

Malloy Head Start Newsletter

February, 2018

Policy Council Report

The January Policy Council Meeting was held on Thursday, Jan. 25th at Lake Sumter State College in Leesburg. Twelve policy council members, including MFCS Board Liaison, Evone Jackson, were present. Eight staff members were present.

Heidi Rand, Director of Early Learning Programs, stated that the Head Start budget information indicates no concerns. Jeff Heyne, Quality Assurance Manager reported the overall attendance percentage for last month was 84.91%. The following reports were approved: *Budget, Credit Cards, Enrollment/Attendance, Meals and Snacks, Service Areas and Centers, Parent Activity requests for Brooksville/Hernando and Coleman* were approved. New hires for the following positions were approved:

Hernando: Teacher in Brooksville/Hernando ; Hernando: Substitute Teacher ; Hernando: Teacher in Spring Hill;

Volusia: Extended day staff at Oakridge center ; Volusia: Substitute at Jo Sheppard ; Volusia: EHS Teacher at Malloy ; Volusia: Family Advocate at Port Orange center ; Volusia: Center Aide in Volusia County ; Volusia: Teacher Assistant at EVEC ; Volusia: Teacher Assistant at Blue Lake ; Volusia: Nutrition Services Coordinator in Volusia County Amy Thomas, Deputy Director of Children's Services, presented the Disability Services Policy and Procedures which were amended to reference the Early Head Start children. Jeff Heyne led a review of the new Selection Policy and Procedures and spoke about the Project Spotlight Policy and Procedures. A project spotlight ensures that all identified needs are met before a child is placed in a classroom. Every department signs off stating that the child is ready to start. Lastly, Heidi Rand presented the Impasse Procedure.

The procedure is established to resolve any internal disputes. Amy Thomas presented the updated School Readiness Goals. The updates include the addition of Language and Literacy Development, to support our ESL (English as a second language) children. A Spanish version of the goal sheet is available. Amy Thomas conducted training on the Second Step Curriculum. This curriculum teaches children how to explain their emotions, control their behavior, listen, pay attention and get along with others. One of our classrooms is featured in the Second Step marketing video. Our Head Start classrooms have a weekly lesson from Second Step. Heidi Rand facilitated eligibility training. The training included a review of eligibility types, the eligibility verification process, being sensitive to families and disciplinary action for unacceptable conduct from

staff. Carol Coffie, Deputy Director of Program Services, presented a PowerPoint on the Community Wide Strategic Plan and Needs Assessment. The review included the purpose of and process for conducting the assessment, assessment highlights and a summary of the assessment recommendations. The top 3 needs identified by parents are Child Care, Employment and Housing. The top 3 needs of families identified by community partners are Housing, Employment and Medical Care. The grant application for Early Head Start funding was reviewed by the council. New EHS Classrooms will be opening soon at the Malloy site in DeLeon Springs, Hernando site in Brooksville and Chisholm site in New Smyrna. The federal review is scheduled for the week of February 12th. Several guests will be visiting sites during this week. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 22nd at 10am and will be conducted via video conference. Members will meet in the conference room at the administrative office in their county.

Stay Healthy During the Winter Months

By. Rosalyn Figueroa, CDS.

With the cold weather here this means that you or your child may become sick at some point. One of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of germs and stay healthy is by washing your hands frequently throughout the day. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) suggest following these guidelines for effective hand washing:

- Wet your hands with clean running water and apply soap. Use warm water if it is available.

- Rub hands together to make a lather and scrub all surfaces.
- Continue rubbing hands for 15-20 seconds.
- Rinse hands well under running water. Dry your hands using a paper towel or air dryer. If soap and water aren't available, the CDC suggests using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer to kill germs. However, hand sanitizers should not be used to replace the practice of hand

washing. Germs are often spread by touching contaminated surfaces and then transferring the organisms to your mouth, nose or eyes. So avoid putting your hands in your face.

Try to keep a sick child out of the kitchen because germs can be spread to eating surfaces when kids cough, sneeze, and rub their hands on them. This can make the rest of the family vulnerable to getting sick.

Reminders

Please make sure that children are coming to school each day

with labeled weather appropriate clothing (jacket, hat, mittens, snow pants, and boots). Please note that the classrooms try to go outside each day weather permitting.

Thank You:

Classroom teachers would like to thank all families that have graciously donated items to their child's classroom over the past months. Many families have donated classroom materials, extra clothes, went on field trips and volunteered in the classroom. We thank you for your continuous support!

Family Advocates News

By. Rosario Sanchez

Happy Valentines Day and Happy Day of Love and Friendship, we hope you will have a beautiful day with your children and families. Your Family Advocates want to remind you please do not forget to attend our parent meetings. It is very important your presence in each of our meetings because we

need your vote and opinion to make important decisions for the education of the children. I will also like to remind that your child's attendance is a very important part of your child's education. Remember school begins at 7:30/7:45 am. Thank You for all you do for our school and children. Your presence it is much appreciated.

Special events:

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- * Holiday- President's Day 02/19/2018 (No School)
- * Parent Meeting 02/22/2018 @ 5:30 pm

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Inside Story Classroom 1

By. Mrs. Marline & Mrs. Maria

This month we will talk about: Homes we build, The Farm, Friendship, "Black history Month", Shapes and Sizes. 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!

Happy Valentine's!!!



Inside Story Classroom 2

By. Mrs. Agustina & Mrs. Mary

Dear Parents, we will continue working on VPK skills with the children who are leaving us for Kindergarten. Please Review and if you have any questions please come and talk to me. Please work with your VPK child at home for at least 10 minutes reinforcing what we are learning here. For our rollover we will continue

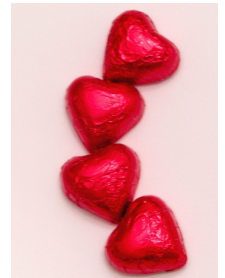
enhancing the English language and basics skills such as knowing the colors, the shapes, their name and more; please always talk your child and discuss your family daily routine and new things about their environment to enhance their vocabulary.

I want to give a BIG

THANK YOU TO THE PARENTS, who came so diligent to school to volunteers in such a big project "Renovating the paint in all the handrails.


Thank you for trusting us in the care of your child.

Ms. Agustina & Ms. Mary



Inside Story Classroom 3

By. Mrs. Amanda & Mrs. Gina

 This month in classroom 3, we will be talking about the Construction Zone and learning all about building and different ways and places the children can build. In our Grow It Try It Like It curriculum, we will

be looking at Spinach. I hope you have been able to use some of the recipes we have sent home in previous months. In Second Step, we will be looking at Fair Ways to Play, Having Fun with Friends, Inviting to Play and Joining in with Play. Look for the letters that

are sent home each week that show what we discuss in class. Please continue practicing the letters A, F, O, P, S, T, U, X, Y, W, and Z. This month we will be adding B, M, and R. We are looking forward to finishing out a great year with you.

Ms. Amanda & Ms. Gina

