



Newsletter - Boletín Informativo Jo Sheppard - March



From the Desk of Rosalyn Figueroa CDS



Can't believe March is already upon us. It seems like the months are flying by much too quickly. February was a flash and I am sure summer will be here in the blink of an eye. We had lots of exciting events that occurred in February and have much more to come in March.

We are delighted with the progress of all our children at this point of the school year. All have totally excelled in all their preschool activities. Our staff feels so fortunate to have such delightful, bright and beautiful children.

We also appreciate all of our parents' efforts in our behalf. Your participation and communication makes our job so much easier. Thank you for taking the time to allow the Teachers to come into your homes for the home visits. It's great to see the children in their natural environments. It helps the teachers learn so much about them.

March presents another fun filled and busy month in our center. We will continue to fill the student's days with a combination of fun activities, educational games and many other even

Don't forget Daylight Savings Time starts on March 11, 2018.
Set those clocks ahead one hour.

Our Transition into Kindergarten will begin this month after spring break. Please see you child's teacher to ask what they will be doing and what you can do at home to help your child with this transition.

Come in to Volunteer in Your Child's Classroom!!



Important days:

- 9 - No School
- 12 - 16 Spring Break, No School
- 19 - Classes Resume
- 19 - 23 Dr. Seuss Week!
- 22 - Parent Meeting
- 29- Spring Festival
- 30 - Egg Hunt



Notes from the Early Head Start Team

Last month, we had a great time in class learning about how to keep our bodies healthy with the food we eat, the emotions we feel and what types of clothes we wear on our bodies. This month we will be focusing on spring, flowers and of course bunnies as we approach the Easter holiday.

We hope that you have a happy, fun and safe spring break. !

~Ms. Brittney & Ms. Diana



Another month is gone. Let's start this month with volunteers. We need volunteers....are you in? The children would love for you to get involved. We have several fun activities for you to do in the morning. Please let us know when you can come in and help us with the little stuff. Looking forward to seeing you.

Thank you,
Maribel and Edna.

Notes from the Head Start Team

During the month of March we will be learning about city and the county. We will be learning between both types of living styles and the difference between each other. Also we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss birthday the children will have the opportunity to learn a little about him and the books that he has written. Also we are going to do different activities going on during this month regarding both themes.



Thank you,

Lizzette & Lorena



Spring is coming!! We are going to start the month with our Nutrition lesson about Peaches. Then is going to be about Spring and colors. Also, we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss week. Make sure to look at the Parent Board for more information. On Second Step we will be learning about finding solutions and speaking assertively. This month is full with awesome things, do not want to miss one!!

Volunteers are Welcome!!

Mrs. Melissa & Mrs. Gloria



Notes from the Family Advocate

March, 2018

Dear Parents,

Spring is the *season* of new beginnings, the earliest, usually the most attractive, period of the existence of something. Let's continue to set goals to achieve a positive change in our life.

Remember that your child's attendance to the school makes a great difference in its academic performance; bring it on time.

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 and your child appreciates it, too.

Primavera es la estación que implica un nuevo empezar, de esperanza, renovación, un periodo atractivo de existencia de algo. Continuemos poniéndonos metas para lograr un cambio positivo en nuestra vida.

Les quiero hacer recordar que la asistencia de su niño a la escuela, marca una gran diferencia en su rendimiento académico; tráigalo a tiempo.

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 y su niño lo aprecia, también.

Carmen Villanueva

Family Advocate/Representante de la Familia





Policy Council Update – February 2018

The February Policy Council Meeting was held on Thursday, Feb. 22nd at Mid Florida Head Start/Early Head Start Administrative Offices in Hernando and Volusia Counties via video conference. Fourteen policy council members were present. Twelve staff members were present.

The attendance rate of several classrooms fell below 85% last month. The primary reason for absences was illness.

The following reports were approved: *Budget, Credit Cards, Enrollment/Attendance, Meals and Snacks, Service Areas and Centers.* Parent Activity requests for EVEC and Jo Sheppard were approved. New hires for the following positions were approved: One substitute teacher - Hernando ; Three substitute teachers - Volusia; One Early Head Start Teacher at Malloy - Volusia; One Early Head Start Teacher at Oakridge-Volusia. The submission of an Early Head Start grant application in the amount of \$154,612 was approved.

Denise Thompson, Disabilities Services Coordinator, made a presentation about Disabilities Services provided by the Head Start/Early Head Start program. She explained how the program helps children prepare for school by conducting developmental screenings (if consented by parents), providing referrals for additional evaluations and individualization.

The program is set to expand soon with the opening of one more Early Head Start classroom at the Malloy center and one more at the Hernando center. The program's recent proposal to provide child care services at Hope Place, a transitional housing community in Volusia, has been accepted and negotiations to initiate the services are in process. The program will open classrooms at this location in the near future.

The annual audit for the agency has been completed. The audit resulted in no findings. The federal review visit was conducted during the week of Feb. 12th. We are awaiting information as to the outcome of the visit.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 22nd at 10am and will be conducted via video conference. Members will meet in the conference room at the administrative office in their county.