



Coleman Head Start * January Issue 5

It's a New Year!

Dear Parents,

After a life-long career in child advocacy which includes ten years of employment with Head Start, I am retiring. I will definitely miss coming to Coleman everyday but I leave the center in the very capable hands of the staff, the Family Advocate, and a new Child Development Specialist, or CDS.

Please welcome Jennifer Fowler, M.ed, to Coleman. Jennifer has been with Head Start for ten years, and was promoted from classroom teacher several years ago to serve as the School Readiness Coach. After that, Jennifer accepted a CDS position and has been a site supervisor ever since. She brings a wealth of resources to the teachers and the families, and will very much enjoy working with everyone at Coleman Head Start.

I thank the staff at Coleman for their support over the years, and wish continued success for our parents and their children. I've been asked lately for my advice, so -- if I have one piece of advice for today's parents it is this: limit screen time. Turn off the TV, put down the phone, close up the tablets and help your children become talking, thinking, creative and intelligent little human beings. Simply put, let them "play" as much as you can!! It will be well worth it down the road.



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Dates to Remember:

- **Tuesday, January 10, 2016 : Parent Meeting @2:15pm.**
- **Thursday January, 26, 2016: Family Engagement @ 10:00**
- **No School: Monday, January 16, 2016**
Happy Martin Luther King Day!



Classroom 1:

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a happy and safe New Year's Eve. This school year is going by too fast. Once again we want to thank all of you for playing a huge role in your child's education. We want your child to be ready for kindergarten but without your help we can't achieve our goals.

During the month of January, we will be working on Building in our City, Let's Go for a Ride, Homes We Build and Down on the Farm. The children will be singing new songs and reading stories to reinforce the weekly theme. Children also will continue working on how to manage strong feelings thru our Second Step Curriculum. We will also continue working to learn letters/sounds as well sight words, number recognition and one-on-one correspondence in math skills.

The weather will continue to change and become cooler this month, so please make sure your child is dressed for the weather. Once Again Thank You for All Your Help and Support

Classroom 2

Welcome Back! Happy 2017! Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a fun break and is ready for the rest of the school year. Our theme for the month will be "All About Animals". We will discuss pets, pet care, and begin to think about what animals need to survive, what they eat, and how they move. We will pretend to be veterinarians! To emphasize our animal theme, we will be taking a trip to Blue Springs Park to see the manatees. We are looking for 2 parent/grandparent volunteers to accompany us on our trip, so if you are interested, please let us know right away. More details will be coming as we get closer to the time we are going. For our Second Step Curriculum, which focuses on social emotional skills, our class will continue to practice strategies that help us to manage our strong feelings. We will also continue to learn the letters in our name and if we show an interest, we will begin writing our name. Please be sure your child has a warm set of clothing in their cubbies for cooler weather and also please write their names on all items of clothing. Thanks for all your support!

Susan & Maria



Room 3

Welcome Back! Happy 2017! Happy New Year! Hope everyone had a super break and is ready for the rest of the school year. I would like to welcome Erika Brenes to our classroom. We are very blessed to have her at our school. Please say hello and make her feel welcome.

Over the next month we will be learn about Animals Everywhere, (animals we know, animals land and sea.) Plus, we will have a week with our Grow It, Try It, Like It! curriculum and will be able to taste something healthy and good.

Please be sure your child has a warm set of clothing in their cubbies for cooler weather and also, write their names on all items of clothing to avoid mix-ups.

Mrs. Arias/ Mrs. Brenes

Room 4

Welcome back to a new year: 2017. We hope you had a safe and wonderful holiday. We are so excited to start this **new** year with your children.

This month our themes are "Building in Our Cities", "Let's Go for a Ride", "Homes we Build" and "Down on the Farm". We will also spend some time reviewing our past themes. The children will learn the habitats of animals, what they eat, and how they move. We will be discussing hibernation and migration as well. We will do this through songs, poems, books, and crafts. Winter began in December so we will also take this opportunity to talk about winter and the many changes it brings here and in other parts of the world. This will include the clothes we wear when it is cold. The children will learn about various sports that we can do in the snow and we will even make snow with the children. The children are going to be doing science activities and predict the outcome. This is an awesome opportunity to allow the children to use their problem solving skills. Once again we thank you for the opportunity to work with your children!

Ms. Sandra/Ms. Nichole

Birthdays: Ms. Nichole 10th

Darell 12th

Sophie 19th



Family Advocate Corner

Dear parent,

**THANK
YOU!**

for participating in the Parent Activity on 12/03/16 and Parents' Meeting on 12/13/16 both events were a big success!

Please remember to continue working on your goals and should you have any questions or need help, please feel free to contact your Family Advocate. I am here to assist you in any way possible.



to: Migdalia Roman for winning the Christmas Nutcracker gift basket and Aja Scott for winning of the Massage Envy gift certificate.



Your Family Advocate, Migdalia Vega, (386) 774-0423



Family Advocate Corner

Queridos Padres,



por participar en la Actividad de Padres el 12/03/16 y en la Reunión de Padres el 12/13/16. Los dos eventos fueron un gran éxito!

Por favor continúen trabajando en sus metas. Y si tienen alguna pregunta o necesitan ayuda por favor déjeme saber y le ayudare.



a: Migdalia Roman por ser la ganadora de la canasta de Cascanueces Navideña y a Aja Scott Aja Scott por ser la ganadora del certificado de Massage Envy.



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Su Representante de Familias, Migdalia Vega,



Financial Tips

Types of Installment Loans: There are two types of installment loans:

- Secured Loans
- Unsecured loans

A *secured installment loan* is one in which you offer collateral for the loan.

- The interest rates for secured loans are comparatively lower than unsecured loans.
- You must give up the collateral to the lender if the loan is not paid back as agreed.
- Mortgages and home equity loans are examples of secured installment loans.

An *unsecured installment loan* is a loan that is not secured by collateral. Underwriting standards are tougher for unsecured loans. Examples include personal loans and private student loans.

Secured and unsecured installment loans are generally available only if you have good credit and stable source of income.



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*Parent Meeting Minutes
12/13/2016 at 2:15pm*

1. Parent Committee Vice Chair:

- Ice Breaker Game: Human Bingo
- Did Pledge of Allegiance: Everyone

- November parent's meeting minutes: in December's Parent's Newsletter

2. *New Business*

- (1) Policy Council Report by representative: Katia Medina Robles
- (2) 21 Voted for annual Festival. Theme: Spring, Date: Thursday 03/09/17, Time 10:00am.

3. *Important Dates:*

- Family Engagement Activity: Thursday 12/15/16 @ 10:00am. Classrooms 1-3 Decorating Holiday Ornaments; Classroom 4 Ginger Bread House @ 10:30am.
- No School: Wednesday 12/21/16 – Tuesday 01/03/17 (Winter Holiday). Classes resume Wednesday January 04, 2017.
- Next Parent Meeting: Tuesday 01/10/17 @ 2:15pm.
- Picture Day Tuesday 01/24/17 with Shooting Stars.

4. *Service Area Reports:*

- (1) CDS (Karen Bourbonnais): Karen stated that half the year is already gone. She's going to retire after 10 years with the company. She mentioned how happy she was to have worked for Head Start for those years.
- (2) Teachers: CR.1 Ms. Diana mentioned that her class is working on communicating around the world, letters and connecting letters and words to holidays. Ms. Diana also emphasized on the Second Step curriculum. Mary said how happy and excited she is to be in classroom 1 working with Ms. Diana. CR. 2 & 3 Ms. Susan stated that they are working on names, puzzles, letters and animals. Classroom is working on "Holidays around the world". She also asked parents to please check their child's cubby to ensure that they have the proper clothing for the weather. Ms. Sandra also mentioned the upcoming field trips which are: In January 2017 to Blue Springs to see the manatees, February to the Sanford Zoo, March Deland Museum, April Daytona Beach Museum, and in May the Splash Park.
- (3) Family Advocate (Migdalia Vega): talked about Money Smart tips and mentioned that in the January 2017 Parents' Newsletter she will give some money smart tips about what is a secure loan vs an unsecure loan. She also stated that she will be on vacation the first 2 weeks in January 2017 except for Tuesday January 10th. the Parent's meeting day.
- (4) Family Engagement Coordinator (Tommie Glenn): Encouraged the family male role models to participate in Family Engagement activities and he also mentioned how important it is to our children.

5. *Guest Speakers: Christopher Trawick, Navy representative – NO SHOW*

6. *Announcements / Questions / Comments*

7. Migdalia (FA) raffled a Christmas Nutcracker gift basket winner: Migdalia Roman and a Massage Envy gift certificate winner: Aja Scott.

* 24 parents attended

* Meeting adjourned at 3:10pm.

Policy Council update for December 2016

The December Policy Council meeting was held on Tuesday, December 13th at 10:00 am via video conference. Fourteen policy council members (12 parents and 2 community partner members) were present.

The following persons were approved for hire:

Dawnelle Noles, Program Substitute – Volusia (east side)

Yeymary Gordian, Center Aide – Coleman Center, Volusia

The following reports were approved: Budget and Credit Cards, Enrollment/Attendance, Meals and Snacks, Service Area and Center. Three parent activity requests were approved.

The Galileo Outcomes Analysis Report and six new educational procedures were reviewed.

The next Policy Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 10 am. It will be a face to face meeting in Leesburg.

