



## Newsletter *Boletín Informativo*

*Jo Sheppard*

From the Desk of: Rosalyn Figueroa, CDS

Holidays can be a time when parents decide that doing things with their children will be a priority. They will use the time to get to know each other and enjoy each other's company. Children love doing things with parents.

Try to arrange some individual time with each child if you can, as well as family time - this helps build good relationships and helps your children's self-esteem.

Just one different activity each day will help keep children interested and looking forward to it.

Remember children do not need to be 'entertained' all the time. Just a change of place or a few suggestions can help them to be very creative on their own.

Sometimes saying "I'm bored" is another way of saying "I want you to play with me", and sometimes the child has not even started to try to think of what to do by themselves.

Happy Holidays to everyone & enjoy this time with your family!!

Remember to login and check your child's progress in Galileo. If you need the password again, see your child's teacher....



### Important Dates:

13 - Family Engagement

14 - Parent Meeting

20 - Last Day

Winter Break Begins!

January 8 - Classes Resume



## *Notes from the Early Head Start team*

### Classroom # 1

We can not believe that year is almost over.

We will have our family engagement on December 13 at 8 am. We will continue to work with the children on building self help skills and encouraging them to help ,learn and respect their friends.

We hope that you have a great holiday and we look forward to the new year.

~Ms. Brittney & Ms. Diana



### Classroom #2

We want to thank all the parents that joined us in the Family Engagement. We hope to see more parents next time. We will be sharing pictures in the Classroom from the last Family Engagement very soon.

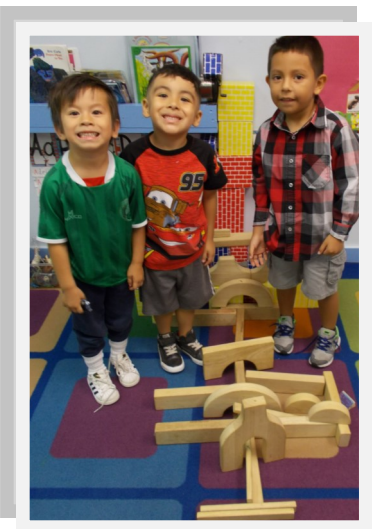
We would like for parents to bring shoes as we are enjoying the outdoors in the playground and want the children to be safe wearing shoes.

Thank you,  
Maribel/Edna.





# Notes from the Head Start team



## Classroom 3

Christmas is here and we are so happy to celebrate it! During this month we have our Nutrition Activity. Yum!! We are going to be learning about tree Winter around the world. Remember you are more than welcome to volunteer in our classroom.

Mrs. Melissa & Mrs. Gloria



*Feliz Navidad*



## Classroom 4

During the month of December we will be learning about how different people celebrate Christmas around the world we will be reading stories regarding the classroom theme. We will be having different activities and the children will be making holiday crafts during this month. We will be have a Christmas celebrate for our family on December 20<sup>th</sup>.

Durante el mes de Diciembre estaremos aprendiendo acerca de cómo diferentes personas celebran la Navidad alrededor del mundo, estaremos leyendo historias sobre este tema. Vamos a tener diferentes actividades y los niños estarán haciendo artesanías. Vamos a tener una celebración de Navideña para nuestra familia el 20 de Diciembre.







## Family Advocate

December, 2017

Dear Parents,

With the approach of the different holiday celebrations, I wish you for a great opportunity of a family gathering of renewal, togetherness, love, hope and future projects. Enjoy a safe and fun winter vacation with your children. I would like to thank to all parents for their attendance in our Parent Meeting, Parent Training and Family Engagement Activity with your child; your participation is very important to us. If you have made any change in your address or phone, please let me know to inform your child's teacher and update your child's file.

Keep updated your child's medical records (physical exam, immunization record, dental).

Con la aproximación de las diferentes celebraciones festivas, les quiero desear un encuentro familiar de renovación, unión, amor, esperanza y proyectos futuros.

Que disfruten las vacaciones de invierno con sus niños. Quisiera

agradecer a todos los padres por su asistencia a la reunión de padres, entrenamiento educativo, y a las actividades con sus niños; su participación es muy importante

para nosotros. Si usted ha hecho algún cambio de su dirección o teléfono, por favor déjemelo saber para informárselo a la maestra de su niño y también para actualizar el archivo de su niño. Mantenga actualizado los documentos médicos de su niño (examen físico, vacunas, dental).

Carmen Villanueva

Family Advocate/Representante de la Familia





## policy council

### Policy Council update for November 2017

The **November Policy Council meeting training** was held on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am via video conference. A quorum was established. Thirteen policy council members were present.

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

The results of the election of officers conducted at the October meeting were reviewed. Council members were advised that the person elected as chairman was not eligible for election to an office as he attended the meeting as an alternate and alternates are not eligible for nomination to an office. The official policy council representative from a center is the only person who can be nominated for or elected to a policy council office. The previously elected vice chairman, Sheila Ramos (Representative from Coleman Center in Volusia) was nominated to now become the chairman. There was a unanimous vote in favor of Ms. Ramos. Ramon Ayala was nominated for the office of vice chairman. There was unanimous vote in favor of Mr. Ayala.

Candidates for the following job vacancies have been approved for hire:

Hernando: Substitute Teacher III  
Volusia: Substitute Teacher III, Blue Lake Elementary Blended Classroom  
Family Advocate, Jo Sheppard Early Head Start  
Family Advocate, Holly Hill Head Start  
Teacher Assistant III, Blue Lake Elementary Blended Classroom  
Substitute Teacher Assistant  
Full Time Extended Day Teacher Assistant, EVEC  
Nutrition Coordinator



Budget training is postponed until next month due to the hospitalization of the Mid Florida Community Services, Inc., Chief Financial Officer - Kris Bates.

A maximum of 25% for food expenses was agreed upon per Parent Activity. All parent activities have to be submitted, in advance, to the Family Advocate for forwarding to the Family Engagement Coordinator for approval. The cost of food items that serve as materials to help teach a specific parenting skill during a Parent Activity is not included in the food expense. The School Readiness Committee update was provided. The committee met on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. Topics of discussion included children arriving late at centers, behavior concerns and curriculum.

The Selection Criteria for 2018 – 19 was approved.

Special appreciation was extended to Robin Bowman from WVEC for her recent participation on the interview panel for Family Advocate interviews. The Program Specialist from our regional office and an Early Childhood Specialist from our regional office visited several of our sites during the week of Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>. They complimented the consistency of documents on parent boards and health boards in each classroom they visited and recognized the high level of teamwork among staff.

The following committees are looking for parent volunteers: Community Needs Assessment, ERSEA (Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment and Attendance) and School Readiness. Any parent interested in serving on any of these committees can contact the Family and Community Partnership Manager in their county. Volusia county parents can contact Cindy at 386-736-1325. Hernando/Sumter parents can contact Jaclyn at 352-754-2464.

The December meeting will be held on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be conducted via video conference. Participants will meet at the conference room of the administrative office closest to their county.

