



Coleman Head Start Newsletter

December, 2017

By Jennifer Fowler , CDS

Holidays can be a time when parents decide that doing things with their children will be a priority and they will use the time to get to know each other and enjoy each other's company. Children love doing things with parents.

Try to arrange some individual time with each child if you can, as well as family time - this helps build good relationships and helps your children's self-esteem. Just one different activity each day will help keep children interested and looking forward to it. Remember children do not need to be 'entertained'

all the time. Just a change of place or a few suggestions can help them to be very creative on their own. Sometimes saying "I'm bored" is another way of saying "I want you to play with me", and sometimes the child has not even started to try to think of what to do by themselves.

Happy Holidays to everyone & enjoy this time with your family!!

Remember to login and check your child's progress in Galileo. If you need the password again, see your child's teacher....

Family Advocate News

By Migdalia Vega

Dear parent,



for participating at the parents' meeting!

All of the children have had a dental exam. Congratulations!!!

I thanked Jasmine Melendez for donating children's clothes and toys, and also to Sheila Ramos and Shaddaylee Rosado for cleaning and organizing classroom 2 closet.

CONGRATULATIONS!

to: Shaddaylee Rosado winner of the holiday jewelry basket, Viviana Sierra winner of the holiday bake basket and Cheryl Hagerstrand, Migdalia Roman and Mariana Vazquez winners of the Foil gift wrap rolls.

We want your family to feel warm and stay healthy during this season, so we will suggest a few stores for warm clothes.

Goodwill: You can buy second clothes and items in good conditions.

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*Remember, you can look your local holiday's events for a free Santa's pictures and family outings.

SANTA'S NORTH POLE:

The City of Deltona will host its annual Santa's North Pole event on Saturday, December 9 and Sunday, December 10, 2017 at City Hall in the Commission Chambers from 2:00-6:00

p.m. Where a large display of decorated Christmas trees can be seen and provides for lots of photo opportunities. Craft is provided to entertain the children as they wait to meet and take their photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

CHRISTMAS PARADE:

The City of Deltona will host its Annual Christmas Parade on December 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. on Deltona Blvd. Please come celebrate and be a part of the many marching bands, local businesses, clubs and more as we get together to show how Deltona has the true holiday spirit of giving! Parade entrants are asked to donate unwrapped toys to be given back to the community. We are looking forward to hosting what could be the City's biggest toy drive ever! Come celebrate the season with Deltona!

For more information on the event, call Scott (386) 878-8624 or email deltonaparade@deltonafl.gov

Hope you all have a wonderful Holidays break!

ORANGE CITY'S CHRISTMAS VILLAGE AND PARADE



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

Line-Up Starts at 4:15pm | Parade Starts at 5:30pm
The Parade Route Runs Along Woodland Boulevard
North to South
Downtown Deland

- Presented By -



Rotary Club of Deland
Deland Rotaract Rotary Club
Rotary Club of Downtown Deland



Family Advocate News

By Migdalia Vega

Queridos Padres,



por participar en la reunión de padres!

Todos los niños (as) han completado el examen dental. Felicidades!!!

Gracias a Jasmine Melendez for donar ropa de niños y juguetes, también a Sheila Ramos and Shaddaylee Rosado por limpiar y organizar el closet del salón 2.



a: Shaddaylee Rosado la ganadora de la canasta de joyas navideñas, a Viviana Sierra la ganadora de la canasta de utensilios de hornear navideño y a Cheryl Hagerstrand, Migdalia Roman and Mariana Vazquez las ganadoras de los rollos de papel de regalos navideños.

Elementary Blended Classroom , Family Advocate, Jo Sheppard Early Head Start , Family Advocate, Holly Hill Head Start , Teacher Assistant III, Blue Lake, Elementary Blended Classroom, Substitute Teacher Assistant, Full Time Extended Day Teacher Assistant, EVEC Nutrition Coordinator

Budget training is postponed until next month due to the hospitalization of the Mid Florida Community Services, Inc., Chief Financial Officer - Kris Bates.

A maximum of 25% for food expenses was agreed upon per Parent Activity. All parent activities have to be submitted, in advance, to the Family Advocate for forwarding to the Family Engagement Coordinator for approval. The cost of food items that serve as materials to help teach a specific parenting skill during a Parent Activity is not included in the food expense.

The School Readiness Committee update was provided. The committee met on Nov. 15th. Topics of discussion included children arriving late at centers, behavior concerns and curriculum.

The Selection Criteria for 2018 - 19 was approved.

Special appreciation was extended to Robin Bowman from WVEC for her recent participation on the interview panel for Family Advocate interviews.

The Program Specialist from our regional office and an Early Childhood Specialist from our regional office visited several of our sites during the week of Nov. 13th. They complimented the consistency of documents on parent boards and health boards in each classroom they visited and recognized the high level of teamwork among staff.

The following committees are looking for parent volunteers: Community Needs Assessment, ERSEA (Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment and Attendance) and School Readiness. Any parent interested in serving on any of these committees can contact the Family and Community Partnership Manager in their county. Volusia county parents can contact Cindy at 386-736-1325. Hernando/Sumter parents can contact Jaclyn at 352-754-2464.

The December meeting will be held on Thursday, December 14th. The meeting will be conducted via video conference. Participants will meet at the conference room of the administrative office closest to their county.

Policy Council UPDATE

Policy Council update for November 2017

The **November Policy Council meeting training** was held on Thursday, November 16th at 10:00 am via video conference. A quorum was established. Thirteen policy council members were present.

The following reports were reviewed and approved: *Budget, Credit Cards, Enrollment/Attendance, Meals and Snacks, Service Areas and Centers.*

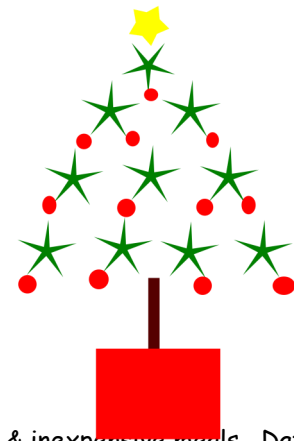
The results of the election of officers conducted at the October meeting were reviewed. Council members were advised that the person elected as chairman was not eligible for election to an office as he attended the meeting as an alternate and alternates are not eligible for nomination to an office. The official policy council representative from a center is the only person who can be nominated for or elected to a policy council office. The previously elected vice chairman, Sheila Ramos (Representative from Coleman Center in Volusia) was nominated to now become the chairman. There was a unanimous vote in favor of Ms. Ramos. Ramon Ayala was nominated for the office of vice chairman. There was unanimous vote in favor of Mr. Ayala.

Candidates for the following job vacancies have been approved for hire:

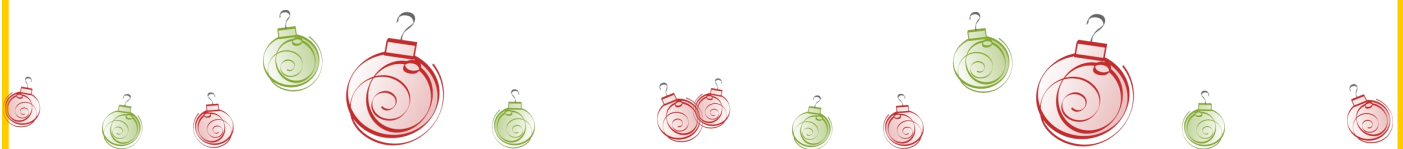
Hernando: Substitute Teacher III

Volusia: Substitute Teacher III, Blue Lake ,

Mid Florida Community Services, Incorporated
Coleman, Head Start
Parent Meeting Minutes
11/28/2017



1. Parent Committee Vice Chair:
 - * Ice Breaker Game: Musical Corners
 - * Did Pledge of Allegiance: Everyone
 - * Parent's meeting minutes: in Parent's Newsletter
2. New Business
 - * Policy Council Report : Sheila Ramos
 - * Vote on Parent Activity: 17 parents voted. Activity: How to prepare quick & inexpensive meals. Date: the month of February Time: TBD
3. Important Dates:
 - * Family Engagement Activity: Tuesday 12/12/17. Theme: Winder Wonderland from 10:30-11:30am.
 - * Next Parent Meeting: Tuesday 12/19/17 @ 2:15pm.
 - * No School: December, Thursday 12/21/17 - January, Friday 01/05/18. Classes resume Monday, January 01/08/18
4. Service Area Reports:
 - * CDS (Jennifer Fowler): She had to attend another meeting.
 - * Teachers: Ms. Lorraine introduced Ms. Rivas, the new Teacher in classroom 3.
Children are learning about weather, colors, counting, writing, letters, recognizing and writing their names.
 - * Family Advocate (Migdalia Vega): Family Advocate (Migdalia Vega), Thanked Jasmine Melendez for donating children's clothes and toys. She also thanked Sheila Ramos and Shaddaylee Rosado for cleaning and organizing classroom 2 closet. Migdalia also announced that all of the children have had a dental exam and thanked the parents for making it happen. Congratulations!!!
5. Volunteer Training by Family Advocate (Migdalia Vega) and Family Engagement Coordinator (Michael Davis).
6. Announcements / Questions / Comments: Parents discussed situations and safety in the parking lot. Parents agreed to bring issues to Migdalia so she can deal with the parent personally instead of getting in an altercation with other parents.
7. Migdalia (FA) raffled a holiday jewelry basket winner: Shaddaylee Rosado, a holiday bake basket winner: Viviana Sierra and 3 Foil gift wrap rolls winners: Cheryl Hagerstrand, Migdalia Roman and Mariana Vazquez.
 - *17 parents attended
 - * Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.



Inside Story of Classroom 1

By. Mrs. Keyla Rivera & Ms. Nichole Means

Dear Families,

Last month our class learned all about fall, apples and things to be thankful for. Our class also participated in a nutrition lesson about squash and learning about how they grow and how they can be used in meals and as snacks. This month the class will participate in a nutrition lesson about Cantaloupe. We will spend the rest of the short month talking about winter and the different holidays and traditions that families practice. We will be making crafts and doing a "Polar Express" day: your child is welcome to come in their pj's. We will have artist that will be visiting our class and creating art with the children. As always

we will continue reviewing letters, sounds, writing, counting, identifying numbers, and shapes.

In Second Step, the next few weeks we will be talking about identifying the feelings in our bodies. We would like to thank you all for your continuous support!



Inside Story of Classroom 2

By. Ms. Katie & Mrs. Vicky

It has been a wonderful October! We have been working very hard on Social Skills and sharing during center time as well as letters, numbers and colors. We had a great time with the Parent Day activity, carving pumpkins. We learned about Fire Safety and drew pictures of our family meeting place in case of a fire at home. We brought in and sorted recycling materials, to make our world a better place to live in. We welcomed many parents for

open house and are getting ready to start a fun filled November. Thank you to all of our wonderful Volunteers!



Inside Story of Classroom 3

By. Mrs. Burton, Ms. Milena & Mrs. Rivas

Welcome to our new teacher Mrs. Rivas. We are so happy to have her here at our school. Please stop by and introduce yourself and welcome her.

Last month we looked at fall and some of the changes that happen in the fall. Plus, we talked about Thanksgiving, turkeys and giving thanks.

This month we look at Apples, Colors of Fall, Book 5 in our Nutrition cur-

riculum we will take a look at Cantaloupes, and So Many Trees.

Our family engagement is on Tuesday, December 12th at 10:30am. Please join us for this fun activity to celebrate Winter Wonderland.



Inside Story of Classroom 4

By. Mrs. Blanca Maldonado & Ms. Margarita Montes

Dear Parents,

November was a very busy month for us! We discussed the four seasons and observed all the changes this time of year brings. Children explored, observed, and described seasonal changes. We had an artist from the Art museum in our classroom, we learn about Indians and pilgrims and how the mail move.

December is finally here and it's a month full of wonderful holiday traditions from around the world. As this month zips by us, we

will be discussing toy safety. The children will be singing holiday songs and participating in many multicultural activities. We will learn about the different ways the holidays are celebrated around the world through stories, crafts, cooking, and sharing our own traditions. There is a difference between *celebrating* a holiday and *teaching* about the different holidays. Our goal is to expose children to the many holidays that exist in order to encourage an understanding of diversity and a re-

spect for others. The Head Start program teaches likenesses as well as differences. We look forward to seeing you in the classroom.



- 😊 December 6, 13, 20— Early Release day
- 😊 December 11— Family Engagement
- 😊 December 19—Parent Meeting
- 😊 December 21— Student Holiday ; winter Break

