

# Osteen Head Start Newsletter

February, 2017

## Policy Council Report

The January Policy Council meeting was held on Thursday, January 26th at 10:00 am. It was a face to face meeting that was held in Leesburg. Thirteen policy council members (11 parents and 2 community partner members) were present.

The following persons were approved for hire:

Ivy Sebastian, Family Advocate (Volusia County)

Tony Broxton, Family Ad-

vocate ( Volusia County)

Amanda Phillips, Teacher (Volusia County)

Ja'kera Peterson, Program Substitute ( Volusia County)

Elizabeth Witt, Child Development Specialist (Volusia County)

Kaitlin Burton, Teacher's Assistant (Volusia County)

Lillie Shells, Program Substitute (Sumter County)

Carlie Nelson, Teacher's

Assistant (Sumter County)

The following reports were approved: Budget and Credit Cards, Enrollment/Attendance, Meals and Snacks, Service Area and Center. Parent activity requests for the following sites were approved: Bushnell, Brooksville, Horizon, Westside, Pathways Port Orange and Malloy.

Policy council members were advised of the update to the program's Selection Criteria which included an increase in the

points for the following risk factors: homelessness, foster care and having a family member in the household with a current IFSP or IEP. An updated Head Start Public Relations Plan was reviewed and approved. Materials for an age appropriate home safety program titled "Eddie the Eagle" were distributed following introduction and discussion of the program at a previous policy council meeting.

Our Disability Services Coordinator, Denise Thompson, led a training for policy council attendees. She explained the de-

## Happy February!

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

### Special events

- **Field Trip: Museum of Art (Deland)**
- **Classroom 1 & 3**
- **02/10/2017 @ 9:30 am**
- **Parent Meeting**
- **02/14/2017 @ 2:30 pm**
- **Field Trip: Museum of Art (Deland)**
- **Classroom 2**
- **02/17/2017 @ 9:30 am**
- **No School: Presidents Day.**
- **02/20/2017**
- **Family Engagement Activity**
- **02/14/2017 @10:00 am**
- **Kindergarten Transition Meeting**

## February, 2017

### Inside Story Classroom 1

By. Mrs. Adela & Mrs. Linnette



#### Happy February!

"A day in our classroom means the chance of a bright future.

From the moment the door opens in the morning, the children are greeted with an explosion of language instruction. Every word, song, and book can

make a tremendous impact on preparing children for the first day of kindergarten. As we rhyme each day they are learning the flow of reading; as we sing and dance, they are moving and grooving to the literary beat. Each and every conversation that takes place and each page on every

book make real print connections come to life for our children."

Of course, Friendship day is celebrated this month and we will use this holiday as the basic to discuss the importance as sharing, giving, loving and friendship. The class will revisit discussions about the things that make us happy and that we love.

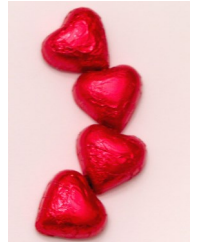
### Inside Story Classroom 2

By. Mrs. Lorraine & Mrs. Lee Ann

Hello Parent/Guardian, In the month of February we will be working on our letters letter sounds and numbers. We will also be learning

all about construction. We will talk about different tools used in the construction zone. How we can build? building together, and what we see in our neighborhood

that has been built. Parents can also continue this at home or while on a drive or walk. Talk about the different structures and what they think they used



### Inside Story Classroom 3

By. Mrs. Amanda & Mrs. Delly



This month we will talk about; homes we build. We learn about tools, materials and construction, we also learn about building things, solving

problems together and planning and working together. We also will be talking about the life at the farm. We will be focusing on letters Bb, Mm and Rr Through Second

Step we are working on Unit 4: Friendship and Problem Solving. The two goals of this unit are to help children learn to solve problems in safe ways and build skills that help children make and keeps



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#### January 2017

- Called meeting to order at 2:20pm
- Voted Chairperson - Andrea Avery
- Voted Secretary-Alishia Taylor
- Quorum was present at 13 parents
- Voted Assistant Secretary-Alida Munoz
- New business reminders: MLK holiday, picture day Jan 25<sup>th</sup>, Classroom field trip dates Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>
- Completed Chaperone training for all parents present.
- Family Advocate informed us of AT&T offer for internet and cable called Access for food stamp families at approx. 50.00 month.
- Raffle: everyone got a prize for showing up.
- No activity for the policy council report - Ryan Barros
- Parent added: the concern of the gate not being shut properly at pick up and drop off.
- Voted New Policy Council Representative - Ryan Barros
- Set a final date for CPR training Tuesday Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> Between 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm
- Parent added: SeaWorld offers