

## EVEC February Newsletter

### Early Release:

- \* February 1st
- \* February 8th
- \* February 15th
- \* February 22nd

### School Closed:

- ♦ February 20th—  
Presidents Day

### Important Dates:

Family Involvement  
February 22nd @  
12:00— Come join us  
for a snowball fight

Kindergarten Transition  
Meeting—February 2nd  
@ 1:30 ALL parents of  
children going to Kinder-  
garten

Policy Council Meeting:  
Feb 23rd 10am

## Home Visits this Month from your child's Teacher!



**The next Parent Meeting is  
February 22nd at 12:45 pm**



## Stay Healthy During the Winter Months



With the cold weather here this means that you or your child may become sick at some point. One of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of germs and stay healthy is by washing your hands frequently throughout the day. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) suggest following these guidelines for effective hand washing:

- Wet your hands with clean running water and apply soap. Use warm water if it is available.
- Rub hands together to make a lather and scrub all surfaces.
- Continue rubbing hands for 15-20 seconds.
- Rinse hands well under running water.
- Dry your hands using a paper towel or air dryer.



If soap and water aren't available, the CDC suggests using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer to kill germs. However, hand sanitizers should not be used to replace the practice of hand washing. Germs are often spread by touching contaminated surfaces and then transferring the organisms to your mouth, nose or eyes. So avoid putting your hands in your face.

Try to keep a sick child out of the kitchen because germs can be spread to eating surfaces when kids cough, sneeze, and rub their hands on them. This can make the rest of the family vulnerable to getting sick.

### **Reminders**

Please make sure that children are coming to school each day with labeled weather appropriate clothing (jacket, hat, mittens, snow pants, and boots). Please note that the classrooms try to go outside each day weather permitting.

### **Thank You:**

Classroom teachers would like to thank all families that have graciously donated items to their child's classroom over the past months. Many families have donated classroom materials, extra clothes, went on field trips and volunteered in the classroom. We thank you for your continuous support!

## **FAMILY ADVOCATE'S CORNER**

Happy Valentine's Day to you all! February is indeed a special month. Love is in the air at Keech Street Head Start. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to volunteer when you can. Check with your child's teacher to schedule a time to read or assist with other activities. Regular attendance is important for your child's progress. Please call when your child is out. Remember to have your child's shots and physical updated. Summer VPK sign up time is here. If your child is going to Kindergarten and you have not used your Voucher please do so, it is free. We will keep you informed about Applications for the new school year 2017-2018. We do love and appreciate all you do to support Family Engagement. Any questions or concerns, please call your Family Advocate.

Janet Ali @ 386-323-7115 and Alicia Graham @ 386-323-7114



### **CLASSROOM #1: THE SUPER HEROES**



We are starting our Kindergarten Transition meetings this month. Please attend every meeting. There will be great information and we will have a lot of fun! In February we will be working on the themes of Shapes and Sizes, Clothes for My Body and Hats on My Head. We are always working on letters, sounds and numbers. Ask your child in the car on your way home how to spell their name. This month our class will be performing at the parent meeting. Please join us for the family involvement activity and immediately following the activity the parent meeting will start. We want to remind you to bring in a change of clothes for your child. Even if your child does not have bathroom accidents there is a possibility of spilling breakfast or lunch on their clothing. That is why it is important to have a change of clothing available. We are having so much fun and learning so much! Thanks for everything you do! Ms. Shana and Ms. Elaine



### **CLASSROOM #2: WISE OWLS**

In the month of February the Owls theme will be construction. We will be learning about construction zones, vehicles, tools, and safety hazards that go along with construction.

February is Black History month and we will be working on crafts and learning about African American History as well. Each week we have up a different letter, shape, color, number, and different words that begin with that letter of the week. Please make sure you change out your child's spare clothing and dress them appropriate for the weather because it's changing. Ms. Danna and I would like to thank all the parents for participating in our parents meetings we greatly appreciate it. We also like to thank our parents for all your continue corporation and your support!

Ms. Danna & Kathryn



### **CLASSROOM #3: THE MINNOWS**

Our theme for this month is 'Construction Zone'. We will be learning what construction mean, how construction is developed, and the safety measurements when working in construction areas and much, much, more. We will be describing buildings and demonstrating what they look like while in work areas. We will be focused on the letters, Bb, Mm, Rr and introduced to the letter sounds. We will be conducting creative art activities and making discoveries along the way. Other things we are working on: Creative writing, Number sense, identifying tools (science), using full sentences when communicating, and motivation in reading. We are very active in our Second Step as the children learn to solve conflicts and use words to express how they feel.

Thanks to our parents who volunteer and we hope to see you again.

Mrs. Mary & Mrs. Teresa



### **CLASSROOM #4 BUTTERFLIES**

In our classroom we had an interesting time learning all about animals in the month of January. Now we are getting excited thinking about our new topics. These are our next themes: I can Build, Build with Me, Everybody Builds. This is a great time to teach children how they can build using recycling materials. Please parents helps us by saving plastic jars and containers with their lids, empty boxes of different sizes, egg cartons and paper towel rolls. When you save them please bring them in to our classroom for us to use! Help us to have a fun month!

Thank you! Ms. Bethzaida and Ms. Natalie



### **CLASSROOM #5: SUPER STARS**

Our superstars are growing and transforming right before our eyes! We are reviewing letters that we have already been working on as well writing our names. We have learned about building homes, about different animal habitats and role playing the Three Little Pigs! We have harvested, sampled and cooked some goodies from our garden as well! It is time to start thinking about Kindergarten for our stars, and we ask our parents to make sure to attend the transition meetings as they contain important information that will help you and your child be ready for a new school! Thank you again for all that you do!

Ms. Krista & Ms. Monica

## Policy Council update for January 2017

The January Policy Council meeting was held on Thursday, January 26th at 10:00 am. It was a face to face meeting that was held in Leesburg. Thirteen policy council members (11 parents and 2 community partner members) were present.

The following persons were approved for hire:

Ivy Sebastian, Family Advocate (Volusia County)

Tony Broxton, Family Advocate ( Volusia County)

Amanda Phillips, Teacher (Volusia County)

Ja'kera Peterson, Program Substitute ( Volusia County)

Elizabeth Witt, Child Development Specialist (Volusia County)

Kaitlin Burton, Teacher's Assistant (Volusia County)

Lillie Shells, Program Substitute (Sumter County)

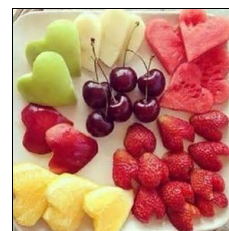
Carlie Nelson, Teacher's Assistant (Sumter County)

The following reports were approved: Budget and Credit Cards, Enrollment/Attendance, Meals and Snacks, Service Area and Center. Parent activity requests for the following sites were approved: Bushnell, Brooksville, Horizon, Westside, Pathways Port Orange and Malloy.

Policy council members were advised of the update to the program's Selection Criteria which included an increase in the points for the following risk factors: homelessness, foster care and having a family member in the household with a current IFSP or IEP. An updated Head Start Public Relations Plan was reviewed and approved. Materials for an age appropriate home safety program titled "Eddie the Eagle" were distributed following introduction and discussion of the program at a previous policy council meeting.

Our Disability Services Coordinator, Denise Thompson, led a training for policy council attendees. She explained the developmental screening process and how the program works with parents to make referrals to support children.

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



## **PARENT MEETING MINUTES**

TUESDAY JANUARY 25, 2017

Meeting call to Order @1:45 – by Chairperson Ms. Maureen Fields

Old Business - Minutes read from last meeting Mr. Michael

Classroom # 5 – Performed for parents

Ms. Krista Callahan shared info about classroom activities with parents

New Business –

Transition Meeting for Kindergarten Parents 2/2/17

Holiday- President's day – 2/20/17

Field Trip March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017– Sanford Zoo

Extended day letters due Feb 24<sup>th</sup>

Vote on Annual Parent Activity – \$5:00 per child

Parents voted to do CPR & First Aid which will be held Thursday March 23<sup>rd</sup> between 10:30-12:30 AM @ the Library

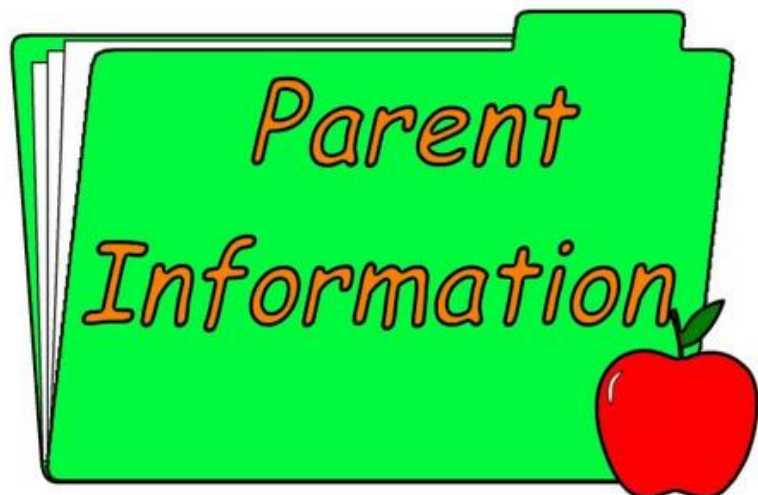
Announcements –

FA- Ms. Janet Ali and Ms. Alicia Graham

Parents were reminded to call in when their child is absent and to update all personal info such as Phone numbers, new address and pick up list. Most of all we thank you for your support with Perfect Attendance and volunteering in the classrooms. PC Rep. also encouraged parents to volunteer in the classroom. Ms. Fields challenged them to make the effort to eat with their child in the classroom.

Next Parent Meeting February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017-

Adjournment





# Perfect Attendance for January

**Classroom 1**

Deria Gordon  
LeBron Sampson

**Classroom 2**

Enora Jean  
Journey King  
Logan Njele  
Sh'Rhia Owens

**Classroom 3**

Sariah Brown  
Ashton Foster  
Janiece McIntosh  
Raheem White

**Classroom 4**

Jayden Arzuaga Davila  
Printence Dunkley  
Frederick Rodriguez  
Aaliyah Washington  
Ethan Williams

**Classroom 5**

Jordan Ruiz  
Davona Stokes  
Jace Williams

Perfect   
Attendance!