



Malloy Newsletter



MAY 2017

Early Release Days:

05/17 05/24

Salida Temprano:

05/17 05/24

Next Parent Meeting:

May 18 2017 @ 5:00pm

Junta de Padres:

May 18, 2017 @ 5:00 pm

Family Engagement Activity

Happy Mother's Day

Wednesday May 10, 2017

Time: 9:15 to 10:15

Actividad en Familia

Feliz Dia Madre

Miercoles Mayo 10, 2017

Hora: 9:15 to 10:15

Kindergarten transition

Thursday May 4, 2017

Malloy Head Start

330 East Retta St.

**DeLeon Springs,
Florida 32130**

From the Desk of Dr. Marcy Guddemi

Child Development Specialist

Dear Parents, we are now heading into our last month of school. Please bring your child every day at 8:00am. Don't be late! Also, don't be early picking your child up. We want your child to be able to learn every minute of our 8am-2pm day! By the way, Malloy Classroom Number 1 had 100% attendance for last month and it was the record for the whole company! Congratulations Ms. Bonita and Ms. Gina and parents of Room 1!

Children need to keep learning all summer long. What can you do? Here are several suggestions for summer learning:

Read to your child every day in English and in Spanish, if you know how. Do it several times a day and in different places. Reading a story before bedtime is always nice, but remember, you can pick up a book anytime during the day to read. (Parents, that do not know how to read, can tell a story by looking at the pictures and making it up. This is just as powerful as reading. Use big words that the children might not know; e.g., enormous, solution, magnificent, contradiction.)

Make a book. Get paper and put together and staple to make a blank book. Cut picture out of old magazines or draw pictures. Write the story under the pictures.

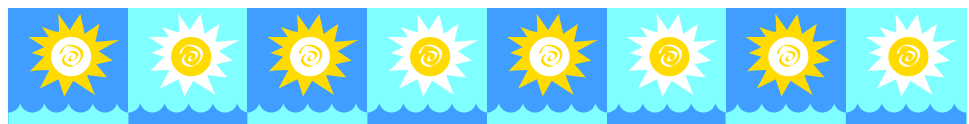
Take your child to the library and get a library card. Then you can check out books to take home every week. Most libraries have a PreK reading hour during the week that you can take your child to. The public library should be one of your child's best friends. It is also a cool quiet place to go in the hot summer!

Enroll your child in a week or 2-week summer Camp or lessons. There are a lot of choices around: art camps, music camps, sports camps, theatre camps, just all-around-fun camps. There are swimming lessons, music lessons, dance lessons, and karate lessons.

Plan family trips to places you haven't gone. There are so many nice public parks and national parks and forests in this area. Talk about everything you see there. Collect sticks, stones, and leaves and make a pattern on the ground. Stick, stone, leaf; stick, stone, leaf; stick, stone, leaf; stick, stone, leaf; etc. See how far you can keep it going. Take paper and markers and draw and write about what you see. Have you been to DeLeon Springs State Park? Have you been to Cape Canaveral National Seashore?

Talk, talk, talk. I have mentioned this before, but have CONVERSATIONS with your child. Try to keep it going for at least five exchanges back and forth. Ask probing questions and what if questions. This is so much fun to do. A child's explanation for some phenomenon can be so entertaining and enlightening!

So in closing, enjoy your summer!! It will fly by! Best wishes to those children going on to Kindergarten next fall and we look forward to when our young ones come back for one more year of schooling at Malloy Head Start!



May Newsletter

Classroom 1

Well we have almost made it through the school year. We are so happy with how these children have grown and how much they have learned.

We are going to continue to work on Kindergarten Readiness. This includes transitioning to stations and cafeteria style meals. We will also be doing math and literacy stations for them as well. Our Second Step will be all about learning in Kindergarten. The children will also be having their 3rd VPK Assessment.

As always we would like to thank you for all your help and support throughout the school year. It has been a privilege and an honor to work with you and your children.

Sincerely,

Ms. Bonita/Ms. Gina Birthdays: Karlie 5/16 and Mina 5/29



Classroom 2

Dear Families, the end of the year is here! We wish for our VPK children the very best next school year in Kindergarten which will be full of adventures and learning experiences. For the children who are coming back, we are looking forward to see you again in August.

At the end of May I will be talking to the parents of VPK children about the results of the last assessment and how you can continue working with your child at home during summer, so they have an even better start in Kindergarten.

To all our parents, we want to say thank you for trusting your child with us, it was a pleasure to work with your family.

Have a wonderful summer, be safe, and come back to let us know how they are doing.

Mrs. Agustina & Mrs. Provi Malloy Classroom 2 Head Start

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Classroom 3

We are now entering the last month of school year. Wow has this school year gone by fast! During April we were very busy with many fun activities in which the parents were involved and Ms. Judith and I would like to thank you for your participation. We have been very blessed with many days of parents coming in to help us during the day and we truly are grateful. ❤️

During May we will be honoring our Mothers with another breakfast family engagement on May 10th at 9:15am. Please plan to attend or send someone in your place. We will continue with identifying letters of the alphabet and finish up our nutrition curriculum with the last The Strawberry Patch.

We are busy planning our end of the year final field trip more information to follow.

It has been a pleasure to get to know your children and work and play with them daily. Have a wonderful summer!

Ms. Burton/Ms. Judith

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Classroom 4

Wao! We are almost to our last topic with our final party! During the month of April we had many activities where the parents were our guests. We were learning the words of action with many activities of movements. In this month of May we will have activities on the theme "Growing and Changing" where we will learn the letters Gg, Ee, Dd. We will have activities to learn about the growth of people and animals, changes of nature, and Spring. We will learn the metamorphosis of the butterfly among other things. We will review all the letters and stories we learned during the topic "Now I know my ABC's." We will review the letters Ll, Nn, and Kk. We will have activities to learn more about numbers and how we use the numbers in our daily lives with the theme "We Count!" With our final theme "Off to Kindergarten!" We will have activities going over everything we have learned, we will read stories about things to do in kindergarten among other things. In Nutrition -USDA we will have the theme "The Strawberry Patch" where we will learn all about strawberries and we will make delicious recipes. In Second Step we will be working with themes "Learning in Kindergarten," Riding the Kindergarten Bus," and the theme "Making New Friends in Kindergarten".



May Newsletter

Family Advocate

We have worked together on this wonderful school year 2016-17. It has been a pleasure to work with all of you. During this time we learned, we had fun, we grew and improved together. To all of our families at Malloy Head Start, goes our gratitude for your support and efforts. We want to recognize the influence and impact that you all have in your children's education as their primary educators at home. Feel proud of what you have accomplished with their education and your family goals. Remember that we will always have great interest and care for our families, where ever they may go. Our respects and admiration goes with all of you!

Malloy Head Start is now accepting NEW Applications for the 2017-18 School Year. If you, or someone you know, has a child that turns 3 by Sept 1 or who is already 4 years old, please apply. Please spread the word about our New Applications for the upcoming school year.

For more information contact the Family Advocates at 386-985-0807/386-985-0804.

Best Wishes!

Suzette Otero & Rosario Sanchez

Family Advocates

Policy Council update for April 2017

The April Policy Council meeting was held on Thursday, April 27th at 9:30 am. It was a face to face meeting at the Holiday Inn Express in Leesburg, Florida. Eleven policy council members (9 parents and 2 community partner members) were present.

Fourteen persons were approved for hire.

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

The MFCS Annual Audit was reviewed by Program Director, Heidi Rand. There were no findings. Policy council members were encouraged to review the document and advised that additional copies could be made available upon request.

A review of the Community Wide Strategic Planning and Needs Assessment was led by Carol Coffie, Assistant Director of Early Learning Programs. The review included the process for data collection and a summary of the 828 survey responses. The top five needs identified by parents include Child Care, Transportation, Employment, Dental Care and Housing.

Policy Council members approved the following revisions to the By Laws:

EHS will have representation on Policy Council

Centers with more than 5 classrooms can have an additional representative on Policy Council

Policy council to meet at least 10 times per year

Policy council members were asked about their training needs. Any future training interests or needs should be sent to Heidi Rand.

Heidi Rand provided the following update about the Early Head Start (EHS) Expansion:

Classrooms at the Jo Sheppard site and the Hernando Head Start site are being renovated and are expected to be completed by mid-June

Additional EHS Classrooms will be renovated and opened later in the program year

EHS training for managers has been scheduled for early May

Training for teachers, family service and health service members is being coordinated for early June.

Attempts are being made to coordinate a CDA credential training for anyone interested in being an Early Head Start teacher

All classrooms at Pathways Port Orange location will become Head Start/ Early Head Start classrooms as of 2017-18 program year

The following announcements were made:

Applications for Early Head Start and Head Start for 2017-18 program year are being accepted

Week of May 8st is Teacher Appreciation Week!