



## Coleman Head Start

### March 2017 Issue 7

#### CDS Literacy Corner

From the Desk of: Jennifer Fowler, 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 I am sure summer will be here in the blink of an eye. We had lots of exciting events that occurred in February and have much more to come in March. We are delighted with the progress of all our children at this point of the school year. All have totally excelled in all their preschool activities. Our staff feels so fortunate to have such delightful, bright and beautiful children. We also appreciate all of our parents' efforts in our behalf. Your participation and communication makes our job so much easier. March presents another fun filled and busy month in our center. We will continue to fill the student's days with a combination of fun activities, educational games and many other events. We want to thank all parents for cooperating with the Teachers to get the home visits completed.

If you ever need to reach me, please call me or email me. I will be happy to hear from you.

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#### Dates to Remember:

- **Tuesday, March, 7, 2017: Parent Meeting @2:15pm.**
- **Thursday, March, 30, 2017: Family Engagement @ 10:00**
- **No School: March 13 -17<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**Have a nice Spring Break!**

### **Classroom 1:**

Spring is here! We can't believe that we only have two months left of this school year. Spring is around the corner. This is exactly what we will be talking about in class this month. Our themes will be "Spring Is Here", "Shades of blue and Green", and "Watch My Garden Grow. " We will be learning what happens in the spring and comparing it with the other seasons. One of the things we like to see in spring is how flowers bloom and grow. We will discuss what plants need to grow and types of gardens as we create our own garden. Plants we will consider for our garden include tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, green beans, and sweet potatoes. The children will take care of them as they grow.

The children will continue learning to identify their own strong feelings and how to manage them with the Second Step Curriculum. When we return from spring break, which will be March 13-17<sup>th</sup>, we will start activities to transition the children to kindergarten. This will help the children learn more of what they will be doing in kindergarten, such as no rest time, and cafeteria style meals.

Thank you again for your support. Please check your child's mail box and cubbies and make sure that they have a change of clothing that is weather appropriate.

Sincerely, Mrs. Diana and Mrs. Mary

### **Classroom 2**

Hello to all our parents and caregivers,

During January we had great time learning about construction workers and using tools to create our own homes and bridges. We created a bridge that went across our classroom carpet and the children had a blast walking across it without falling into the shark infested ocean! The children also had fun acting out the story of the "The three Little Pigs". Acting out stories is a great way to build comprehension and develop a love of reading, so have fun with your child and act out their favorite bed time stories. Our trip to the Central Florida Zoo was awesome. We talked about the animals we saw and drew pictures of our favorite zoo animals. Thank you to our parent volunteers and to all our parents who attended this event. We love having you!

March will be very busy in our classroom! We will be doing a nutrition unit where we will be reinforcing the importance of eating healthy foods and getting exercise to make our bodies strong. We will use our senses to explore the insides of different types of fruits and discuss how they are the same and different and we will view a video of how farmers grow cantaloupes and the types of meals we can make with this fruit. We will also continue to focus on social emotional skills. We will read books, draw pictures, and create handprint art projects that reinforce the importance of using helpful and loving hands with our friends. We hope everyone has a fun and safe spring break!



Ms. Susan & Ms. Maria

### **Classroom 3**

During the month of February, the children were learning about things we build such as houses, sky scrapers, and bridges. A parent volunteer built our class a fruit and herb stand and the children had a wonderful time putting shingles on the roof! The children also came up with ideas on how they could play together with toys as well as how they could join in on their friend's play. We ended our month with a trip to the Sanford Zoo. We had so much fun and were so happy to see so many parents join us for this experience. Thank You!

In March, we will continue working with the children on writing the first letter in their name and positional word concepts such as under, on, in, and behind. As we do our nutritional unit, we will continue to reinforce the importance of healthy choices as we talk about cantaloupes and pick fresh strawberries from our garden to make a delicious strawberry salad.

Ms. Olga & Ms. Robin



### **Classroom 4**

Dear Parents

We are almost at the finish line, three more months of school! There's a lot more to learn and do. For those children going to Kindergarten we're working on number recognition, rhyming words and other skills that they will need. For those coming back, we continue working with letter recognition, counting and first/last names.

Also we will be talking about the weather changes, spring, and garden and how plants grow and we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss birthday. Spring Break is this month!

Ms. Sandra- Ms. Nichole

Dear parents,



for participating at the parents' meeting. Also, to Rosa Ortiz for the delicious heart shape cookies that she baked to share at the meeting.

Good News! Coleman building was painted on the outside. The City of Orange City did a wonderful job with the landscaping and dedication service for this historical site. There were many people who visited and toured the center on Saturday February 15<sup>th</sup> for the Black History Festival. Community members were amazed at how beautiful the school looks. Thank you for your flexibility and support while the center was painted and landscaped.

When calling and leaving a message to excuse your child from school, please say the reason why child is not attending school because we need to document.



to: Rosa Ortiz winner of the Hershey's Movie Lip Mix gift set; Alicia Fuller and Jeanny Miller winners of the Valentines' baskets; Jackeline Fontanez and Migdalia Roman winners of the 2 small chocolate hearts; and Hannah Garza winner of the Valentine stuff heart winner.

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



## The Four Cs of Loan Decision Making



What are the Four Cs?

Lenders generally review the Four Cs to decide whether to make a loan to you. The Four Cs are: capacity, capital, character, and collateral.

- Capacity refers to your present and future ability to meet your payment obligations. This includes whether you have enough income to pay your bills and other debts.
- Capital refers to the value of your assets and your net worth.
- Character refers to how you have paid bills or debts in the past. Your credit report is one tool lenders use to consider your willingness to repay your debts.
- Collateral refers to property or assets offered to secure the loan.

[www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/moneysmart/](http://www.fdic.gov/consumers/consumer/moneysmart/)

**Next Month: Lending Laws When Applying for a Loan or for Credit**

Queridos Padres,



por participar en la reunión de padres! También a Rosa Ortiz por las galletitas deliciosas en forma de corazones que combatió con en la reunión.

Buenas Noticias! Están pintando el edificio de Coleman por afuera.

Cuando llama y deja un mensaje para excusar a su niño (a) de la escuela, por favor acuerde decir la razón porque su hijo (a) no viene, porque nosotros tenemos que documentarlo.



a: Rosa Ortiz la ganadora del Hershey's Movie Lip Mix gift set; Alicia Fuller and Jeanny Miller las ganadoras de las canastas de Valentin; Jackeline Fontanez y Migdalia Roman ganadoras de los corazones pequeños de chocolates; y a Hannah Garza la ganadora del peluche de corazón de Valentin.

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*Mid Florida Community Services, Incorporated  
Head Start*

*Coleman  
Parent Meeting Minutes  
02/14/17 at 2:15pm*

*1. Parent Committee Vice Chair:*

- Ice Breaker Game: Get to know each other game: Positive Words
- Did Pledge of Allegiance: Everyone
- February parent's meeting minutes in March Parent's Newsletter

*2. New Business*

- (1) Policy Council Report
- (2) Eddie Eagle (gun safety video) by Sandra Sanchez, Teacher
  - Parent Training Evaluation - Done
- (3) 23 parents voted for a new Vice Chairperson: Migdalia Roman
- (4) 24 parents voted for next Parents' Meeting date 03/07/17 because 3/14/17 is Spring Break

*3. Important Dates:*

- No School: Monday 02/20/17 (Presidents' holiday). Classes resume Tuesday 02/21/17.
- Field Trip: Sanford Zoo Tuesday 02/21/17 from 8:30am.-1:30pm. – Sandra
- Family Engagement Activity: Theme: Friendship on Thursday 02/23/17 @ 10:00am.
- Dedication of National Historical Unveiling Saturday 02/25/17 @ 11:30am.
- Arts on the Grow 2017 Field Trip: Thursday 03/02/17 Classrooms: 1 & 4 / Tuesday 03/07/17 Classrooms: 2 & 3. Chaperones only
- Kindergarten Transition Meeting 03/02/17 & 05/04/17 @ 2:30pm.
- Spring Festival Thursday 03/09/17 @ 10:00am.
- Next Parent Meeting: Tuesday 03/07/07 @ 2:15pm.
- Spring Break from Friday 03/10/17 – Friday 03/17/17. Classes resume 03/20/17.
- It's a Health Thing! Farmers Market Wednesday 03/29/17 in the morning.

*4. Service Area Reports:*

- (1) CDS - Jennifer Fowler - Please make plans to attend the next two Transition meetings. These meetings are for you to know what to expect when your child goes to Kindergarten next year and how to start the process of registering your child.
- (2) Teachers: Are working on friendship, Second Step, positional words, letters recognitions and numbers. Ms. Sandra mentioned that this Friday 02/17/17 is the last day to bring money for the pictures and field trip to the zoo.

- (3) Family Advocate (Migdalia Vega): Money Smart Tips in Parents' Newsletter. Also that the outside of the Coleman building is being painted!
5. *Guest Speaker: Sara Levasseur, Family Nutrition Program* – Gave out fruit cups and encourages parents to participate on It's a Health Thing! Farmers Market Wednesday 03/29/17
6. *Announcements / Questions / Comments*
7. Migdalia (FA) raffled a Hershey's Movie Lip Mix gift set winner: Rosa Ortiz, 2 Valentines' baskets winners: Alicia Fuller and Jeanny Miller; 2 small chocolate hearts winners: Jackeline Fontanez and Migdalia Roman, and Valentine stuff heart winner: Hannah Garza.
- 25 parents attended
  - Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm.

### **Policy Council update for February 2017**

The February Policy Council meeting was held on Thursday, February 23rd at 10:00 am. It was a video conference meeting. Policy Council members from Volusia County met at the Volusia Administration Conference Room in Deland. Policy Council members from Hernando and Sumter counties met at the Hernando Head Start Conference Room in Brooksville. Thirteen policy council members (11 parents and 2 community partner members) were present.

The following person was approved for hire:  
*Kari Thornsbury, Dietary Aide (Hernando County)*

The following reports were approved/accepted: December 2016 Budget and Credit Cards, Enrollment/Attendance, Meals and Snacks, Service Area and Center. Heidi Rand- Director, expressed concern regarding the amount of classrooms (more than 25%) with attendance rates below 85%. Parents are encouraged to be mindful of the attendance policy and remind other parents as well.

An overview of the *High Scope Curriculum, Houghton Mifflin Curriculum and Galileo Assessment/Curriculum* was provided by Heidi Rand. A detailed review of the Second Step Curriculum will be presented next month.

Our Quality Assurance Manager - Jeff Heyne, led a training on Head Start program eligibility. He explained the four eligibility categories, provided examples of funds that are considered to be income and described the consequences a staff member would face if it is determined that the staff member did not accurately process income information in an effort to ensure that the family is determined to be eligible.

Policy Council members were advised that our program has been asked to submit a grant proposal for Volusia/Flagler United Way. The grant proposals will request funding to support kindergarten readiness and promote healthy lifestyles in Volusia County.

The next Policy Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10 am. It will be a video conference meeting.

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