



Pathways Deland Head Start Newsletter



March, 2017

Policy Council Report

February Policy Council Update

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.



Family Advocates News

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We are please to announce that our new Family Advocate is starting this week. He will be introduced at the Parent Meeting on Monday.

Notes from Mrs. Jennifer Fowler

Child Development Specialist

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.

Special Events

03/06/2017- Parent Meeting 03/07/2017- kindergarten transition meeting 03/10/2017—No school (Student holiday 03/13-20/2017- Spring Break 03/20/2017- School resume. 03/24/2017- Field trip to the Zoo. 03/29/2017- Family Engagement activity.

Come in to Volunteer in Your Child's Classroom!!



Inside Story Classroom 1

By. Ms. Gail and Ms. Diana

This month in March we will be talking about Spring! What happens in the Spring? What types of clothes do we wear? What is the weather like? We will also be talking about Dr. Seuss and reading his famous stories. Any parents that would like to come and read to the class we would love for you to come in. Letters this month are Rr and Ss.

March 24th we will be visiting the Zoo! If you would like to chaperone please let us know! The cost to enter the zoo will be \$13.00

Please review all letters and numbers with your child! Please continue work with your child on their home activities!



Inside Story Classroom 2

By. Ms. Marline & Ms. Gloria

During this month we will be working on Theme 7: "In the City, In the Country", from the Houghton Mifflin Curriculum. Children learned about country life; rural areas and farms, and what it is like to live in the country. We also learned about the City; what is like to live in the city and how people get around there (Ways of Transportation) and we learned about buying and selling things. We focused on letters Cc, Qq and Vv. We also focus on exploring the uses and meaning of currency and coin and identifying familiar U.S coins. Through

Second Step we continue to work on Unit 4: Friendship skill and Problem solving. Our goals for this unit are to help children learn to solve problems in safe ways and to build skills that help children make and keep friends.

Inside Story Classroom 3

By. Ms. Keyla & Ms. Kristin

Dear Families,

In the month of March, our class will be learning about the theme: In the City, In the Country. Some other topics we'll be talking about within the theme are the life of animals on a farm, city life, and discover how products get to the market. We will be focusing on the letter Cc, learning about the sound and we will be creating a list of words that begin with the letter Cc.

Throughout the month our class will be doing activities to motivate and enhance children's learning.

Thank you for all that you do,

Mrs. Keyla/Ms. Kristin



Parent Meeting Minutes

February 8th, 2017

There will be a separate attachment. Please see the Family Advocate .