



Pathways Deland Head Start Newsletter



From the Desk of Pamela Fennett, 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.

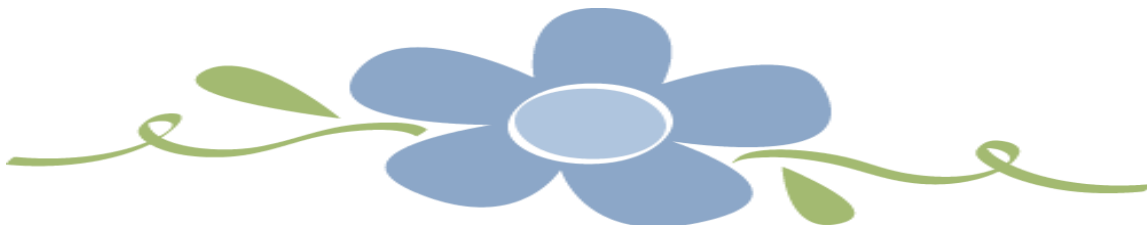
We also appreciate all of our parents' efforts in our behalf. Your participation and communication makes our job so much easier. Thank you for taking the time to allow the Teachers to come into your homes for the home visits. It's great to see the children in their natural environments. It helps the teachers learn so much about them.

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.

**Don't forget Daylight Savings Time starts on March 11, 2018.
Set those clocks ahead one hour.**

Our Transition into Kindergarten will begin this month. Please see you child's teacher to ask what they will be doing and what you can do at home to help your child with this transition.

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





Perfect Attendance for February, 2018



Rm. #1

Rayniah Byrd

Lavinamarie Espina

Brizeida Flores

Cali Gaskill

Datrick Health

Jandel Perez

Mia Reyes

Rm. #2

Derek Bell

Angelina Penaloza Palacios

Eduardo Ramirez

Jhonatan Rivera

Rm. #3

Amisadai Flores

Yoselin Palacios

Zachary Pittman

Special Events

Parent Meeting: March 1st @2:30

Spring Break: Begins March 9th - Classes Resume March 19th

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FEBRUARY 2018 Parent Meeting Key Points/FEBRERO 2018 Notas Claves de la Junta de Padres

Parent Meeting Date: 02/01/2018

Time: 2:33-3:10 PM

- Parents were welcomed by N.PAGAN./ **Los padres fueron bienvenidos N.PAGAN**
- Parents were notified of coming important dates. / **Los padres fueron notificados de fechas importantes.**
- N. PAGAN translated meeting in Spanish./ **N.PAGAN tradujo en español .**
- Jhonathan Martinez was elected as the Policy Council Representative and Carmen Matinez has de susbtitute Policy Council Representative / **Jhonathan Martinez fue elegido como Representante del Consejo Política y Carmen Martinez como Representante del Consejo de Política**
- FA spoke about the Spring Feastival./ **FA hablo sobre el Festival de Primavera**
- N. Pagan reminded the parents about the upcoming Spring Festival and Parent Activity/ **N. Pagan recordó a los padres del Festival de Primavera y el Festival de Padres.**
- Service reports were provided by:
FA –Reminded parents to stay up to date with all requested medical and dental documentation .
Teaching Staff- provided updates of the classroom and what are they learning and home visits / **Salón 2 dio información de lo que están aprendiendo y actualizaciones del salón. Se hablo sobre las visitas al hogar.**
CDS-Beautification Cleaning and new job openings. /**Hablo sobre el evento de Embellecimiento de la Escuela y nuevas oportunidades de trabajo.**
- 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.**



F.A News

Spring is in the air, the first day of Spring will be on March 20th. Have you thought about your Spring Break and Summer Camp plans? Well, is not too late to take the following suggestions into consideration.

Summer Camps information will soon be available on many Volusia County, cities internet sites and at other local community web pages. Remember to start the search early, so you can start budgeting and applying for summer scholarships if they are available. Spring Break programs are limited, here are some great ideas to keep your little ones busy during that week:

- **Debary Hall Historic Site**- Debary City Hall Historic Site, where you can uncover clues about the past and see Florida frontier hunting lodge. Debary City Hall is open for tours every day but Monday (198 Sunrise Blvd. Debary)
- **Lyonia Environmental Center**- Lyonia Environmental Center provides an insight into Volusia County's ecosystems. Through interactive displays visitors can learn about the importance of the environment and how can we conserve energy and natural resources. Admission is Free (Deltona Regional Library complex at 2150 Eustace Ave. Deltona.)
- **Marine Science Center** -Marine Science Center is the perfect place for learning about Volusia County's environment and ways to conserve it. One of their main goals is their dedication to sea turtles rehabilitation. Guest can overlook several hospital pools. Open every day but Monday (100 Lighthouse Dr, Ponce Inlet) Admission: Adults \$5 / Children (3-12) \$2
- **The Reptile Discovery Center**-The Reptile Discovery Center in Deland is a unique facility in which visitors are exposed to a wide variety of reptile species. The outside nature trails features alligators, lizards, tortoise and other reptiles which can be seen up-close. The Center is also home of the Medtoxin Venom Laboratories. Admission: Adults \$11.50, Children (4-17) \$9.50, Children 3 and under Free. Close March 15-21, Reopen March 22nd
- **Orlando Science Center**- Orlando Science Center is a museum that through interactive exhibitions teaches all visitors the importance of the environment, weather, STEM and much more. Their exhibitions include: Kids Town, Our Planet, Dino-Digs, Nature's Works, Stem and Kinetic Zone. Admission: If you have an Access FL EBT Card (Food Stamps Card) and a valid photo ID, you can enjoy the admission to the museum for \$3, per person for up to six individuals.
- **Sports Volusia** - Please access the web page for Sports Volusia, you will find sports activities, clubs and local sports teams throughout Volusia County. Visit: <http://www.sportsvolusia.com/>
- **2018 Spring Break Program** - All children 5-12 are welcome to join Volusia County Parks, Recreation & Culture's field trip program. The location will be at Gemini Springs, Debary at a cost of \$65 (includes field trips). For more information please call: 386-736-5953. Please call the same number for other Spring Break Programs near you.

To all of our families at Pathways Deland, thank you for your support and active participation at every center event and Parent Meetings, we truly appreciate your support. Please remember to stay up to date with all the notices that are sent home for Dental Exams, Dental Treatments, Parent Meetings and Medical Expiration Notices for Immunizations and Physical Exams.

The regular attendance of your child is very important to us and it sets the foundation for a brighter future at school, you as parents are the primary teachers of your children, give yourself the opportunity of learning with them every day. Remember to read, play and create memories together.



La primavera está cerca, el primer día de la primavera será el 20 de marzo. ¿Has pensado en tus planes de Receso de Primavera y Campamento de Verano? Bueno, no es demasiado tarde para tener en cuenta las siguientes sugerencias.

La información de Campamentos de Verano pronto estará disponible en muchos sitios del condado de Volusia, y en otras páginas web de la comunidad local. Recuerde comenzar la búsqueda temprano, para que pueda comenzar a presupuestar y solicitar becas de verano si están disponibles.

Los programas de vacaciones de primavera son limitados, aquí hay algunas ideas geniales para mantener a sus pequeños ocupados durante esa semana:

- **Debary Hall Historic Site:** Debary Hall Historic Site, donde puedes descubrir pistas sobre el pasado y ver el pabellón de caza de la frontera de la Florida. Debary City Hall está abierto para visitas todos los días excepto el lunes (198 Sunrise Blvd. Debary)

- **Lyonia Environmental Center:** el Centro Ambiental de Lyonia brinda una idea de los ecosistemas del Condado de Volusia. A través de actividades interactivas, los visitantes pueden aprender sobre la importancia del medio ambiente y cómo podemos conservar la energía y los recursos naturales. La entrada es gratuita (complejo de la Biblioteca Regional de Deltona en 2150 Eustace Ave. Deltona).

- **Marine Science Center** -Marine Science Center es el lugar perfecto para conocer el entorno del condado de Volusia y las formas de conservarlo. Uno de sus principales objetivos es su dedicación a la rehabilitación de las tortugas marinas. Los huéspedes pueden observar varias piscinas que sirven de hospital. Abierto todos los días excepto los lunes (100 Lighthouse Dr, Ponce Inlet) Admisión: Adultos \$ 5 / Niños (3-12) \$ 2

- **Reptile Discovery Center:** Reptile Discovery Center en Deland es una instalación única en la que los visitantes se exponen a una gran variedad de especies de reptiles. Los senderos naturales exteriores cuentan con caimanes, lagartos, tortugas y otros reptiles que se pueden ver de cerca. El Centro también es el hogar de los Laboratorios Medtoxin Venom. Admisión: Adultos \$ 11.50, Niños (4-17) \$ 9.50, Niños de 3 años y menos Gratis. Cierre del 15 al 21 de marzo, reabrirá el 22 de marzo

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- **Sports Volusia:** acceda a la página web de Sports Volusia, encontrará actividades deportivas, clubes y equipos deportivos locales en todo el condado de Volusia. Visite: <http://www.sportsvolusia.com/>

- **2018 Spring Break Program:** todos los niños de 5 a 12 años pueden unirse al programa de excursiones de Parques, Recreación y Cultura del Condado de Volusia. La ubicación será en Gemini Springs, Debary a un costo de \$ 65 (incluye excursiones). Para obtener más información, llame al: 386-736-5953. Llame al mismo número para otros programas de vacaciones de primavera cerca de usted.

A todas nuestras familias en Pathways Deland, gracias por su apoyo y participación activa en cada evento encolar y reuniones de padres, realmente apreciamos su apoyo. Por favor, recuerde mantenerse al día con todos los avisos que se envían a su hogar para exámenes dentales, tratamientos dentales, reuniones de padres y avisos de expiración médica para inmunizaciones y exámenes físicos.

La asistencia regular de su hijo es muy importante para nosotros y sienta las bases para un futuro mejor en la escuela, ya que como padres son los principales maestros de sus hijos, concédase la oportunidad de aprender con ellos todos los días. Recuerde leer, jugar y crear recuerdos juntos.

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Policy Council Update – February 2018

The February Policy Council Meeting was held on Thursday, Feb. 22nd at Mid Florida Head Start/Early Head Start Administrative Offices in Hernando and Volusia Counties via video conference. Fourteen policy council members were present. Twelve staff members were present.

The attendance rate of several classrooms fell below 85% last month. The primary reason for absences was illness.

The following reports were approved: *Budget, Credit Cards, Enrollment/Attendance, Meals and Snacks, Service Areas and Centers*. Parent Activity requests for EVEC and Jo Sheppard were approved. New hires for the following positions were approved: One substitute teacher - Hernando ; Three substitute teachers - Volusia; One Early Head Start Teacher at Malloy - Volusia; One Early Head Start Teacher at Oakridge-Volusia. The submission of an Early Head Start grant application in the amount of \$154,612 was approved.

Denise Thompson, Disabilities Services Coordinator, made a presentation about Disabilities Services provided by the Head Start/Early Head Start program. She explained how the program helps children prepare for school by conducting developmental screenings (if consented by parents), providing referrals for additional evaluations and individualization.

The program is set to expand soon with the opening of one more Early Head Start classroom at the Malloy center and one more at the Hernando center. The program's recent proposal to provide child care services at Hope Place, a transitional housing community in Volusia, has been accepted and negotiations to initiate the services are in process. The program will open classrooms at this location in the near future.

The annual audit for the agency has been completed. The audit resulted in no findings. The federal review visit was conducted during the week of Feb. 12th. We are awaiting information as to the outcome of the visit.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 22nd at 10am and will be conducted via video conference. Members will meet in the conference room at the administrative office in their county.



In March we will be talking about Spring Time. We have our garden out in our playground and we will be discussing how our garden grows. The parts of the plant, the season and how we dress, and our nutrition curriculum. We will be working with the letters Nn, Pp, and Qq, numbers 0-20, colors, shapes, and how to problem solve.

Thank you for working with your child at home with the Home Activities and reviewing with what we do in class every day.

We enjoyed visiting your home's during the home visits last month, we appreciate you welcoming us into your home.

We hope everyone has a wonderful Spring Break!

Ms Gail and Ms Nancy

Inside Story Classroom #2



For the month of March we will begin working on our In the City, In the Country theme.

Children will be able to identify what we see in the city and what we see in the country. In literacy,

we will be focusing on the letters and sounds for Qq, Vv, and Jj. We will also be working on writing skills.

In math, we will be learning how to combine and separate groups of objects and will compare how many are in each group.

Please continue to practice number recognition with your child.



Inside Story Classroom #3