



Coleman Head Start Newsletter

May, 2018

By Jennifer Fowler , CDS

It is hard to believe that this is our last newsletter. Our preschool year is winding down and many of our preschoolers will be off to kindergarten in the fall. Remember, going to school is a natural progression for children and most will be very ready to go. To help your child look forward to a new school, be sure to talk positively about attending kindergarten. Talk often about making new friends, learning new things, growing up, and becoming a "big boy or girl." Plan to attend your school's orientation with your child, visit your public library and read, read, read to your child over the summer months. Head Start "transition bags" contain some terrific ideas for learning new things and having big fun.

We thank you for entrusting your child to us this year. We have enjoyed working with all of the children in our care and have seen growth, develop-



ment and skill acquisition in all of the boys and girls. We have also witnessed how the children have grown in the way they deal with frustration and the care and concern they express for one another.

Thank you for being your child's first and most important teacher and working with us on behalf of your child. We thank you for your support throughout the year. We feel a close partnership with our parents and send you our best wishes.

Hoorah for preschoolers!!! We appreciate your support. Have a wonderful and safe summer!



Family Advocate News

By Joseline Couto

What a wonderful time we have had during this school year. We would like to express our sincere gratitude for the opportunity to work and share with the families and their children as well.

We have VIP's parents with superhero children. Every day that you brought your children at school you help them to connect experiences that will improve physically, mentally, socially and emotionally for a lifetime.

We want to wish you and your family a joyful, safe summer.

Queremos expresar nuestra mas sincera gratitud por la oportunidad de trabajar y compartir con ustedes, los padres y sus hijos(as) tambien.

Tenems uno padres VIPcon unos(as) hijos(as) Super-Heroes/ SuperHeroinas. El traer a la escuela a sus hijos (as) les han ayudado a conectar experiencias que les ayudaran fisica, mental, social, y emocionalmente para el resto de sus vidas.

Queremos desearles un verano feliz y seguro .

Felicitaciones por el arduo trabajo.

Que tiempo escolar maravilloso hemos pasado .

Family Advocate News

By Migdalia Vega

Dear

parent,

Thank you for participating at the parents' meeting.

Thank you to Naomi Sanchez for donating children and women's clothes.

To my rollover parents (returning children), I'm now setting appointment do the rollover packet for the next school year 2018-2019.

We started taking applications for the new school year 2018-2019 for 3 and 4 years old. Please call us for an appointment, and we will let you know what documentation you need to bring and give you an appointment.

Congratulation to Sara Quijano winner of the Uta Beauty Twelve Shadows Palette, to Mariana Vazquez winner of the Herbal handmade soap bag and to Naomi Sanchez winner of the Disney Book.

Financial Tips

Summer is here! Prepare to check out free books and movies at your Library.

When you apply for a **Library Card** at a **library**, or the first time you check materials out of the **library** after having applied

for a **card** online, you must go to the Circulation Services Desk to present valid identification. Valid identification includes any one of the following: State of Florida Driver's License.

Library Cards are free to Volusia county residents. Visit or call your nearest branch for information on information on how to get a library card.

Library cards can be obtained for children with a signature on the application from the parent or guardian. (Parent or guardian must show proof of residency.) Volusia County Public Library adheres to the laws of the State of Florida in all aspects of confidentiality of records. Circulation information for minors will be provided to the parent pursuant to [Florida Statute 257.261](#).

...are valid at all branches of the Volusia County Public Library. Protect your card. Cardholders are responsible for all materials checked out on their library card. Address and phone number changes must be reported immediately by coming to the library with proof of new address.

Report all lost or stolen cards immediately. All cards must be renewed every three years.

...are issued to organizations (nursing homes, etc.) in the name of the organization free for one year. Please contact your local branch for special arrangements.

...are free to residents of Brevard, Flagler, Lake and Putnam Counties. Visit or call the nearest branch for information on how to get a library card. Residents of Brevard, Flagler and Lake counties must present a library card from their home county when applying. Reciprocal library cards are renewed on an annual basis.

Limits on Loans:

Library patrons may have up to 5 each of the following items checked out on their library card at any one time: Fiction DVDs, Non-Fiction DVDs and Music CDs. There is an overall 25 item per card limit.

Returns:

All materials borrowed may be returned to any Volusia County Public Library facility. Outside bookdrops are provided for your convenience.

Circulation Information:

- Books: 21 days
- Express Books: 14 days
- Magazines: 7 days
- Audio books: 21 days
- Music CDs: 7 days
- Entertainment DVDs: 7 days
- Instructional DVDs: 7 days
- Children's DVDs: 7 days
- Launchpads and HotSpots: 14 days

*Free summer meals Volusia County.

Parents, be aware of the Free Summer Meal Programs for the kids. Please, check the closes school can serve your area.

For more information, contact the School Way Café district office at (386) 734-7190, 255-6475 or 427-5223, extension 20530.

Media Contact: Nancy Wait, director of community information
www.SummerFoodFlorida.org,
Queridos Padres,

Gracias por participar en la reunión de padres!

Gracias a Naomi Sanchez por donar ropa para niños y mujeres.

Para mis padres que regresan (niños que regresan), Ya estoy haciendo citas para hacer el paquete de transferencia para el próximo año escolar 2018-2019.

Empezamos a tomar solicitudes para el nuevo año escolar 2018-2019 para niños (as) de 3 y 4 años. Llámenos para programar una cita y le informaremos qué documentación debe traer y darle una cita. Felicidades a: Sara Quijano ganadora la paleta de Uta Beauty con 12 sombras para los ojos, a: Mariana Vazquez ganadora de la bolsa de jabones de hierbas hecho a mano y a Naomi Sanchez ganadora del libro de Disney.

**Mid Florida Community Services,
Coleman, Head Start
Parent Meeting Minutes
3/27/18**

1. Parent Committee Vice Chair:

- Ice Breaker Game: Catch the Ball
- Pledge of Allegiance
- April parent's meeting minutes in May's Newsletter

2. New Business

- Policy Council Report - Sheila Ramos - Nothing to report

3. Important Dates:

- Transition Parent Meeting: Tuesday 05/01/18 from 2:30- 3:30pm. (A Kindergarten Teacher will here).
- Teacher Appreciation Week: from Monday 05/07/18 - Friday 05/11/18.
- Parent Night @ the Museum: Wednesday 05/16/18 from 5:00-7:00pm. at the Art Museum in Deland.
- Kindergarten transition field trip Thursday 05/17/18.
- No School: Monday 05/28/18 (Memorial Day Holiday).
- End of the Year Celebration: Tuesday 05/29/18 in the morning.
- Next Parent Meeting: Tuesday 05/29/18 @ 2:15pm. - CELEBRATION!
- Last Day of School for the children is Wednesday 05/30/17 - Early release at 12:30pm. for non-extended day children.

4. Service Area Reports:

- CDS - Jennifer Fowler: Lock down campus is coming once key pad is installed.
- Teachers: Finishing the school year and focusing in child safety.
- Family Advocate (Migdalia Vega): In an all-day Training

5. Guest Speaker: Carmen Diaz, Healthy Start and Jeannette Pubill from Florida KidCare

6. Announcements / Questions / Comments

7. Jennifer (CDS) raffled a Ulta Beauty Twelve Shadows Palette winner: Sara Quijano a Herbal handmade soap bag winner: Mariana Vazquez and a Disney Book winner: Naomi Sanchez

- 9 parents attended
- Meeting adjourned at 2:45pm.



- * **May 1** - Transition Parent Meeting
- * **May 16** — Parent Night at the Museum
- * **May 17**— Kindergarten transition field trip
- * **May 28** — Memorial Day no school
- * **May 29** —Parent Meeting CELEBRATION
- * **May 30** Last day of School 12:30pm

Policy Council UPDATE

The April Policy Council Meeting was held on Thursday, April 26th at Lake Sumter State College in Leesburg, FL. Twelve policy council members were present. Eight staff members were present.

The following reports were approved: Budget, Credit Cards, Meals and Snacks, Service Areas and Centers. Details of the approved Enrollment/Attendance Report included the following: Four Head Start classrooms in Hernando/Sumter County and six Head Start classrooms in Volusia County were reported to have fallen below the 85% average daily attendance. The main reasons for the absences were illness and out of town travel. Two Early Head Start classrooms in Volusia County fell below the average due to sickness.

New hires for the following positions were approved: Hernando: Early Head Start Teacher in Brooksville, 2 Head Start Teachers in Spring Hill and a Part-time Early Head Start Teacher in Brooksville. Volusia: Substitute Teacher (countywide), Early Head Start Teacher at Oakridge, Head Start teacher and Center Aide for WVEC, Early Head Start and Extended Day Teacher.

Director of Early Learning Programs - Heidi Rand, presented the Self-Assessment update. The summary participant information included the following: former Head Start staff, current Head Start staff, Board member, Policy Council members, community partners/volunteers and Head Start/Early Head Start parents/guardians. The self-assessment areas included Fiscal, Health, Disabilities, Education and Early Childhood Development Services and ERSEA. Strengths and action items have been determined for each area. A strength of our Fiscal Management area is a regular review of budget. In regards to Health Services, clarifying exclusion procedures and locating a provider for dental treatment are the action items. Disabilities Services strengths are as follows: timely developmental screenings, advocacy for parents of children with disabilities and meet-

ing the required 10% enrollment. The action items for Education and Early Child Development Services are to formalize dual language learner support and repair/replace playground equipment. In regards to Family Services, we will modify systems to ensure accuracy of eligibility documentation.

Health Services Manager - Seth Williams, presented information on Head Start Mealtime. Based on Head Start performance standards we provide 1/2 to 2/3 of the daily nutritional needs for children who attend the program for six hours or more. The meal components are milk, meat/meat alternates, vegetables, fruits and grains. Three components are required to be included in the breakfast meal. All five components are required to be included in lunch meal and two components are required for snack. Head Start serves breakfast to children who arrive late. Meals are served family style - child helps "set" the table and the teacher eats with the children.

The next Policy Council meeting is scheduled for 10am on Thursday, May 24th at Hernando Head Start Admin. office and Volusia Head Start Admin office. It will be conducted via video-conference.

Inside Story of Classroom 1

By. Mrs. Keyla Rivera & Ms. Nichole Means

We can't believe how quickly this year has gone by! We are just days from it being the last day of school and I must say it's been awesome working with your child. This month our class will be learning about the themes: Creative Expression, Healthy Living, and Communicate with the World. In Second Step we will be learning lessons "Riding the Bus in Kindergarten" and "Learning in Kindergarten".

We will be scheduling our last parent conference to go over your child's progress and our end of year celebra-

tion will be on the last day of school, May 30th. Please see Mrs. Keyla or Ms. Nichole for more details.

It's been a great year and it has been our pleasure to work with your child. We want to thank you for all of your support, cooperation, and just playing such an important role in your child's education and please remember to reinforce at home the skills we have been learning throughout the year (name writing, letter identification/sounds, counting, and number recognition).

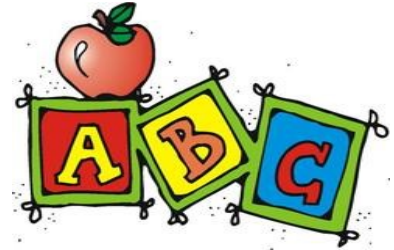
Have a safe and great summer!!

Inside Story of Classroom 2

By. Mrs. Mabel & Ms. Katie

During this month we have been working with movements, and how important exercise is for your health. We began preparation for the next year and telling your kids about changing and

how fun it's going to be up-coming



Inside Story of Classroom 3

By. Mrs. Rivas & Ms. Milena

During this month, we continued working in Early Literacy Skills, Early Math, Social Emotional, and other developmental skills integrated to the themes of: Sports, Counting, Water and Rain, and Music. Early Literacy Skills include everything a child knows about reading and writing

before he or she can read or write. In these first years, children learn playing. It is very important to make activities that are pertinent to them and that help to strengthen their hands muscles. Try some drawing, ripping, using playdough, and insert beads. As always, we are here for any help. Until next one...

Inside Story of Classroom 4

By. Mrs. Blanca Maldonado & Ms. Margarita Montes

We are so proud to see the progress the children have made since the beginning of the year! We are excited for them to move on to kindergarten so they can show all their friends what they have learned at Head Start. Make sure your child is registered for kindergarten. We can't wait to see how much those

who are returning next year will have grown.

The month of April was great! We blinked our eyes and it was gone. We began discussing their transition to Kindergarten, and suggest that you discuss going to kindergarten with your child as well. This is an exciting yet scary time for them.

During the month of May, we will continue focusing on transition. Soon we'll be wrapping up our Second Step Curriculum Lessons.