



January 2017

Horizon Head Start Newsletter



Dear Parents & Families,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to school! We are excited to be back. We will be learning about Animals Everywhere this month. In Second Step, we are learning to name our feelings, and how to manage anger & disappointment. We do this by holding our belly, saying stop, & taking a deep breath. This month we will review the letters Uu, Yy, and Ww. We will learn the letters Ff, Aa, & Zz. In Nutrition we will learn all about the sweet potato. We will taste it raw as well as cooked. As always, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask!

Mrs. Teresa; Ms. Elaine; Mrs. Whiston; Mrs. Alice

January Birthdays

NONE

December Perfect Attendance

Ayda Broce

Kylie Clinger-Brewster

Riley Levine

Jake Levine

Arileel Loven

Christopher Wilson-Valentin

Parent News

Family Engagement Activity

*Monday 1/9@1:30 Family Activity Graham
Cracker Snowmen*

Parent Meeting

Monday, 1/6 @ 2pm

Closings:

Monday, Jan 16th - MLK Day

Early Release:

January 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th





FA. Corner

Can you believe January is here? Yes the school year is flying by and we are looking forward to a brand new year. I hope you all had a restful Winter Break. Please be mindful of your child's attendance as it is key. We need the children at school every day. We want to thank everyone for their continued participation in our Head Start Program. Please make sure you update your shots, physicals, and phone numbers

Thank you! Yvette, Family Advocate

Policy Council update for December 2016

The December Policy Council meeting was held on Tuesday, December 13th at 10:00 am via video conference. Fourteen policy council members (12 parents and 2 community partner members) were present.

The following persons were approved for hire:

Dawnelle Noles, Program Substitute – Volusia (east side)

Yeymary Gordian, Center Aide – Coleman Center, Volusia

The following reports were approved: Budget and Credit Cards, Enrollment/Attendance, Meals and Snacks, Service Area and Center. Three parent activity requests were approved.

The Galileo Outcomes Analysis Report and six new educational procedures were reviewed.

The next Policy Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 10 am. It will be a face to face meeting in Leesburg.



Parent Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened at 2:05 PM. Items discussed were the reading of the previous minutes. We had 13 parents in attendance. We changed the times of the meeting due to conflicting hours of school. Policy council report was how attendance is key and if children are going to be late, they need to call in. Also if children are going to be late they need to sign in at the front desk and then walk their kids to the back. At the Policy Council Meeting it was also talked about Early Head Start and how we have a Grant application in. We are hoping to hear something by April. Possible location would be on Ridgewood and Mason Ave. We talked about requesting funds for our Parent Activity. Some of the ideas were the Ormond Bowling Lanes, and to go Fishing. Another Idea was shopping for Christmas but Mr. Michael did explain it was too late for that one. Teacher Report Upcoming field trip to Santa's Tree farm in Eustis. Also encouraged parents to log into Galileo, and if they need a new password they can help. Crystal CDS gave the Chaperone training for the parents and explained their duties. She let the parents know that if they brought their lunch children were not to eat it. They have to eat what Head Start provides to them. She and Michael did let parents know that they can't take their kids to the gift shop and that they had to stay with the group. Crystal Spoke about Mrs. Nikki and that although she will be returning in January; she will not be coming back to the classroom. FA reminded parents to please update phone numbers, and addresses, and to also be mindful of the weather. Please update shots and physicals as well. December 20th at the end of the school day Winter Break Starts, and Children Return to school on January 4th which is also an early Release day? Meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM





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 2017 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.

