

# Malloy Head Start Newsletter



## Welcome Back

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It is amazing how quickly the New Year comes and goes. I hope you had a wonderful break! We are already beginning to plan for next year! We are happy to see all your smiling faces back school. We wish you all a Happy 2018 and look forward to all the exciting events to come throughout the school year. **Toy Shopping Tips:** Encourage Development

Look for toys with contrasting patterns and bright primary colors to help promote visual development in younger children. Mar-

ble runs, beading projects, racetracks, and other toys that require tracking with the eyes are great for helping develop hand-eye coordination. Riding bicycles, bean bag tossing and other backyard games encourage outdoor play and build a child's coordination and visual skills. Don't forget to pick age-appropriate toys, avoid ones that have projectile objects or sharp edges, and instruct the child in how to properly play with the toy as you monitor them." See the helpful information below.

## December Policy Council Update

The **December Policy Council meeting** was held on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 10am via video conference. A quorum was established. Eleven policy council members were present. Twelve staff members were present. The **following reports were reviewed and approved:** *Budget, Credit Cards, Enrollment/Attendance, Meals and Snacks, Service Areas and Centers.* *Parent Activity requests* for Bushnell and Spring Hill were approved. Candidates for the following job vacancies have been **approved for hire:**

Hernando: Substitute Teacher in Brooksville/Spring Hill

Hernando: Part-time Early Head Start Teacher

Hernando: Early Head Start Teacher

Hernando: Head Start Teacher III

Hernando: Head Start Teacher V in Spring Hill

Volusia: Floating Early Head Start Teacher at Oakridge

Volusia: Center Aide Substitute for Volusia County

Mid Florida Community Services Finance Officer - Diane Berube, conducted a **budget training**. The highlights of the training included the various program related budgets (Head Start, Early Head Start, VPK and USDA) that are reviewed monthly, how to read the budget reports and the different budget periods. It was noted that the cost per child expense for Early Head Start is higher than the cost for a Head Start child. VPK instruction, totaling 3 hours a day, is provided in designated locations. The USDA budget is developed based on the number of meals served in the prior year. Child Development Specialist-Jennifer Fowler, led an **information session on the Galileo Curriculum** which included accessing and navigating Galileo on their computer. Each parent was reminded that a personal Galileo password has been established for them and a magnet was given out earlier in the year for parents to write their personal password on. This magnet can be placed on the refrigerator for quick reference. Parents were encouraged to access Galileo regularly to access their child's profile which includes the following: information about what their child *has learned*, what their child is *ready to learn* and activities parents can do with their children at home to support the development of new skills. Deputy Director of Children's Services - Amy Thomas, presented the **Child Outcomes Analysis Report**. She explained that these reports help identify if children are making developmental gains. The report consists of two different scores: baseline (starting point) and gains (progress). The goal is for each child to have a 50 point increase from the time they started the program to the end of the school year. Director of Early Learning Programs - Heidi Rand, reported that a **Federal Monitoring Review** will take place the week of **February 12th, 2018**. Parents are encouraged to discuss any program concerns about their center, with their Family Advocate or Child Development Specialist before that time. The review will consist of classroom observations using the **CLASS** (Classroom Assessment Scoring System) tool, review of program data records, health and safety checks, interviews of policy council members and staff. Policy Council meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month, unless rescheduled due to holidays. The **next meeting** will be held on January 25th @ 10am. It will be a face-to-face meeting at Lake-Sumter State College in Leesburg, FL.



## Special Events

- \* Holiday- MLK  
01/15/2018 (No School)
- \* Family engagement  
01/17/2018
- \* Parent Meeting  
01/25/2018

## January 2018





# Inside Story Classroom 1

By Ms. Marline & Ms. Maria

Welcome back from our Winter Break and Happy New Year to all of you. Hope everyone had a great Holiday Season. During the month January we will be focusing on three different themes; Communicate with the World, Winter Carnival and Building in our city. through out this themes children will learn about different ways we communicate today days; the winter season and life at the city. Through Second

Step we continue to work on Unit 3 Emotion Management, the goal of this unit is to help children recognize how they are feeling and calm down. We are looking forward to a great New Year. Please keep reviewing all shapes, colors, letters, and numbers at home.

We will start our home visit again in February please start looking at dates that you

would like for us to come visit!

A friendly reminder: Now that the days are getting cooler, remember to dress your child appropriately. Please dress you child in easy to put on comfortable clothes. We go outside everyday unless it is raining or freezing. If you have any questions or concerns please let us know!

# Inside Story Classroom 2

Ms. Agusrina & Ms. Mary



Dear Parents, Happy New Year, and we are happy to see you back. We are going to start the year very busy. Our VPK children will have their 2<sup>nd</sup> assessment, please have them rest and sleep enough hours, between 10 to 12 hours. We are planning to continue working on getting ready for kindergarten, and the younger group, will continue working on listening skills, very important for next year in VPK. Please practice the lesson for our Second Step curriculum at home, children who are socially competent have

more opportunities to be successful in their academic life. We want to say THANK YOU to all the parents who had worked hard in those Educational Home Activities with their child, you make your children proud of their families. Please make sure your child, have a change of clothes. Please be on time in the morning, and if something happen please call, so we can order your child's meals.

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# Inside Story Classroom 3

By Ms. Armanda & Ms. Gina

Happy New Year! Welcome back! We hope all of our parents and students enjoyed their vacation and had some Happy Holidays! We are looking for some volunteers in our classroom. We have a need for some closets to be cleaned out and we need some help with our garden. In January we are going to start out with looking at New Year's Around the World. We are going to finish out the month talking about Animals everywhere. We will be talking about different kinds of animals, where they live, and what they need to live. In Second Step, we will be talking about naming our feelings, Managing Disappointment, Managing Anger, and Managing Waiting. Please remember to read the letter that goes home each week and discuss with your child what we are learning in Second Step. A few reminders as we head into the second half of the year. Please make sure you are signing in and out and that your child is scanning their card every day. Please also remember to check your child's mailbox for important information as well as checking to ensure they have a change of clothes and a blanket every day. Looking forward to seeing you and your child every day as we finish out the year strong. 100% attendance is our goal!

# Family Advocates News

By. Rosario Sanchez

Happy New Year!! We have to vote for a new Policy Council president in our next parent meeting. Please make an effort to come to our monthly parent meetings. Without your input activities and voting cannot take place. Child care is provided. Thank you to all our Malloy parents for the excellent Fall Festival and all the activities parents put together. Merry Christmas and have a Bless Happy New Year to all!!