacher - Hernando ; Three substitute teachers - Volusia; One Early Head Start Teacher at Malloy - Volusia; One Early Head Start Teacher at Oakridge-Volusia. The submission of an Early Head Start grant application in the amount of \$154,612 was approved.

Denise Thompson, Disabilities Services Coordinator, made a presentation about Disabilities Services provided by the Head Start/Early Head Start program. She explained how the program helps children prepare for school by conducting developmental screenings (if consented by parents), providing referrals for additional evaluations and individualization.

The program is set to expand soon with the opening of one more Early Head Start classroom at the Malloy center and one more at the Hernando center. The program's recent proposal to provide child care services at Hope Place, a transitional housing community in Volusia, has been accepted and negotiations to initiate the services are in process. The program will open classrooms at this location in the near future.

The annual audit for the agency has been completed. The audit resulted in no findings. The federal review visit was conducted during the week of Feb. 12th. We are awaiting information as to the outcome of the visit.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 22nd at 10am and will be conducted via video conference. Members will meet in the conference room at the administrative office in their county.



Classroom 2:

Jacob 3/12

Andre 3/28

Classroom 4:

Alina 3/10