



EVEC January Newsletter

**The Parent Meeting is January 18
at 2:15 pm**

Early Release:

- *Jan. 10
- *Jan. 17
- *Jan. 24
- *Jan. 31

Important Dates:

- * No School January 15
MLK Jr Day

Family Involvement:

- *January 18 @ 1:30

Policy Council Meeting:

- *January 25th @ 10am

Library Trip:

- *January 12th @ 10am
- *January 26th @ 10am



Welcome Back

From the Desk of: Crystal Hill, CDS

It is amazing how quickly the New Year comes and goes. I hope you had a wonderful break! We are already beginning to plan for next year! We are happy to see all your smiling faces back school. We wish you all a Happy 2018 and look forward to all the exciting events to come throughout the school year. As studies show it is important for children to stick to a routine, see the helpful information below.

Toy Safety Shopping Tips: Buy the right toy for the right age child

Ages 3 through 5

Avoid toys that are constructed with thin, brittle plastic that might easily break into small pieces or leave jagged edges.

Look for household art materials, including crayons and paint sets, marked with the designation "ASTM D-4236." This means the product has been reviewed by a toxicologist and, if necessary, labeled with cautionary information.

Teach older children to keep their toys away from their younger brothers and sisters.

READ THE LABEL....

Shopping for toys during the holidays can be exciting and fun, but it can also be frustrating. There can be thousands of toys to choose from in one store, and it's important to choose the right toy for the right age child. Toys that are meant for older children can be dangerous for younger children.

Last year, an estimated 140,700 children were treated in the U.S. hospital emergency rooms after toy-related incidents and 13 children died.



FAMILY ADVOCATE'S CORNER



FA Corner



Believe it or not the Holiday Season is here! Wow! The children are all so excited at this time of the year. So much to eat, lots of goodies, cookies and pies for everyone. Enjoy the Holidays as you spend quality time together. It is an ideal time to choose age appropriate books, puzzles and toys for the children.

It has been a great school year so far. Make sure health records are updated where needed. Check the cubbies and change clothes for the cooler weather. Have a Merry Christmas & a Blessed New Year. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year 2018. Please be safe and remember to help the children make healthy choices.

CLASSROOM #1: THE SUPER HEROES

We have made it into a new year😊 This year we will be working a little harder as we are trying to make sure our children are prepared for Kindergarten. We will be doing more writing, working on sight words, learning how to write words that are written down and begin adding and subtracting. We will continue working on sorting, sizing, grouping and ordering. We will be learning more about position words and descriptive words. In our Second Step Curriculum we will be learning about Managing Waiting, Fair Ways to Play and having Fun With Our Friends. Our Themes for the month will be Winter Carnival, Building In Our City, Let's Go For A Ride and Homes We Build. Ms. Kenya & Mrs. Lorri

CLASSROOM #2: INSIDE OUT

The Inside outs in the month of January are going to be learning about animals everywhere, we also will be reviewing the animal habitats as well. Please make sure you take time to do your child's home activities with them so you can incorporate what we are working on at school while they are at home. It also gives you an idea of what we are working on in class as well. We also will be talking about Martin Luther King Jr. and what he stood for and how it make it possible for all of us to work together as one, we will also be going on a walk in his honor. Ms. Danna and I would also like to thank all the parents that take time to come in to participate in our family involvement activities it means so much to all of the children. Thank you to all our parents for participating in our parent meetings we greatly appreciate it. We also like to thank our parents for all your continue corporation and your support! Ms. Kathi/Ms. Danna

CLASSROOM #3: THE SHINING STARS

Welcome back EVEC family. We hope everyone had an wonderful Holiday break and Happy New Year 2018. This month we are going to learn about different animals and their habitats. Each week we will be learning a different, letter, number, color and shape in our classroom. We would appreciate your participation in the home activities with your child. A great big shout out to all the parents who have been volunteer in the classroom. Remember our day starts at 8:05 am, please be here on time. Thank you for your support!

CLASSROOM #4 UNDER THE SEA

In December, we will be learning about the colors of fall, cantaloupe, and so many trees. We will continue to practice name writing without prompts. We will continue learning letter sounds and practice number recognition. We are enjoying the Reading Pals program that all students attend twice a week. We are focusing on positive behaviors by implementing a "friendship jar" in our classroom. Students get to put a stone in when they do something nice or be a good friend to a peer. Feel free to ask your child if they have got to put a stone in yet or what they can do to get one in. We would love to have some volunteers in the classroom! You can play games with a small group of children, help set up for meals, clean, read stories, or whatever you are comfortable with. Thanks for your continued support in your child's education. You will always be their first teacher! Mrs. Amanda & Ms. Mary

CLASSROOM #5: JUNGLE BUDDIES

Welcome to the New Year 2018!

We are hoping all our parents have had a peaceful winter recess, enjoying your children. We are making new goals for our children, we are half way to our school year. Hope we can see those goals reached very quickly so we can get together and challenge our children to learn more skills. Our main interest is to see our children ready to start a successful kindergarten year. Please you parents are more than welcome to come volunteer in our classroom. Please help us with some practice like: counting up to 30, recognizing numbers 1-10. We are going to send home specific homework for each child. Now we are in winter season , please make sure your child dress properly for the weather, please send your child with a jacket we go outside every day. Thank you

Policy Council update for January 2018

The **December Policy Council meeting** was held on Thursday, December 14th at 10am via video conference. A quorum was established. Eleven policy council members were present. Twelve staff members were present.

The **following reports were reviewed and approved:** *Budget, Credit Cards, Enrollment/ Attendance, Meals and Snacks, Service Areas and Centers.* Parent Activity requests for Bushnell and Spring Hill were approved.

Candidates for the following job vacancies have been **approved for hire:**

Hernando: Substitute Teacher in Brooksville/Spring Hill

Hernando: Part-time Early Head Start Teacher

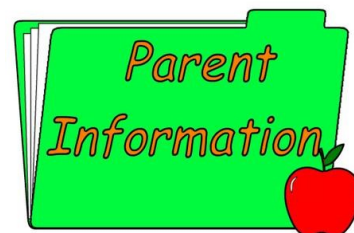
Hernando: Early Head Start Teacher

Hernando: Head Start Teacher III

Hernando: Head Start Teacher V in Spring Hill

Volusia: Floating Early Head Start Teacher at Oakridge

Volusia: Center Aide Substitute for Volusia County



Mid Florida Community Services Finance Officer - Diane Berube, conducted a **budget training**. The highlights of the training included the various program related budgets (Head Start, Early Head Start, VPK and USDA) that are reviewed monthly, how to read the budget reports and the different budget periods. It was noted that the cost per child expense for Early Head Start is higher than the cost for a Head Start child. VPK instruction, totaling 3 hours a day, is provided in designated locations. The USDA budget is developed based on the number of meals served in the prior year.

Child Development Specialist-Jennifer Fowler, led an **information session on the Galileo Curriculum** which included accessing and navigating Galileo on their computer. Each parent was reminded that a personal Galileo password has been established for them and a magnet was given out earlier in the year for parents to write their personal password on. This magnet can be placed on the refrigerator for quick reference. Parents were encouraged to access Galileo regularly to access their child's profile which includes the following: information about what their child *has learned*, what their child is *ready to learn* and activities parents can do with their children at home to support the development of new skills.

Deputy Director of Children's Services - Amy Thomas, presented **the Child Outcomes Analysis Report**. She explained that these reports help identify if children are making developmental gains. The report consists of two different scores: baseline (starting point) and gains (progress). The goal is for each child to have a 50 point increase from the time they started the program to the end of the school year.

Director of Early Learning Programs - Heidi Rand, reported that a **Federal Monitoring Review** will take place the week of **February 12th, 2018**. Parents are encouraged to discuss any program concerns about their center, with their Family Advocate or Child Development Specialist before that time. The review will consist of classroom observations using the *CLASS* (Classroom Assessment Scoring System) tool, review of program data records, health and safety checks, interviews of policy council members and staff.

Policy Council meetings are held the 4th Thursday of each month, unless rescheduled due to holidays. The **next meeting** will be held on January 25th @ 10am. It will be a face-to-face meeting at Lake-Sumter State College in Leesburg, FL.

PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Meeting call to Order – Chairperson Ms. Evelina Graham

Old Business - Minutes read from last meeting: Secretary

Classroom # 4 – Performed for parents:

New Business–

Family Engagement Activity December 19th: Gifts from Santa Donated by First Baptist Church- Daytona Beach.

Library Trips: Jan 12th & 26th

Last day of school Wednesday Dec 20th 2017

Classes Resume – Monday January 8th 2018

Closed Jan 15th: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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

FA explained to parent the purpose of this Activity and the choices. When parents vote on an Activity FA will forward request to Policy Council for Approval

Money Smart: New Year Resolution- Ways to save money

Information was given to parents to read and hopefully make smart financial decisions.

FA- Ms. Janet Ali & Ms. Alicia Graham reminded parents to update all personal info such as Phone numbers, new address and pick up list. Most of all we thank you for your support and volunteering in the classrooms. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Perfect Attendance for December

Classroom 1

Adyan Alvarez
Sariah Brown
Ashton Foster
Tra'quan Gervin-Townsend
Ze'Onna Lyons
Ky'Lei Shropshire
Ethan Williams

Classroom 2

Nicky Allen
Avaya Jones

Classroom 3

Rashid Dunn
Jonas Paschal
K'Lynn Reed

Classroom 4

Rashaud Dunn
Jerond Harvey
Kelynd Smith
Jayla Hatter

Classroom 5

Jeyden Arzuaga Davila
Charles Paschal
Axel Mencias-Castro
Joyce Hatter
Ma'Rhiya Williams

VIP Parent for December

Classroom 1

Diamond Williams
Parent of Ashton Foster

Classroom 2

Barbara Bright
Parent of Ky'Ra Jackson

Classroom 3

Evelina Graham
Parent of Rashid Dunn

Classroom 4

Dontae Lingard
Parent of Aaron Lingard

Classroom 5

Blanca Nidia Castro-Cruz
Parent of Axel Mencias-Castro

Perfect 
Attendance!