



EVEC May Newsletter

The next Parent Meeting is May 24th at 2:15 pm

Early Release:

- *May 17th
- *May 24th

Important Dates:

- * May 26th—LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- * May 25th- Mother's Day Boutiques @ 12pm

Family Involvement:

May 24th @ 1:30

Policy Council Meeting:

May 24th

Kindergarten Transition Meeting:

May 11th & 2:15

Spring Festival—

May 26th @ 9:30 am



It is hard to believe that this is our last newsletter. Our preschool year is winding down and many of our preschoolers will be off to kindergarten in the fall. Remember, going to school is a natural progression for children and most will be very ready to go. To help your child look forward to a new school, be sure to talk positively about attending kindergarten. Talk often about making new friends, learning new things, growing up, and becoming a "big boy or girl." Plan to attend your school's orientation with your child, visit your public library and read, read, read to your child over the summer months. Head Start "transition bags" contain some terrific ideas for learning new things and having big fun.

We thank you for entrusting your child to us this year. We have enjoyed working with all of the children in our care and have seen growth, development and skill acquisition in all of the boys and girls. We have also witnessed how the children have grown in the way they deal with frustration and the care and concern they express for one another.

Have A Safe and Healthy Summer!

Thank you for being your child's first and most important teacher and working with us on behalf of your child. We thank you for your support throughout the year. We feel a close partnership with our parents and send you our best wishes.

Hoorah for preschoolers!!! We appreciate your support. Have a wonderful and safe summer!



FAMILY ADVOCATE'S CORNER

The school year is quickly coming to an end. Can you believe summer is almost here? For some of you this will be a new beginning as your child transitions to kindergarten. Please remember to attend Registration and Orientation at your child's zoned school. Always ask questions when you have concerns. To help relieve anxiety A Guide for Parents about Kindergarten Student Expectations is available with lots of helpful information. Please be reminded that Applications are being taken at this time. To the families who are returning contact your Family Advocate @ 386-323-7114 or 386-323-7115 to have appointment scheduled for enrollment. Parents who are interested in VPK for the summer or during the school year 2017- 2018 you can start applying for your vouchers. Thank you for your involvement and helping to make a difference this year, we look forward to your support in the future. Enjoy your summer.




CLASSROOM #1: THE SUPER HEROES

We can't believe it's the end of the school year already! This month we will be working on Let's Make Music, Creative Expression and the Strawberry Patch. It has been so nice watching the children grow physically and academically this year. They have learned so much and are ready to take the giant leap into kindergarten. Please review letters, sounds and numbers with your child over the summer. Thank you for everything you helped this school year.
Have a safe and happy summer!

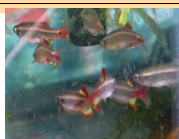
Ms. Shana & Ms. Elaine



CLASSROOM #2: WISE OWLS

 For the month of May our theme is ready for kindergarten, our class will be reviewing our ABC's, counting and reviewing shapes. They will be reviewing shapes, colors, numbers, and alphabets; we also will be reviewing the spelling of our names. Each week on our white board we have a new letter, shape, color, picture and a number listed, please feel free to ask your child what letter of shape we are working on and help them name objects that start with that letter. Ms. Danna and I are encouraging parents to continue to read to your children daily and practice writing their names and reviewing numbers and letter sounds. Parents if you are able we would like for you to come out and support our class in June for our spring festival. We would also like to thank parents for coming to our parent meeting: 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 continued corporation and your support!

Ms. Danna and Ms. Kathryn



CLASSROOM #3: THE MINNOWS

Wow! How time has flew. It's almost the end of another year. This month the children are reviewing things they have learn throughout the year; letters, numbers, and color recognition. The children are continuing with writing their names and emerging in literacy skills, storytelling, art and other creative ideas within our classroom. The children are continuing to learn the importance of having good character and self-control. This has been a good year and thanks to our families for allowing us to impart educational and social skills in your children. Have a great summer!

Mrs. Mary & Mrs. Teresa



CLASSROOM #4 BUTTERFLIES

We cannot believe we are at the end of the school year. We are happy to see how our children have grown in many ways, however we are sad to say good-bye. We have made many good memories. We are a school family. We hope our children take with them lifetime skills. Our teaching is based on love and consistency. We want to say Thank You to all parents who participate in coming to the meetings and special activities. Please work individually with your child during summer, especially the ones who go to kindergarten. A short time during meals, walking to the store, at the store, before going to bed...anytime. Use the moments that will come and review letters and numbers. Read books about going to kindergarten and ask to write his/her name everyday once. Parents please be safe. Summer is a great time but many accidents may happen. Take extra precautions. It was a pleasure to serve your family. Every child can teach us something and this year was a learning experience for us too! We will keep your child in our prayers. We wish the best from the bottom of our hearts, Mrs. Bethzaida and Mrs. Natalie!



CLASSROOM #5: SUPER STARS

Classroom 5 has been working hard as the last weeks of school are upon us. We are learning about numbers, counting , sequencing, addition and subtraction. We have done water experiments to see how it affects plants and what the word evaporation means as well as talking about water density, why some things float in water and why some sink. They are excited about having hands no experiences in the classroom! Reminder to our parents about the final Kindergarten Transition meeting and another chance to be entered in to win our grand prize beach bag giveaway! Thank you again to our parents for all that you do! We appreciate you!

Ms. Krista & Ms. Monica

Policy Council update for April 2017

The April Policy Council meeting was held on Thursday, April 27th at 9:30 am. It was a face to face meeting at the Holiday Inn Express in Leesburg, Florida. Eleven policy council members (9 parents and 2 community partner members) were present.

Fourteen persons were approved for hire.

The following reports were approved/accepted: February 2017 Budget, January - February 2017 Credit Cards, Enrollment/ Attendance, Meals and Snacks, Service Area and Center.

The MFCS Annual Audit was reviewed by Program Director, Heidi Rand. There were no findings. Policy council members were encouraged to review the document and advised that additional copies could be made available upon request.

A review of the Community Wide Strategic Planning and Needs Assessment was led by Carol Coffie, Assistant Director of Early Learning Programs. The review included the process for data collection and a summary of the 828 survey responses. The top five needs identified by parents include Child Care, Transportation, Employment, Dental Care and Housing.

Policy Council members approved the following revisions to the By Laws:

*EHS will have representation on Policy Council
Centers with more than 5 classrooms can have an additional representative on Policy Council
Policy council to meet at least 10 times per year*

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

Heidi Rand provided the following update about the Early Head Start (EHS) Expansion:

*Classrooms at the Jo Sheppard site and the Hernando Head Start site are being renovated and are expected to be completed by mid
-June*

Additional EHS Classrooms will be renovated and opened later in the program year

EHS training for managers has been scheduled for early May

*Training for teachers, family service and health service members is being coordinated for early
June.*

Attempts are being made to coordinate a CDA credential training for anyone interested in being an Early Head Start teacher

*All classrooms at Pathways Port Orange location will become Head Start/ Early Head Start classrooms as of 2017-18 program
year*

The following announcements were made:

Applications for Early Head Start and Head Start for 2017-18 program year are being accepted

Week of May 1st is Teacher Appreciation Week

*Note of thanks was given to Juan Echezebal, Rocio Renteria and Adelani Adekunle for being a part of interview teams for Early
Head Start/Head Start positions*

The next Policy Council meeting date will be announced.



PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Welcome – All

Meeting call to Order – Chairperson Ms. Maureen Fields

Old Business - Minutes read from last meeting -Secretary

Classroom Performance: Classroom 4

Ms. Bethzaida

Parents were reminded about the following:

- One more Early Release
- Summer VPK: remember to get your Vouchers from ELC
- Applications for new school year has started see the FAs
- Kindergarten Trip: April 27th to TT Small
- Transition Meeting: ALL Kindergarten Parents: May 11th 2:00 pm
- Remember Photo ID is required for family members picking up children.

End of the year Festival @ EVEC: May 26th it is also the last day for students. Only two classrooms allowed on the playground at a time. Activities can also be set up in classrooms.

CDS: Ms. Crystal Hill

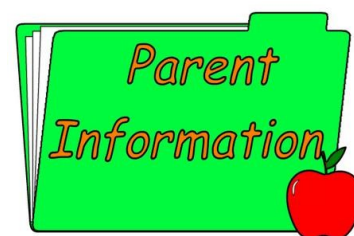
FA: Ms. Janet Ali & Ms. Alicia Graham

- Rollovers will be contacted to sign up on h computer
- 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: Wednesday May 24, 2017

Adjournment



Perfect Attendance for April

Classroom 1

Alahna Conaway
Deria Gordon

Classroom 2

Adyan Alvarez
Jerond Harvey
Enora Jean
Journey King
Kalvin Pride
Malvin White
Ma'Rhiya Williams

Classroom 3

Kelvin Pride
Ky'Lei Shropshire

Classroom 4

Trenton Branch
Kharon Lindsey
Melanie Wiggins

Classroom 5

Farrah Massey
Charles Paschal
Davona Stokes
Honesti Williams

Perfect 
Attendance!