



# Pathways Deland Head Start Newsletter

October, 2017



**From the Desk of: Pam Call, CDS**

Fall is here and we are already off to a wonderful beginning of preschool here at our center. A warm welcome to you all and I hope that the school year is off to a great start for you and your family! We have had a wonderful start to our school year and it seems as though everyone has made a smooth transition. If your child is still having a difficult time separating, please be sure to make an appointment with your child's teacher and myself so we can help to ease the transition some. By working together, we can make this a wonderful beginning to your child's education. Your children are all a delight and they will teach us many things. They will help us remember how to play, live in the moment, and to make new discoveries. Let's be models of the behavior we want them to have; cooperate, share, take turns, laugh, play and "use our words".

Remember we encourage volunteering and welcome all of you to join our teachers and children in the classrooms. Your children enjoy seeing you in the classroom and so do we...

Be sure to attend the next parent meeting at your center, you can check with your teacher or family advocate if you are not sure when it is. Our open house will be this month also, please come so you can receive your Galileo log-in information.

Please do your best to bring your child to school every day we understand that things happen, so if your child can't come please be sure to call your child's teacher to let them know they will not be here or that they will be late.



## October Happenings

## Special Events:

Parent Meeting- October 12 @2:45

No school- October 16<sup>th</sup>

Open House- October 18<sup>th</sup> @ 2:45-3:45

Parent Night (Arts on the Grow) Deland Museum @ 5:00



## Policy Council UPDATE of September 2017 Meeting

The **September Policy Council meeting** was held on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at Lake Sumter State College in Leesburg. Eight 2016-17 policy council members were present. Two community members were present. The Mid Florida Community Services Board of Directors liaison was also present. Numerous members of the Mid Florida Head Start/Early Head Start Administrative Team were present. Several newly elected 2017-18 Policy Council representatives attended. The new representatives could not vote during this meeting because they have not received the Policy Council training yet.

The following reports were *discussed*: Budget, Credit Cards, Enrollment/Attendance, Meals and Snacks, Service Areas and Centers.

The following items were *reviewed*.  
been reviewed. One will be selected for our program.

**Family Engagement Plan** - Several parenting curriculums have

**PIR** (*Program Information Report*) - Highlights of 2016 -17 Head Start services included a high percentage of well credentialed staff, positive health outcomes and an increased focus on capturing male involvement).

Policy council members were asked about their training needs. Any future training interests or needs should be sent to Family Advocates.

**Awards were presented** to parents who completed 1 year of service and 3 years of service on the Head Start Policy Council. Kim Ferwin (Spring Hill Center), Adelani Adekunle (Horizon Elem.), James Norton in absentia (Center), Juan Echezebal (Holly Hill Elem.). Community members Chuck Moreau and Jackie Davis also received service awards. A plaque was given to Trevene Christian-(Westside Elem.) for committed service as Head Start Policy Council Chairman. Each recipient gave a short speech highlighting how Policy Council has benefitted them and encouraging new representatives to expect good things from their involvement with Policy Council.

The following **announcements** were made:

The recent update to Performance Standards allows parents to serve on Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council for a total 5 years in lifetime. The old term limit was 3 years in lifetime.

Kim Ferwin (Spring Hill Center) was acknowledged for having Perfect Attendance at Policy Council Meetings during 2016-2017 program year.

The program specialist from the Head Start Region IV Office will be visiting our program in November.

The **next Policy Council meeting** is scheduled for Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be conducted via video conference. Participants will meet at the conference room in their county.

**By S. Otero**

### **Pathways Deland Family Advocate**

Fall Season is here and more exciting events are coming this month. We encourage parents to be active in the school events and recruitment process. We are currently accepting applications all year round, remember that all parents can apply as soon as their child turns three years old.

#### **Remember these upcoming events:**

October 5-Parent Meeting at 2:30 PM

October 18- Pathways Deland Open House starting at 2:45 PM

October 18- Arts on The Grow/Parents Night at the Deland Museum of Art at 5 PM

**Like always please remember to stay up to date with your child's Dental Visits, Physical Exams and Immunizations. Remember to stay in touch with the FA for any support and assistance.**

**Thanks in advance for all your support!**



**By S. Otero**

### **Representante de Familia en Pathways Deland**

El otoño está aquí y más acontecimientos se acercan este mes. Animamos a los padres a participar activamente en los eventos de la escuela y el proceso de aplicación. Actualmente estamos aceptando aplicaciones durante todo el año, recuerden que todos los padres interesados pueden aplicar tan pronto como su hijo(a) cumpla los tres años de edad.

#### **Recuerden estos próximos eventos:**

Octubre 5 – Junta de Padres a las 2:30 PM

Octubre 18-Evento de Casa Abierta en Pathways Deland , comenzando a las 2:45 PM

Octubre 18- Noche de Padres en el Museo de Arte de Deland a las 5 PM

**Como siempre, por favor recuerde que debe estar al día con las visitas dentales de su hijo(a), los Exámenes Físicos y las Vacunas. Recuerden mantenerse en contacto con su Representante de Familia para cualquier ayuda y asistencia.**

**iGracias anticipadas por todo!**

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## Perfect Attendance

### Rm #1:

Blake Blair

Joselyn Bonja

Otis Butler III

Rayniah Byrd

Barbara Camona

Jandiel Colon

Alexis Dominguez-Cruz

Axel Dominguez-Cruz

Brizeida Flores

Cali Gaskin

Jose Granados

Datrick Heath

Jandel Perez

Mia Reyes

### Rm #2:

Derek Bell

Kamila Colon

Angelina Penaloza Palacios

Yaretzi Ramirez

Jhonatan Rivera

Jose Rodriguez JR.

### Rm. #3:

Cheyenne Bright

Alexander Delaurie

Briana Lomeli

Kleo Martinez Santiago

Yoselin Palacios

Zachary Pittman

Rochelle Remero

Elisa Santiago Dominguez

Kyanna Smith





## Pathways Deland Head Start

September 2017 Parent Meeting Key Points/Septiembre 2017 Notas Claves de la Junta de Padres

Parent Meeting Date: 09/29/2017

Time: 2:35-3:00 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 .**
- S. Otero spoke about the different resources for hurricane Irma relief: FEMA and Food For Florida / S. Otero hablo sobre las diferentes ayudas para los afectados por el huracán Irma: FEMA y Food For Florida
- Parent spoke about their experience during the hurricane. ./ **Padres hablaron de su experiencia durante el huracán.**
- Classrooms spoke about Arts on the Grow and what children are learning about community and nutrition. / **Representante de los salones hablaron sobre Arte y lo que los niños (as) están aprendiendo sobre la comunidad y nutrición.**
- S. Otero reminded about Physicals and Dentals/ **S. Otero ofreció recordatorio sobre los Exámenes Físicos y Dentales.**
- 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.**





### Inside Story Classroom 1

*Welcome to October Head Start Awareness Month! This month is about Community Helpers and Fire Safety. We will learn all about what Doctors, Dentist, and the Mailman do every day and why we need them. We will start our f' lesson in our nutrition book (Grow it Try it and Like it) and learn all about Strawberries. Please review the letters Aa, Ee, Ii, Oo, Uu and numbers 1-5.*

*Please remember to do Home Activities with your child so they are getting extra practice at home.*

*Thank you for letting Ms. Nancy and I into your home last month, we had a great time talking to you about your child and planning out their goals for the school year. It is going to be a great year!!*

*Thank you  
Ms Gail and Ms Nancy*

### Inside Story Classroom 2

*I would like to thank our parents that came out for our Family Engagement activity in September. This month we will be working on Our Five Senses theme. Children will learn what each of his senses are and will use the senses to explore the world around them. In Math we will focus on counting objects to five as well as number recognition to 5. We will continue to learn patterns and will be creating some of our own. In literacy we will learn letters and sounds for Tt, Oo, and Xx.*

*We are excited to begin our USDA curriculum. This month we will learn about strawberries. We will conclude the week long theme by making a nutrition activity.*

*Parents please remember that children must come to school with close toe shoes. Also, please make sure your child has a change of clothes at school.*

***We would like to wish Briseyda a very Happy Birthday!!!***

*Sheila Hodges and Judith Garcia*

### Inside Story Classroom 3

*I want to thank our parents for their support during our home visits, parent meeting and Family Engagement Activity. This month we will be learning about the people that help us in Our Community, we will explore with our Five Senses and we learn about Strawberries. We will be focusing on letters Pp, Tt, Xx and Oo, shapes, colors, first letter in our name, name recognition, counting 1-10 and number recognition 1-5.*

*Please work with your child on their home activity and return it within a week.*

*Quiero agradecer a nuestros padres por su apoyo durante las visitas al hogar, junta de padres y actividad familiar. Este mes estaremos aprendiendo de las personas que nos ayudan en la comunidad, exploraremos con nuestro 5 sentidos y aprenderemos sobre las fresas. Estaremos estudiando las letras Pp, Tt, Xx y Oo, figuras, colores, primera letra de su nombre y reconocer su nombre, contar 1-10 y reconocer numeros 1-5. Por favor trabaje con su niño(a) las tareas y devuélvala a la escuela en esa semana.*



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

**October 17<sup>th</sup> Kleo Martinez**