



Malloy Head Start Newsletter

April

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From the Desk of: Rosalyn Figueroa, CDS

Day after Day after Day...

Children thrive on routines. The daily routine carried out in the classroom helps children feel safe, secure and happy because they know what happens next.

A written schedule is posted in each classroom, and outlines a time frame for the day's events. The schedule includes a balance of activities like arrival time, large group, small group, meals and indoor/outdoor play. Written schedules are critical for managing the day, but they are only a guide.

A picture schedule is available for the children. This helps them understand the routine and that certain things happen every day at school.

"Transitioning" in the classroom, or moving from one activity to the next throughout the day, can cause stress and mistaken behavior in children. To help, a successful teacher will have some creative transition ideas in her bag of tricks and will allow a child to move at his or her own pace whenever possible. Classrooms that I consider "evolved" often seem loud and chaotic, but a closer look will reveal that the children know the routine, are independent and are working in their own way to achieve a common goal or to arrive at a certain point in the day. Ask your child's teachers about transitions! They'll be happy to share some really clever ideas that may even help you keep things running more smoothly at home. Then children are beginning their transition into Kindergarten this month. There are many things that will be changing, ask your children about this as well.

Special Events

- April 6 Wear Blue
- April 20 Eddie Eagle Gun Safety
- April 22 Earth Day Celebration
- April 26 Family Engagement Activity
- April 26 Parent Meeting

Earth Day is an annual event celebrated on **April 22**. Worldwide, various events are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First celebrated in 1970, Earth Day events in more than 193 countries are now coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network.

Policy Council March 2018

The March Policy Council Meeting was held on Thursday, March 26th at Mid Florida Head Start/Early Head Start Administrative Offices in Hernando and Volusia Counties via video conference. Thirteen policy council members were present. One community partner was present. Ten 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 the following sites were approved: Holly Hill, West Volusia Education Center (WVEC), Osteen and Woodward. New hires for the following positions were approved:

Volusia County : Part Time Extended Day Teacher at Chisholm Center and Center Aide at West Volusia Education Center (WVEC); *Hernando County* : Head Start Teacher at Spring Hill and Early Head Start Teacher in Brooksville. Glynne Pascal, Education Manager, provided an overview of the **curricula** being used in the Head Start and Early Head Start classrooms. **Galleo** is a Pre-K curriculum and is a great resource for individualizing lesson plans. Each parent has a log-in code that allows them to check their child's development progress at any time and receive suggestions for at home activities. **Houghton Mifflin** is another Pre-K curriculum that is used in some of our Head Start classrooms as a supplemental curriculum. It is very hands-on and strong in literacy and math. **Second-Step** supports the development of social emotional learning so children can be kind, caring and responsible members in society. **Grow It, Try It, Like It!** is the nutrition education component that encourages children to try different fruits and vegetables. **Creative Curriculum** is used in our Early Head Start classrooms and is very responsive to intentional care giving for ages 0-3. It enables children to develop a secure attachment with the important people in their lives and gain confidence in themselves as learners. The next meeting is scheduled for 10am on Thursday, April 26th at Lake Sumter College in Leesburg. It will be a face to face meeting.





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Inside Story classroom 1

Mrs. Marline & Mrs. Maria

This month we will talk about: "Watch My Garden Grow", (we will be planting seeds and learning about the parts and Life cycle of a plant), "Water and Rain", Let's Count" and "What's your Job". We will continue to reinforce name writing, letters, numbers and shapes; especially with the children that going to kindergarten. We encourage you to reinforce at home what we do in the classroom. We want to thank all the parents for your support!



Inside Story classroom 2

Dear parents,

Another month and very close to the end of the year, the children are making progress and appreciate the help the parents give the children at home, because WORKING TOGETHER is the way to prepare the children to be SUCCESSFUL in life. There is many activities coming that involve your presence another factor that help your child success. The presence of the parent at school is a very powerful message for your child: "SCHOOL IS IMPORTANT". Please keep working at home with your child. We will be announcing new events soon, please save the flyers as a reminder for the Day Activity. Always happy to share the life of your child with us. We are always grateful to our volunteers who always come to make the Family Engagement activity FUN!



Ms. Agustina and Ms. Mary

Inside Story classroom 3

Ms. Amanda & Ms. Gina

April in Classroom 3 is blooming bright! We want to say thank you to all of our parents who have volunteered in our classrooms and at our center. We have been truly blessed to have you. Do not forget to visit the garden on your way to the classroom and ask your child about the different kinds of foods we are growing. This month our classroom will be finishing our City/Country theme and moving into our Let's Move theme. Let's move, as it sounds, is all about movement. For our nutrition activity this month, we will be looking at Sweet potatoes and how they grow. In Second Step, we will be reviewing what we have been learning this year.



Family Advocates News

April is finally here, and with that comes also our parent activity Healthy thing Farmer market on April 18 at 9:00 am. We count with your support for this activity success. A special reminder to all the parent with Dental Exam/Treatment Referrals, if you have not scheduled the appointment, please do so, it is very important for your child dental health; if you already went to the dentist send us back the Referral from completed by the child dentist. Malloy Head Start is now accepting application for the 2018-2019 School Year. And Early Head Start as well. If you or someone you know have children between 3-4 years old (before September 1st), please come and stop by our office for more information.

Mrs. Rosario Sanchez

