

Pathways Deland Head Start Newsletter

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January



Welcome Back

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It is amazing how quickly the New Year comes and goes. I hope you had a wonderful break! We are already beginning to plan for next year! We are happy to see all your smiling faces back school. We wish you all a Happy 2018 and look forward to all the exciting events to come throughout the school year. As studies show it is important for children to stick to a routine, see the helpful information below.



Toy Safety Shopping Tips: Buy the right toy for the right age child



Ages 3 through 5

Avoid toys that are constructed with thin, brittle plastic that might easily break into small pieces or leave jagged edges.

Look for household art materials, including crayons and paint sets, marked with the designation "ASTM D-4236." This means the product has been reviewed by a toxicologist and, if necessary, labeled with cautionary information.

Teach older children to keep their toys away from their younger brothers and sisters.

READ THE LABEL....



Shopping for toys during the holidays can be exciting and fun, but it can also be frustrating. There can be thousands of toys to choose from in one store, and it's important to choose the right toy for the right age child. Toys that are meant for older children can be dangerous for younger children.

Last year, an estimated 140,700 children were treated in the U.S. hospital emergency rooms after toy-related incidents and 13 children died.



Winter



Perfect Attendance for December, 2017

Rm #1:

Blake Blair

Rayniah Byrd

Jose Granados

Rm #2:

Derek Bell

Briseyda Cervantes

Yaretzi Ramirez

Jose Rodriguez Jr.

Rm #3:

Cheyenne Bright

Special Events:

Martin Luther King's Birthday (No School) - January 15th

Parent Meeting

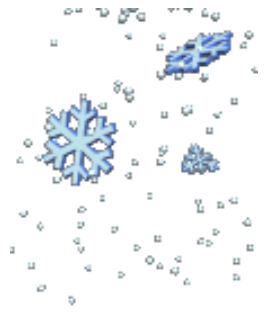
-January 11th @ 2:30

Early Release

-January 10,17,24,31st



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December 2017 Parent Meeting Key Points/Diciembre2017 Notas Claves de la Junta de Padres

Parent Meeting Date: 12/07/2017

Time: 2:38-3:15 PM

- Parents were welcomed by S. Otero./ **Los padres fueron bienvenidos S. Otero.**
- Parents were notified of coming important dates. / **Los padres fueron notificados de fechas importantes.**
- S. Otero translated meeting in Spanish./ **S. Otero tradujo en español .**
- Volunteer training was offered ./ **Se ofrecio el entranamiento de Voluntarios.**
- Classroom 1, 2 and 3 provided updates and reminded parents about the need of extra clothing in the classrooms, / **Salón 1, 2 y 3 dieron información de lo que están aprendiendo y recordaron a los padres sobre la necesidad de ropa extra en los salones.**
- S. Otero reminded the parents to follow up with the Dental, Physical and Immunizations and also the Winter clothing. / **S. Otero recordó a los padres dar seguimiento a los Dentales, Exámenes Físicos y Vacunas, así como también de la ropa para invierno.**
- Special Guest from the Hispanic Health Initiative provided Free Health Screenings Training / **El invitado especial de la Iniciativa de Salud Hispana ofrecio el Entrenamiento Gratis de Pruebas de Salud.**
- Meeting Adjourned./ **Cierre de Junta.**

***Copy of the Pathways Deland Head Start Parent Meeting Minutes is available at the office in the Parent Meeting Binder / Copia de las Minutas de la Junta de Padres de Pathways Deland Head Start están disponibles en la oficina dentro de la Carpeta de la Junta de Padres.**



FA News

Welcome families to a new and exciting second semester, we are looking forward to work with you, to complete a successful School Year. Dental care is very important for our children health , we encourage you to stay up to date with your child, dental appointments and follow ups. If you has received a Dental Referral please start scheduling the appointment and bring us back the referral completed by the child dentist as soon as possible.

The Head Start program prepares all children for success at the elementary school level, therefore poor attendance interferes with every children learning, development, social skill and the classroom daily routine. In order for your child to benefit from Head Start all children must have regular attendance, it is important for you to contact us to discuss any attendance issue and plans to remedy and help your child success in school .

Congratulations on surviving the Christmas expenses, but now is the time to recover from the holidays and focus on saving! Here are some smart saving money tips to follow:

Money Smart : Money Matters

There are many different tools you can use to document your budget. Several budget tools are listed below.

Expense Envelope System

Although it is safer to pay bills online or by check, this tool is useful if you decide you still want to pay your bills in cash each month. Label and envelope for each expense category (rent, gas, food) and write the amount and due date under the label. Keep the envelopes in a very safe place until you make the payment. This way you're not be tempted to spend the money in something else.

Computer Spreadsheet System

If you can have access to a personal computer, you can create your own spreadsheet with columns for income sources, income dates, expenses, and expenses due dates. At the end of the income and expenses column, enter the formula to total each column. Free personal finance tools are also available online and on smart phones. It is important to enter transactions frequently to track your financial position.

Budget Box System

The budget box is a small box with dividers for each month, with one divider for each day of the month. When you received a bill, check the due date and place it behind the divider that represents the bill's due date. As you received income, pay your bills right away so you will not be tempted to spend on something else.

Monthly Payment Schedule or Calendar

These tools let you record in advance when you will receive income and when bills are due. Write the amount of your net pay on the calendar date you will receive it. Do the same with your basic necessities and high priority expenses so you can ensure that the funds are available to pay these expenses on time. Assign dates on the calendar to pay your basic necessities and high priority expenses. Each month, cross out the expenses listed on your calendar as you pay them. This ensures the payment has not been forgotten.

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Bienvenidas familias, a un nuevo y emocionante segundo semestre, esperamos trabajar con usted para completar un año escolar exitoso. La atención dental es muy importante para la salud de nuestros niños, lo alentamos a que se mantenga actualizado con sus citas dentales y seguimiento. Si ha recibido una referencia dental, comience a programar la cita y devuélvanos el referido completado por el dentista lo antes posible.

El programa de Head Start prepara a todos los niños para el éxito en el nivel de la escuela primaria, por lo tanto, la mala asistencia interfiere con el aprendizaje de cada niño, el desarrollo, las habilidades sociales y la rutina diaria de la clase. Para que su hijo (a) se beneficie de Head Start, todos los niños(as) deben tener asistencia regular, es importante que se comunique con nosotros para hablar sobre cualquier problema de asistencia y ayudar a su hijo a tener éxito en la escuela.

Felicitaciones por sobrevivir a los gastos de Navidad, pero ahora es el momento de recuperarse de las vacaciones y concentrarse en ahorrar! Aquí hay algunos consejos útiles para ahorrar dinero:

Ahorro Responsable

Hay muchas herramientas diferentes que pueden utilizar para documentar su presupuesto. A continuación se enumeran varias herramientas de presupuesto como ejemplo.

Sistema de sobres de gastos

Aunque es más seguro pagar facturas en línea o por cheque, esta herramienta es útil si decide que todavía desea pagar sus facturas en efectivo cada mes. Etiqueta un sobre para cada categoría de gasto (alquiler, gas, comida) y escriba la cantidad y fecha de vencimiento bajo la etiqueta. Guarde los sobres en un lugar seguro hasta que haga el pago. De esta manera usted no está tentado a gastar el dinero en otras cosas.

Sistema de hoja de cálculo en computadora

Si puede tener acceso a una computadora personal, puede crear su propia hoja de cálculo con columnas para las fuentes de ingresos, fechas de ingresos, gastos y fechas de vencimiento de los gastos. Al final de la columna ingresos y gastos, ingrese la fórmula para totalizar cada columna. Herramientas gratuitas de finanzas personales también están disponibles en línea y en teléfonos inteligentes. Es importante ingresar transacciones con frecuencia para rastrear su posición.

Sistema de organizador de presupuesto

El cuadro de presupuesto es una pequeña caja con divisores para cada mes, con un divisor para cada día del mes. Cuando reciba una factura, compruebe la fecha de vencimiento y colóquela detrás del divisor que representa la fecha de vencimiento de la factura. Al recibir ingresos, pague sus facturas de inmediato para que no se sienta tentado a gastar en otra cosa.

Calendario o calendario de pagos mensuales

Estas herramientas le permiten grabar de antemano cuando usted recibirá ingresos y cuando las facturas se deben pagar. Escriba la cantidad de su pago neto en la fecha del calendario que usted recibirá. Haga lo mismo con sus necesidades básicas y los gastos de alta prioridad para que pueda asegurarse de que los fondos están disponibles para pagar estos gastos a tiempo. Asigne fechas en el calendario para pagar sus necesidades básicas y los gastos de alta prioridad. Cada mes, anote los gastos que figuran en su calendario a medida que los paga. Esto asegura que el pago no ha sido olvidado.

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Policy Council update for December 2017

The **December Policy Council meeting** was held on Thursday, December 14th at 10am via video conference. A quorum was established. Eleven policy council members were present. Twelve staff members were present.

The **following reports were reviewed and approved:** *Budget, Credit Cards, Enrollment/Attendance, Meals and Snacks, Service Areas and Centers.* *Parent Activity requests* for Bushnell and Spring Hill were approved.

Candidates for the following job vacancies have been **approved for hire:**

Hernando: Substitute Teacher in Brooksville/Spring Hill

Hernando: Part-time Early Head Start Teacher

Hernando: Early Head Start Teacher

Hernando: Head Start Teacher III

Hernando: Head Start Teacher V in Spring Hill

Volusia: Floating Early Head Start Teacher at Oakridge

Volusia: Center Aide Substitute for Volusia County

Mid Florida Community Services Finance Officer - Diane Berube, conducted a **budget training**. The highlights of the training included the various program related budgets (Head Start, Early Head Start, VPK and USDA) that are reviewed monthly, how to read the budget reports and the different budget periods. It was noted that the cost per child expense for Early Head Start is higher than the cost for a Head Start child. VPK instruction, totaling 3 hours a day, is provided in designated locations. The USDA budget is developed based on the number of meals served in the prior year.

Child Development Specialist-Jennifer Fowler, led an **information session on the Galileo Curriculum** which included accessing and navigating Galileo on their computer. Each parent was reminded that a personal Galileo password has been established for them and a magnet was given out earlier in the year for parents to write their personal password on. This magnet can be placed on the refrigerator for quick reference. Parents were encouraged to access Galileo regularly to access their child's profile which includes the following: information about what their child *has learned*, what their child is *ready to learn* and activities parents can do with their children at home to support the development of new skills.

Deputy Director of Children's Services - Amy Thomas, presented **the Child Outcomes Analysis Report**. She explained that these reports help identify if children are making developmental gains. The report consists of two different scores: baseline (starting point) and gains (progress). The goal is for each child to have a 50 point increase from the time they started the program to the end of the school year.

Director of Early Learning Programs - Heidi Rand, reported that a **Federal Monitoring Review** will take place the week of **February 12th, 2018**. Parents are encouraged to discuss any program concerns about their center, with their Family Advocate or Child Development Specialist before that time. The review will consist of classroom observations using the *CLASS* (Classroom Assessment Scoring System) tool, review of program data records, health and safety checks, interviews of policy council members and staff.

Policy Council meetings are held the 4th Thursday of each month, unless rescheduled due to holidays. The **next meeting** will be held on January 25th @ 10am. It will be a face-to-face meeting at Lake-Sumter State College in Leesburg, FL.

WOW! We are on the second half of the year! I hope everyone had a wonderful vacation!!

Inside Story Classroom #1

We will be working hard this part of the year! Some of our friends will be learning to read easy books while some of our friends will be learning to blend sounds together. We will also count to 100 by 1's, 5's, and 10's, letters Jj and Kk, and review of shapes and colors. We will talk about our neighborhood, and how we build homes and tall buildings.

Home activities will be going home and please make sure you are completing them and returning the papers signed.

If you have any questions or concerns please let Ms Nancy or I know. Thank you

Ms Gail and Ms Nancy

Let it snow

Inside Story Classroom #2

Happy New Years!!! Welcome back. Hope all of you had a wonderful winter break. For the month of January we will be learning about Animals Everywhere. They will have a lot of opportunities to discuss animals they see. Children will be classifying animals by where they live. In literacy, we will be focusing on the letters & sounds for Ff, Aa, and Zz. In math we will be working on number identification, counting objects, as well as sorting objects by one or more attributes. In our second step curriculum we will be discussing managing disappointment, managing anger, and managing waiting.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you to please check your child's cubby and make sure there is at least one change of clothes available. Please remember to check your child's take home folder daily.

Happy Birthday Caidyn!!!

Mrs. Sheila and Ms. Judith

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Inside Story Classroom #3

Welcome back, 2017 sure went by fast! Hope you had a great time with your families. This month we will be learning about Animals Everywhere. They will have a lot of opportunities to discuss animals they see. Children will be classifying animals by where they live. We will be focusing on the letters & sounds for Ff, Aa, and Zz. In math we will be working on number identification, counting objects, as well as sorting objects by one or more attributes. In our second step curriculum we will be discussing managing disappointment, managing anger, and managing waiting. Thank you for returning your child Home Activities every month and for your support during Family Engagement Activities.

Mrs. Jeamary & Ms. Marianela

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