



The Holidays are quickly approaching... and with this time of year come many family activities. Please communicate with the teachers if your child will be absent. Also, below are the school holidays that we will be observing in the month of November.

Friday Nov. 10 – Veteran's Day
Wed.-Thurs.-Fri Nov. 22-24 Thanksgiving

Important Phone numbers
Head Start Cell Phone – 386-624-1772
Ms. Yvette (family advocate) – 386-492-6680
Horizon Office – 386-322-6150

If you are running late or picking up your child early, please remember to sign-in at the front office to get your security badge. This helps us keep our campus safe.

Important Activities

Nov. 8 – Parent Meeting @ 1:15 pm

Nov. 16 – Parent Activity @ 1:15pm

During our last parent/child activity, we made pumpkin bags!

Any activity ideas the parents would like to share with us would be appreciated!!

Perfect Attendance

Travis Hand, Maykin Hubbard,

Selina Speller, Christopher Wilson-Valentin

POLICY COUNCIL REPORT

A mandatory **Policy Council training** was held on Thursday, October 26th at 9:30am at Lake Sumter State College in Leesburg. The **October Policy Council meeting** started at noon on this date immediately after the mandatory training. Eighteen 2017-18 policy council members were present. Two of the eighteen members in attendance were alternate policy council members. Voting during this meeting was limited to official policy council representatives and alternates from sites that were not represented at the meeting.

The following reports were *discussed*: Budget, Credit Cards, Enrollment/Attendance, Meals and Snacks, Service Areas and Centers.

Policy Council officers for 2017-18 were elected. The new officers are Chairperson - Jonathan Martinez (*Volusia*); Vice-Chairperson- Sheila Ramos (*Volusia*); Secretary - Pat Nohr (*Volusia*); Policy Council Liaison- Jacob Raby (*Hernando*).

Candidates for the following vacancies have been approved for hire: Early Head Start Teacher at Oak Ridge Site (*Volusia*); Teacher Assistants at Coleman (*Volusia*), Port Orange-2 (*Volusia*), Blue Lake Elementary (*Volusia*); Child Development Specialist (*Hernando*) ; Education Manager (*Hernando*, Sumter and *Volusia* counties).

Heidi Rand, Director of Early Learning Programs, advised the Policy Council of a recent Information Memorandum from the Office of Head Start that provided guidance for opportunities for programs to respond to the needs of recent hurricane victims. She also reminded the Policy Council of the Parent Activity Fund amount of \$5 per child and discussed the details of the permitted use of the funds.

Budget training will be conducted during the November Policy Council meeting by the Chief Financial Officer of Mid Florida Community Services, Kris Bates.

The School Readiness Committee will meet on Nov. 15th.

Due to the holidays, the November and December Policy Council meetings will be earlier than the regularly scheduled meeting date. The November meeting will be held on November 16th. The December meeting will be held on December 14th. Each of these meetings will be conducted via video conference. Participants will meet at the conference room of the administrative office closest to their county.

The program specialist from the Head Start Region IV Office will be visiting our program in November 14th – 17th.