



February 2017

Newsletter Holly Hill Head Start



Happy February!

From the Desk of: Jennifer Tinstman, CDS
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Our new year is off to a great start! Happy February to all of the children and families! This is the month that we associate with Valentine's Day and love and caring. Take some time this month to teach your child to care for other people by expressing kindness through their words, a hug or just taking time to visit or play with friends and family members. The teachers spend a lot of time each day teaching the children social skills and ways to show caring for one another. During this Valentine's month of February would be an excellent time to reinforce at home ways to help and care for others.

With the cooler 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. If your child is ill and cannot attend school, please let your teacher or family advocate know that they will be out for the day. We appreciate your help keeping us informed.

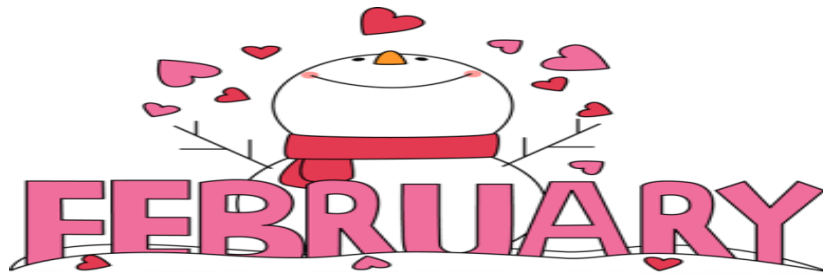
Please make sure that children are coming to school each day with weather appropriate clothing and note that the classrooms still go outside each day weather permitting.

Thank you for your participation in classroom events, parent meetings, and activities with your child. We will have our first Transition to Kindergarten meeting this month as well for those families with children who will be moving on in August.

Always remember, YOU are your child's first teacher and your involvement makes all the difference in your child's school success

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From FA's Desk:

- For all those parents who owe the physical and shot record and have not been able to turn in the documents please contact the family representative as soon as possible.
- Dental, if you have not taking your child into the dentist please make an appointment as soon as possible, if you have any question please contact you Family Advocate, please don't hesitate.

Family Engagement Activity on February 14th

Parent meeting on February 16th at 2:15

No school on February 20th President's Day. (Holiday)



Desperately seeking new ways to celebrate Valentine's Day with your little sweetheart?

Share: Cards of course! Whether you make your own cards or opt for a box set for handing out at school, heed this teachers tip: have your child just sign his or her own name. This cuts down on the time it takes for special deliveries around the room. For a perfect card idea for little guys, check out the monster cards at makeandtakes.com. And if your son isn't into handing out cards, check with his teacher, he may be able to pass out pencils instead.

Watch: If you allow yourself enough time, Netflix has a handful of Valentine's Day flicks for kids. You can add Clifford's Be My Big Red Valentine, Miss Spider's Happy Heartwood Day, or Elmo Loves You! or watch Be My Valentine, Love Barney instantly. Have a great day!

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Teachers Report



Classroom 1

This month we will talk about famous Americans for Black History month. We will learn about great people such as Rosa Parks, President Barack Obama, Martin Luther King Jr., as well as many other famous inventors and Presidents. We will also be focusing on the letters V as we make our own Valentines cards for our loved ones, L for love, H for happy and K for kind as we focus on being kind to family and friends. We will show that through the letters we will learn about throughout the month. The themes of the month are “Clothes for My Body,” “Hats on My Head,” and “All Shapes and Sizes.” We must always remember to make sure we reinforce our Second Step Curriculum as we send home weekly activities for you to review with your child.

It's that time again. It's Home Visit time. Please sign-up for a day and time that is convenient for you. Always remember it has to be after 2:00 PM. We look forward to visiting with you!!!

Special thanks to all that came out to participate in our Parent Involvement Activity.

Happy Birthday to Lilly Frederick (2/10)

Always remember you are your child's first teacher.

Mrs. Stephanie/ Mrs. Laura



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Teachers Report



Classroom 2

Dear Family

We are working on the theme "Animals Everywhere". The children are learning about many different animals in the world, and classifying Farm animals ,Wild animlas. Also we will identify Land or Sea animlas, and sorting by attribute .We're learning new letters sounds , and reinforcing letters we've learned. Our Second Step teaches us fair ways to play (take turns, trade and play together).We will be working on" building a construction zone" . The children will continue counting and matching object s to the correct number.

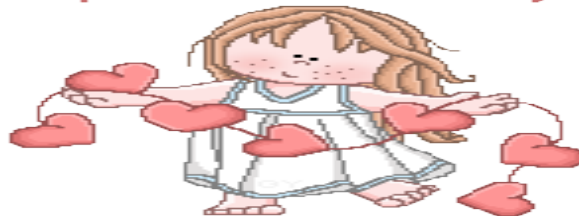
Thanks to all parents that were "Present" in our Parent Meeting and Parent Involvement Activity .

Valentine day is coming soon if you would like your child to bring in Valentine's Day Cards please have your child put his/her name only on the card.

Ms. Ada / Ms. Wimberly



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Classroom 3

For the month of February we will be learning about The Construction Zone. During this unit we will have fun discovering the tools and equipment used for construction. In literacy, we will focus on the letters and sounds for Bb, Mm, and Rr as well as review all letters learned. In math, we will continue counting objects and number recognition. We will begin to compare length, height, and size using standard and non-standard units to measure. February is Black History month and Valentine's Day. We will be studying famous black people in history and enjoy making Valentine's Day crafts.

In regards to Valentine's Day, if you would like your child to bring in Valentine's Day Cards please have your child put his/her name only on the card. We will not be passing out a list of names since it is too difficult for our children to read names.

As a reminder please have your child here by 8:00 am. If you know you are going to be late please call to let us know.

We would like to wish Ms. Sheila a Happy Birthday!!!





Teachers Report



Classroom 4

Greetings from the All-Stars!!! In the month of February our themes will be The Homes We Build, Down on the Farm, and All Shapes and Sizes. We will be celebrating Black History Month and the students will learn about different African American Leaders. Our family engagement activity will be a Valentines Dance and we are looking forward to having a great time. We are asking all parents to come out and join us. We will also start working on forming and taking apart compound words/ spelling and recognizing some basic site words. Parents please continue to work with your child on alphabets/alphabet sounds, number/color/shape recognition, counting and social/emotional skills. We would like to wish Genesis Flores a Happy Birthday!!

Ms. Keyanna / Ms. Katherine



Classroom 5

We are moving forward in learning how to write our first and last names, learning new letters and sounds and how to deal with our feelings to calm down when we are angry or disappointed. Remind your child to follow the three steps in calming down. 1) Put your hands on your tummy. 2) Name your feelings. 3) Take belly breaths. This month we will be learning about All shapes and sizes, Clothes for my body and Hats on my head. Our Second Step lesson will introduce Fair ways to play as we have Fun with our friends. We would like to thank all of our parents who came out to support us for our parent meeting and Male Involvement activity. We encourage you to continue and keep up the good work you are doing to be involved in your child's education. We look forward to seeing you for our next meeting .Please remember to check your child's mail box for any important information we may be sending home. Thanks again for your support and assistance in helping to make this year the best year for your child to learn and grow with us.

Mrs. Gaynell & Ms. Deborah



Policy Council Report

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 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 23rd at 10 am. It will be a video conference meeting.



Holly Hill Head Start
Parent's Meeting Minutes
Day: 10 Month: 1 Year: 2017

- Parent Meeting started at: 2:15pm
- Parents were greeted by: Ms. Tiwanda and Ms. Betsy
- The Pledge of Allegiance was leaded by: Mr. Juan Echezabal and Mr. Michael
- Minutes for the parent meeting taken by: Betsabe Glenn
- Parents were notified of coming Important Dates:
 - No school on Monday January 16th Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
 - Early release for the month of January on 11th, 18, and 25th.
 - Family engagement activity on February 14th at 1:00pm
 - Parent meeting for the month of February on Tuesday February 12th at 2:15pm

Notes:

-CDS: The CDS thanked all the parents who participated in the gift wrapping for the children. Also the CDS invited the parent to take a look of our vegetable garden. CDS encourage the parent to participate in our meeting transition to kindergarten like helping with the decoration.

-FA: Spoke about Chrysalis health for children and adolescents that need counseling.

-Ms. Sheila spoke for all classes, classroom 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Classroom 1, 4 and 5 those classrooms are working in the month of January which will include

“Homes We Build” “Building in our City” and “Let’s go for a ride” The teacher will continue Working with the children on letter and beginning and ending sounds, practice the writing

skills; identifying numbers and enhancing our cognitive skill through reading.

Classroom 2 and 3: The children are working on Math, uses one to one correspondence when

counting objects. Also they are working on Felling in their bodies. Also they are reinforcing the

shapes, colors and patterns.

-Mr. Michael thanked the parent that participated in the family engagement activity for the month of January.

-The children from classroom 3 sang the song “Thank you”

Meeting adjourned at: 2:35pm Present: 11 Parent Committee: 1 Staff: 9
Minutes taken by: Betsabe Glen



Reminders!!!!



Parent Engagement activity on February 14, 2017 at 10:00

a.m. Valentine's Dance

Parent Meeting – February 16, 2017 at 2:15

President Day - February 20, 2017 NO CLASS

Check to see if your child is in need of an extra change of clothes and make sure they are appropriate for the weather

