

November
2017



Malloy Head Start Newsletter

Notes from Mrs. Rosalyn Figueroa Child Development Specialist

Special events:

- **Veteran's Day/ No School.**

11/10/2017

- **Fall Festival**

11/17/2017 @ 10:30 am

- **Volunteer Training**

11/20/2017 @ 5:30 pm



As a former pre-school teacher, my job is to help the staff with all aspects of classroom management and provide assurance to parents and Head Start administrators that the classroom is safe, fun, and that we are measurably preparing children to succeed in school. The best part of my job has been getting to know the teachers, who are awe-

some, and watching the children learn and grow. The children are encouraged to make choices about the materials they use and the activities they do throughout the day. When you look around in your child's room, you will see that the space and materials are arranged to promote active learning. Each classroom is divided into interest areas organized around specific kinds of play, like blocks, housekeeping, table toys, science and art. In each area, the materials are organized so that children

can get them out easily and put them away independently. A daily routine helps children feel secure. They know what happens next. Our daily routine includes time for small and large group experiences, and time for outside play.

If you would like to learn more about it, please ask your child's teacher to walk you around the classroom, or contact me at 386) 523-7634

Rosalyn Figueroa



- **Family Engagement Activities**

11/21/2017

- **Teacher/ Student Holiday**

11/22/2017

- **Thanksgiving Holiday**

11/23/2017 - 11/24/2017

- **Class Resume**

11/27/2017

- **Parent Meeting**

11/30/2017 @ 5:30

pm

Policy Council Report

October 21, 2014/ 6:00pm/ Face-to-Face Meeting/ Tavares, Florida

A mandatory **Policy Council training** was held on Thursday, October 26th at 9:30am at Lake Sumter State College in Leesburg. The **October Policy Council meeting** started at noon on this date immediately after the mandatory training. Eighteen 2017-18 policy council members were present. Two of the eighteen members in attendance were alternate policy council members. Voting during this meeting was limited to official policy council representatives and alternates from sites that were not represented at the meeting.

The following reports were discussed: Budget, Credit Cards, Enrollment/Attendance, Meals and Snacks, Service Areas and Centers. Policy Council officers for 2017-18 were elected. The new officers are Chairperson - Jonathan Martinez (Volusia); Vice-Chairperson- Sheila Ramos (Volusia); Secretary - Pat Nohr (Volusia); Policy Council

Liaison- Jacob Raby (Hernando).

Candidates for the following vacancies have been approved for hire: Early Head Start Teacher at Oak Ridge Site (Volusia); Teacher Assistants at Coleman (Volusia), Port Orange-2 (Volusia), Blue Lake Elementary (Volusia); Child Development Specialist (Hernando); Education Manager (Hernando, Sumter and Volusia counties).

Heidi Rand, Director of Early Learning Programs, advised the Policy Council of a recent Information Memorandum from the Office of Head Start that provided guidance for opportunities for programs to respond to the needs of recent hurricane victims. She also reminded the Policy Council of the Parent Activity Fund amount of \$5 per child and discussed the details of the permitted use of the funds.

Budget training will be conducted during the November Policy Council meeting by the Chief Financial Officer of Mid Florida Community Services, Kris Bates.

The School Readiness Committee will meet on Nov. 15th.

Due to the holidays, the November and December Policy Council meetings will be earlier than the regularly scheduled meeting date. The November meeting will be held on November 16th. The December meeting will be held on December 14th. Each of these meetings will be conducted via video conference. Participants will meet at the conference room of the administrative office closest to their county.

The program specialist from the Head Start Region IV Office will be visiting our program in November 14th - 17th.

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Inside Story of classroom 1

By. Mrs. Marline & Mrs. Maria

This month we will be learning about Rhymes, fall season, Apples and trees, Pilgrims and Native Americans. We will also talk about "Things we're thankful for" and learn about farm animals. We will keep reinforcing letters, sounds, numbers and shapes. Through Second Step we continue to learned some skills to increase, our ability to identify own and others feelings, understand the complexity of feelings, takes other's perspectives, and learn ways to respond empathically. Please review letters S, P, T, O, and X. Have your child identify sound and name of letter. Thank you

Inside Story of Classroom 2

By. Mrs. Echeverria & Mrs. Heilborn

Here we go,

Autumn is here and the year is getting shorter, Parent Conferences are coming for November. Please make time to spend at least 15 Minutes with your teacher getting information about your child progress.

Our themes are: Nutritional



Activity, we will be tasting squash; Fall is Fun, learning about seasons; A is for Apple, we will be learning about life cycle of plants, and fruits; Giving Thanks, please talk to your children about being Grateful about important things, such as family, health,

education. We will be making small craft about this wonderful Holiday, so the children can think about what are they Grateful about. We will close the month with a week of The Colors of Fall, we will learn about colors and how to mix them. Make sure your child Have a another set of clothes. Our Turkey Race is coming on the 21 of No-

vember, please plan to attend and cheer for your child.

As always, we wish you a wonderful THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY, and we are grateful to have your child in our classroom. Enjoy and be Safe.

Ms. Agustina Echeverria and Mrs. Mary Heilborn

Inside Story of Classroom 3

By. Mrs. Marline & Mrs. Gina

The year is flying by, and I can hardly believe it is already November. If you have not already, please check your child's cubby to make sure they have an appropriate change of clothes. The weather is changing and they need long sleeve shirts and pants. Please also remember to not send your child to school in jackets that have hoodies with strings. In October, we were able

to plant our strawberries, but we are looking for a couple of parent volunteers who could finish weeding our garden. The kids were so excited to plant the strawberries and we are looking forward to being able to pick fresh berries with the children when they are in bloom. We are going to begin the month with our Grow It, Try



It, Like It curriculum looking at Squash. We will also be transitioning our weekly theme from Our Senses to Seasons and continue with it into December. In Second Step, we will finish up our theme of identifying different kinds of emotions and begin looking at Accidents, We Feel Feelings in Our Body, and Caring and Helping. Don't forget to look for the weekly letter that goes home explaining what we talked about in class that week. We have had a great start to

the year with our attendance goals. Look for the board in the hallway that shows how we are doing each month. Our goal is 100% attendance, but we can only achieve that goal with your help. We love to see your children every day!!! We are looking forward to being able to serve you and your child for the rest of the school year.

Ms. Amanda and Ms. Gina



Family Advocates News

In this November issue, the FA's, would like to thanks all of our families. We are thankful for the trust that you have in us, and for the positive communication that we all share. In this month we celebrate Thanksgiving Day and we would like to encourage our families to reflex and give thanks for all the blessings you have received. Enjoy this upcoming holiday with your family and love ones, our best

wishes is for all of you to spend quality time together and to make memorable moments for always remember.

Please have in mind that our next parent meeting will be next, Thursday November 30, 2017 at 5:30 PM. Please also embers our fall festival will take place on November, 17, 2017 and we will appreciate your volunteer time

and some extra ideas. Remember Parents play an important role in their children lives and education. Your active participation, presence and support in the school activities is the base for our children success, so let's be actives in this process

Happy Thanks Giving Day!