



EVEC March Newsletter

Early Release:

- *March 1st
- *March 8th
- *March 22nd
- *March 29th

School Closed:

- * March 10th-17th:
Spring Break

Important Dates:

March 3rd—Field Trip to the Zoo

Family Involvement—

March 29th at 12:00

Kindergarten Transition Meeting—

March 9th @ 1:30 ALL parents of children going to Kindergarten

Policy Council Meeting:

March 23rd @ 10 am



**The next Parent Meeting is
March 29th at 12:45 pm**

From the Desk of Crystal Hill, 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 12, 2017.**

Set those clocks ahead one hour.

Our Second Transition into Kindergarten Meeting will be this month. Please see you child's teacher to ask when this meeting will be and we hope to see you there. Remember there is a Party for the winning class at the end of the year.

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

FAMILY ADVOCATE'S CORNER

We are marching into Spring Break on March 10th to March 17th. Classes resume on Monday March 20, 2017. Have fun together and take advantage of the opportunity to read to you children. Visit the library with your child there are lots of Resources and books relating to the seasons. It is an ideal time to discuss the changes in the seasons. Update their health records and dental appointments. Applications for the new school year will begin soon. Please tell your friends and family members with three and four year olds to contact Ms. Alicia @ 386-323-7114 or Ms. Janet @ 386-323-7115. In March FA's will begin financial training. As previously discussed in prior parent meetings in 2016, topics include credit repair, predatory lending and equal fair credit reporting. Be safe and enjoy your break.



CLASSROOM #1: THE SUPER HEROES

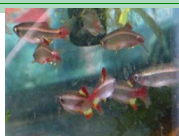
We are excited about our field trip to the zoo this month! The units we will be working on are Spring, Shades of Blue and Green and Watch My Garden Grow. We will also introduce a gun safety program called Eddie Eagle. More information about this safety program will be going home. We have been busy working on letters, letter sounds, number 0-30, sight words, compound words and rhyming words. Please remember to have a change of clothes in your child's cubby. Thank you for everything you do!

Ms. Shana & Ms. Elaine



CLASSROOM #2: WISE OWLS

In the month of March we will be learning about the city and the country, we will be talking about what we see in the city verses the county from the cars, sounds, houses. We are reviewing the letters in our name, and letter sounds. We will be going to the zoo on March 3; parents who would like to follow behind the bus are required to pay a fee to get in the zoo. During spring break we are encouraging parents to continue to read to your children daily and practice writing their names and reviewing numbers and letter sounds. MS. Danna and I would like to thank all the parents who participated in our family involvement activities. We would also like to thank the parents for coming to our parent meetings; it is a great way to get into the habit of going to them as your child progresses in school. We also like to thank our parents for your continue corporation and your support!



CLASSROOM #3: THE MINNOWS

Hello! From classroom 3: The Minnows This month we will be learning about city and country life. The children will be learning beginning sounds, identifies printed letters (focus on letter Cc), retelling stories, combining and separating groups, understanding whole and parts. In addition to learning about how people create food, clothing, and shelter from natural resources. We will be conducting simple science experiments, such as creating a volcano, identifying what things are made of, sorting and making patterns. In Second Step we will continue with learning to how to cooperate, share, how to respect others, use calm- down techniques and naming our feelings. In IMIL and dancing with Choosy, the children will be introduced to other types of music, such as Ireland (river dancing), jazz (smooth and calm) and country music. Fun! fun! fun!

We would like to extend our thanks to our parents:

James Brown, Antwanette Brockington, Alice Rodriguez, Maureen Fields, Diamond Williams, Andre Foster, Tra'quan Gervin, Sr., Mekiayla Curry, Cassieopia McQueen, Latisha Brockington, Derwin Davis, Kyra Cord, Toni Savage, Brandi Hamilton, Terra & Alfred Shellman, Senovia Capers, Aramitha White and Shavonya Henry for their support.

Please remember:

Check your child's cubby for clothes.
Blankets go home every Friday.

Thank you,! Mrs. Mary & Mrs. Teresa



CLASSROOM #4 BUTTERFLIES

For every parent in classroom 4 at EVEC : our class we will be learning about the differences between City / Country. Remember also the last Wednesday of the month we do parent meetings. We will have a transition meeting on Thursday March 9th, only for the parents who have a child going to kindergarten. Please mark your calendars and join us for this important meeting. Valuable information pertaining your child's transition will be given, in addition to some fun activities and snacks.

Ms. Bethzaida & Ms. Natalie



CLASSROOM #5: SUPER STARS

The #5 SuperStars are getting excited learning about themselves and how we are all alike and different. We are exploring the different clothes we wear, how we are all different shapes and sizes and how are families are different sizes too! We continue working on letter recognition and letter sounds and our Kindergarten bound children are now working on sight words. Thank you to our parents for bringing the children to school and for our Kindergarten parents for attending the meetings!

Ms. Krista & Ms. Monica

Policy Council update for February 2017

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.

Policy Council members were advised that our program has been asked to submit a grant proposal for Volusia/Flagler United Way. The grant proposals will request funding to support kindergarten readiness and promote healthy lifestyles in Volusia County.

The next Policy Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 23rd at 10 am. It will be a video conference meeting.



PARENT MEETING MINUTES

EVEC HEAD START

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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2017

Meeting call to Order @12:45 – Ms. Alicia Graham

Old Business - Minutes read from last meeting – Alicia Graham

Policy Council Minutes were read

Classroom #1 performed for the parents. Ms. Shana Syek gave a report on behalf of the teachers.

New Business –

Spring into Nutrition – March 1st 2017- VC Fairgrounds

Field Trip – March 3rd Sanford Zoo

Spring Break – End of the day March 13th – March 17th

Summer VPK remember to sign up for your Vouchers

Parents voted on another Annual Parent Activity- which is Nutrition to be held on Thursday April 20th 2017@ 1:00pm

Parent Surveys Reminder

Family Engagement Activity Classrooms – TBD

Applications for new school year to start soon

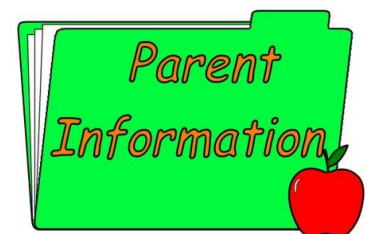
Announcements – CDS Ms. Crystal Hill

Family Engagement: Michael Davis –

FA- Ms. Janet Ali & Ms. Alicia Graham

Please be reminded that regular attendance is very important to our program. Also try 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 volunteering at the center and helping to make a difference. Next Parent Meeting: March 22nd 2017.

Adjournment



Perfect Attendance for February

Classroom 1

Rayleigh Brown
Fernando Delong
Deria Gordon
Emmanuel Richardson
LeBron Sampson
Kayson Taylor

Classroom 2

Rashaud Dunn
Ra'mya Hardy
Enora Jean
Journey King

Classroom 3

Sariah Brown
Journey Fields
Ashton Foster
Janiece McIntosh
Ky'Lei Shropshire

Classroom 4

Printence Dunkley
Kharon Lindsey
Axel Mencias-Castro
Melanie Wiggins

Classroom 5

Micah Gaines
London Hall
Farrah Massey
Davona Stokes
Honesti Williams
Jace Williams

Perfect 
Attendance!