



PRESCHOOL NEWS

Horizon Head Start



February -2017

Some Quick Notes

We want to thank all the parents for the support completing and returning home activities, participating in school meetings and parent activities. We encourage you to work with your child at home; writing and spelling their name, letter sounds, counting objects and number recognition. Remember, make sure your child has a change of clothes, and bring a jacket in case the day does not warm up. Please try to make it for Family Engagement activities. The teachers and your child will appreciate it.

January Perfect Attendance

Delgado-Filpo, Jaelynn
Edwards, Marayla
Garner, Lukas
Levine, Riley
Loven, Arielle
Oley, Abriella
Wilson-Valentin, Christopher

Themes and Activities

During this month of January we learned about animals, we classified animals based on the way they move and their habitats. This month our theme is "Construction Zone", we will be learning about tool and different ways to build. We will also practice letters Bb, Mm, and Rr. Through Second Step we learned how to manage anger, manage waiting and the fair ways to play. We will be learning about the "Fair ways to Play", "Having Fun with Friends", "Inviting to Play and Joining in with Play".

Announcements

February Birthday's

Ms. Elaine February 3rd



Important Dates

Family Engagement Activity
Parent Meeting
Field Trip
Early Release

Monday 2/6 @1:30
Monday 2/6 @2:00
Tuesday 2/7
February 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd

"Valentine's Day Mailbox"

Museum



F.A. Corner

As the months are flying by we would like to thank everyone for their continued Participation in our Head Start program. Note. February 20th Volusia County children will have school. Please make sure you dress your child accordingly to the weather and also please remember to update new phone numbers and addresses. We look forward to the rest of the year. If you need assistance please call me at 386-492-6680. Thank You, Yvette Family Advocate.

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.

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



Horizon Parent Meeting, January 9th Minutes

Meeting was called to order and the minutes were read from last parent meeting. The policy council Report was read. It was stated about the importance of Galileo and it was also talked about the importance of attendance. Once again it was asked that if your child was going to be late or out to please call the school to let the teachers know. Ms. Jeamary was introduced as the new teacher in the class. On January 16th the school will be closed due to the observance of Martin Luther King Day. New suggestions for our parent activity as parents no longer wanted to go Bowling. A movie was suggested and then the idea of First Aid CPR was also mentioned. Parents Voted on First Aid and CPR pending the availability of Teresa Moran who may be offering the class. The Parents have decided on the month of March. On February 7th will be a field trip the Museum of arts. Bus will leave promptly at 9:30 AM Once again it was stressed that if parents bring their own food children are not to eat it. They have to eat what is being served by Head Start. February 6th is our next parent Meeting. Meeting Adjourned and parents were thanked for attending the parent meeting.





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 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!

