



Coleman Head Start Newsletter

October, 2017

Welcome Back to School!

By Jennifer Fowler, CDS

Fall is here and we are already off to a wonderful beginning of preschool here at our center. We have had a wonderful start to our school year so far and it seems as though everyone has made a smooth transition. If your child is still having a difficult time separating, please be sure to make an appointment with your child's teacher and myself so we can help to ease the transition some. Not to worry they will be making new friends in no time. By working together, we can make this a wonderful beginning to your child's education. Your children are all a delight and they will teach us many things. They will help us remember how to play, to live in the present mo-



ment, and to make new discoveries. Let's be models of the behavior we want them to have; cooperate, share, take turns, laugh, play and "use our words".

Remember we encourage volunteering and welcome all of you to join our teachers and children in the classrooms. Your children enjoy seeing you in the classroom and so do we...

Be sure to attend the next parent meeting at your center, you can check with your teacher or family advocate if you are not sure when it is.

Please do your best to bring your child to school every day. We understand that things happen, but if your child can't come please be sure to call your child's

Family Advocate News

By Migdalia Vega

Dear parents,

I would like to thank all those parents that participated at our first parent's meeting.

Thank you for submitting your child's lead & hemoglobin results as required by Head Start. If you haven't done so, please submit these results as soon as possible.

to Natalie Barfield for winning the summer gift bag and Samantha Cisneros for winning the Disney book.

Here are a few financial tips, which might help you for the holiday season!!!

Toys for Tots:

www.VolusiaCountyToysforTots.com

REGISTRATION WILL OPEN OCTOBER 1, 2017

For Registration, proceed through the following four step process and determine the procedure.

Click the "[Request Toys](#)" button at the top of the page

1. Select your state - City or County search options will appear
2. Select the city or county nearest your location - Contact by phone, FAX, email (Recommend you use email. Click the hypertext email address. An email form will appear) Fill out the form by providing your name, phone number and address. Provide the ages and gender of your children and request that Christmas toys be provided for them. The Coordinator will contact you.

Here is this other program for kids with Special Needs.

Nathaniel's Hope! <https://www.nathanielshope.org/>

This includes kids with any physical, cognitive, medical or hidden disability, chronic or life-threatening illness or those who are medically fragile.

*Remember, you can utilize the parent's computer at the Family Advocate office.

Thank you,

Your Family Advocate,

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By Migdalia Vega

Queridos Padres,

Primeramente, quisiera darles las gracias a todos los padres que participaron en nuestra primera reunión de padres.

Gracias por entregar los resultados del plomo y hemoglobina de su niño (a) como es requerido por Head Start. Si no lo han entregado los resultados todavía, por favor hágalo lo más pronto posible.

a Natalie Barfield por ser la ganadora de la bolsa de regalo de verano y a Samantha Cisneros por ser la ganadora del libro de Disney.

Gracias,

Su Representante de Familias,

Migdalia Vega

Family Advocate

Coleman Head Start

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Attend Today Achieve Tomorrow



Today is your day! Your classroom is

Classroom Monthly Attendance:

CR 1 78.95%

CR 2 86.21%

CR 3 89.91%

Policy Council UPDATE

September 2017

The **September Policy Council meeting** was held on Thursday, September 28th at 10:00am at Lake Sumter State College in Leesburg. Eight 2016-17 policy council members were present. Two community members were present. The Mid Florida Community Services Board of Directors liaison was also present. Numerous members of the Mid Florida Head Start/Early Head Start Administrative Team were present. Several newly elected 2017-18 Policy Council representatives attended. The new representatives could not vote during this meeting because they have not received the Policy Council training yet.

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

The following items were *reviewed*:

Family Engagement Plan - Several parenting curricu-

lums have been reviewed. One will be selected for our program.

PIR (*Program Information Report*) - Highlights of 2016 -17 Head Start services included a high percentage of well credentialed staff, positive health outcomes and an increased focus on capturing male involvement).

Policy council members were asked about their training needs. Any future training interests or needs should be sent to Family Advocates.

Awards were presented to parents who completed 1 year of service and 3 years of service on the Head Start Policy Council. Kim Ferwin (Spring Hill Center), Adelani Adekunle (Horizon Elem.), James Norton in absentia (Center), Juan Echezebal (Holly Hill Elem.). Community members Chuck Moreau and Jackie Davis also received service awards. A plaque was given to Trevene Christian-(Westside Elem.) for committed service as Head Start Policy Council Chairman. Each recipient gave a short speech highlighting how Policy Council has benefitted them and encouraging new representatives to expect good things from their involvement with Policy Council.

The following **announcements** were made:

The recent update to Performance Standards allows par-

Mid Florida Community Services, Incorporated
Coleman, Head Start
Parent Meeting Minutes
09/26/2017

1. Staff welcomed parents to their 1st. parent's Meeting (2:15p.m.)

⇒ Did Pledge of Allegiance

⇒ Introductions

2. New Business

⇒ Parents read Mission & Program Philosophy, Parent Rights and Responsibilities , by Michael Davis Engagement Coordinator

⇒ Benefits of Shared Governance was also read and discussed by Michael Davis, Family Engagement Coordinator.

* Staff talked about the purpose of Parent Meetings

* Parents voted to conduct the future parent's meeting: Date: The 4th Tuesday of every month / Time: 2:15pm.

⇒ Election of Parent Committee Officers 27 parents voted for the following

* Parent Committee Chair: Maryeni Alejandra Herrera

* Parent Committee Vice Chair: Sheila Ramos

* Parent Committee Secretary: Shaddaylee Rosado

* Parent Committee Secretary (Back up): Naiomi Sanchez

⇒ Election of Policy Council Representatives

* Policy Council Center Representative: Sheila Ramos

* Alternate Policy Council Center Representative: Angela Hudson

3. Service Area Reports

⇒ CDS (Jennifer Fowler) welcomed the parents to Coleman Head Start and encouraged them to thank their child's teacher for all their hard work. She also reminded the parents where to park.

⇒ Teachers: Children are learning, practicing and reinforcing safety rules to keep us safe. Teachers also explained VPK assessments and the 2nd. Step Program.

⇒ Family Advocate (Migdalia Vega) reminded everyone the importance of attendance and encourages parents to call if child is going to be late or absent and the reason.

* Open House Tuesday 10/24/17 from 2:00-4:00pm.

* No School Monday 10/16/17 Student Holiday

⇒ Training by Michael Davis, Family Engagement Coordinator

* Pedestrian Safety Training / Car Seat Safety (386) 323-0000

4. Migdalia (FA) raffled a Summer gift bag, winner: Natalie Barfield and a Disney book, winner: Samantha Cisneros

⇒ Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm.

⇒ 27 parents attended

Inside Story of Classroom 1

By. Mrs. Keyla Rivera & Ms. Nichole Means

Dear Families,

This month we will be learning about community workers such as the people who work in the firehouse, doctors, dentist, and mail carriers. We will study about what they do, where they work, and how they help out in our community. Students will dress up, role play and participate in activities related to this topic. In Second Step, we will be learning about asking for what we need/want, identifying

feelings, and managing anger.

Students will also continue to work on name/letter identification, name writing, counting, and number identification.

Thank you for your support and for allowing us the opportunity to work with your child

Classroom #1

Mrs. Keyla
Mrs. Nichole



Inside Story of Classroom 2

By. Ms. Katie & Mrs. Vicky

Classroom 2

We have a new teacher in are class-room Mrs. Lisa. She will be the full time teacher for the year. September we learn about are families and where they live. October we will be learning about nutrition, strawberries and are five senses.

Simple reminders have extra clothes for our children please and thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lisa Madison and Ms.
Katie Kaiser



Inside Story of Classroom 3

By. Mrs. Olga Arias & Mrs. Ada Roque

Children are adjusting very into our daily routine. I am very proud of our group, they are fast learners and we are already having fun with no so much tears. Our classroom is a mix class of 3 years old, early fours and Pre Kindergarteners (VPK) which is an advantage for the little ones as we are talking about letters names and their sounds, adding numbers and counting up to thirty.



Inside Story of Classroom 4

By. Mrs. Blanca Maldonado & Ms. Margarita Montes

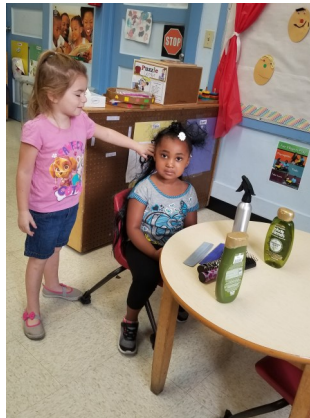
Dear Parents,

In the month of September the children were expose to many safety rules and road signs as we learned about pedestrian safety week. Our acuscreens are completed. We also introduced the children to the to the topic of "Good Health" and the importance of eating

nutritious foods, exercising our bodies daily, and taking care of our teeth. Please make sure to talk to your children about the importance of healthy living

October will be a very exciting month for our children. We will continue learning about community helpers as we invite the firefighters to our school.

We will use this time to reinforce Fire Safety awareness. We will introduce the autumn season and the changes it brings. Because of the traditional fall holidays, (Halloween) we will discuss children's fears. We will talk about what's real .



- ☺ **October 10th** Family Engagement
- ☺ **October 16th** No school
- ☺ **October 18th** Parent Night Museum
- ☺ **October 24th** Parent Meeting
- ☺ **October 24th** Open House
- ☺ **Week of 23** Head Start Spirit Week- Look for Flyer