



From the Desk of Jennifer Tinstman, CDS
Happy April! The months continue to fly by quickly. We are all looking forward to the many activities and events that will be happening in the last few months of our journey through the school year together. Thank you so much for all you do to support your child's learning and education. Your participation and involvement in school events and activities is so important to your child's school success and your efforts are much appreciated.

Thank you so much to parents who attended the transition to kindergarten meetings. The last one will be held on May 15th. It is an exciting time of year for all of the children as we draw closer to the preschool year end and think about all of the wonderful new experiences that lie ahead.

In April, we celebrate Earth Day which falls on April 22nd and we also recognize National Child Abuse Prevention month which acknowledges the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect, and to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families everywhere.

Wear Blue on Friday April 7th to recognize this important cause.



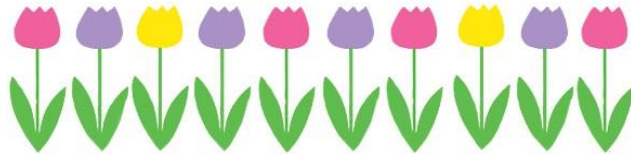
Dates to Remember:

April 5: Last Early Release Day until May 17

April 19: Family Engagement: Finding Rocks at Whistle Stop Park 12-1:30

April 19: Parent Meeting 2:15-3:00

April 28: Spring Fling: Water Play Day
12:00-1:30



It is such an exciting time of year. The children have returned from Spring Break and are ready to begin the final part of our school year. We are keeping busy learning literacy and mathematics skills.

We completed our unit on movement. We are going to begin our unit on Growing and Changing. We will learn the letters E, K, and D. We will continue with number recognition, measuring using standard and non-standard forms of measurement, shapes, patterns, as well as addition and subtraction.

In Second Step, we will review our year so we can refresh our interpersonal skills.

We are going two very fun events coming up this month. On April 19th, we will be searching for rocks that our children have painted in art class at Whistle Stop Park. This is our Family Engagement, so please come and search with us!

On April 28th, we will have our Spring Fling! We will have a water activity day where we will go to various water-themed stations. Please send your children with a bathing suit, towel, and lather them up with sunscreen before sending them to school. We hope you can attend as well!!

Mrs. Hurley, Ms. Ward, Ms. Fenner, Ms. Seeley



FA Corner

Well, spring is finally here, I hope you can enjoy it together with your family. Please remember that our Parent Meeting is, April 19 at 2:05 pm. I want to remind you that the process of completing the application for the upcoming 2017-18 school year has also begun so please spread the words to the community, friends and family. To fill out the application, you must contact me and make an appointment. I also want to remind you that please if your child has dentist appointments let me know the day and where they went. Soon I will be announcing to the parents of the children who stay another year with us the day they have to call me to make an appointment to sign the required documents.

Important if you need help to obtain your VPK summer certificate please contact me at my office phone number (366) 427-8149. Thank you



Parent Meeting Minutes

Parent Meeting Started at 11:15 am

Parents were greeted by: Ms Julyette

Minutes and Policy Council Report were given
by : Michael Davis

Important dates for this month of March:

Transition Meeting for Kindergarten March 27
@ 8:00 am.

Next Parent Meeting on April 19 after school.

May 5: Special Olympics event.

Next Policy Council Meeting tomorrow 3/23/17.

Parents ideas for the Spring Fling. Put forward a
vote for scrapbooking together.

Parent decided for the Parent Activity event :
Scrap Booking .

Parents watched the video of : Eddie Eagle Gun
Safety and permission slip for children need to
be signed by parent before watch the video in
classroom.

Teacher report: curriculum for moving our
bodies. Special Olympics in May and Field Day
in June.



Policy Council Report

The March Policy Council meeting was held on
Thursday, March 23rd at 10:00 am. It was a
video conference meeting. Policy Council
members from Volusia County met at the
Volusia Administration Conference Room in
Deland. Policy Council members from Hernando
and Sumter counties met at the Hernando Head
Start Conference Room in Brooksville. Thirteen
policy council members (9 parents and 4
community partner members) were present.

Two persons were approved for hire.

The following reports were approved/accepted:
January 2017 Budget and Credit Cards,
Enrollment/Attendance, Meals and Snacks,
Service Area and Center.

An overview of the Second Step Curriculum was
provided by Damaris Conner, Education
Manager. Parents are encouraged to ask their
children about the puppets in their classroom.

Our Quality Assurance Manager - Jeff Heyne,
presented the proposed Early Head Start
program selection criteria. He explained the
additional points available for foster care,
homelessness and sibling in Head Start.



Heidi Rand announced that the program has been notified of its selection as an Early Head Start Grant Recipient. The grant will allow us to provide quality child care services to 112 children between birth and 3 years old. This funding will allow for new positions. The first phase of the program expansion will include opening 3 classrooms in Hernando and two classrooms in Volusia.

The next Policy Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 27th at 10 am. It will be a face to face meeting at Holiday Inn Express in Leesburg, Florida.