

Port Orange November Newsletter



November is “We Are Thankful” month.



Here at Port Orange HS/EHS we are Thankful for all our Parents, Grandparents and Guardians for trusting us with your most precious gifts, your children. Thank You!

We also are Thankful for all our teachers and staff team. Thank You for being caring, compassionate, and being AWESOME leaders to everyone here at POHS/EHS.

Parent Reminders: Important Dates

Family Involvement: Nov. 17th @ 1:45 HS & 2:45 EHS

Parent Meeting: Nov. 17th @ 2:15

No Early Release Days Nov. 1st, 8th, 15th

No School Nov. 10th in Observance of Veteran’s Day

No School Nov 22nd Head Start only

No School Nov. 23rd - 24th Thanksgiving Break

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Perfect Attendance: October

Classroom 1: Taline Kellini, Lucas Schultz, Blaise Stroud,
Jazlyn Tirado,

Classroom 2: Jeff Isaac, Itzel Lopez, Andrew Morrison,
Frederick Rodriguez, Zoey Walker

Classroom 3: Kaden Dawkins

Classroom 4: Ciana Allen, Domenick Casoli

Classroom 5: Da'Raji Bellamy

What's Happening at Port Orange Head Start

Ms. Kathy and Ms. Elaine Classroom 1:

November brings new themes to look forward to. During this month we will discuss themes such as "Nutritio-Squash, Seasons All Around-Weather Report, All Year Long, and Giving Thanks."

We will talk about nutrition and discuss the characteristics and life cycle of a crookneck squash. We will talk about different kinds of weather, learn how weather affects the environment and discover

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how and why the seasons change. We will explore what makes our families special. This will tie in nicely with our theme of Giving Thanks. This is a great time to focus on things we are thankful for in our lives.

We would like you to know that we are thankful for our parents and our children in our classroom! Ms. Kathy and Ms. Elaine

Reminder-CHANGE OF CLOTHES:

In addition to the change of weather, please make sure your child's extra change of clothes is appropriate for cold weather. Please bring in pants/long sleeves in the event your child may need to change clothes.

Ms. Brandi and Ms. Sue Classroom 2

Fall is here!! October was a very busy month for us! We had Head Start Awareness week, pumpkin carving and Jump Start Read For Record Volunteer! The children had a blast! The weather is starting to change so please check your child's cubby to make sure you change out for the seasons.

This month we will discuss themes such as "Moving the mail, Nutritional theme and "Fall is fun.

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Getting your child to school on time is important! If it is an absolute necessity that you are late give us a call. We understand that circumstances arise that we cannot control, but let's try our best to keep up the good work with our attendance. Your child's attendance is very important we love when they are here. Let us know if you have any concerns or needs in this area. If your child will not be present at school, please call our classroom directly at 386-788-1088 to let us know. Thank you for your support in this area!

We are in the process of coming up with our next parent involvement activities for the year! If you have any other ideas please feel free to let us know.

Policy Council

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.

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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.

What's Happening at Early Head Start of Port Orange

Ms. Carol and Ms. Barb Infants Classroom 3

In the infant class we will be continuing to work on sign language (more, please, thank you). We also will be working on our fine motor

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skills by doing some Fall Arts and Crafts. Be sure to be on the lookout for these projects in the classroom and being sent home.

Ms. Ge'Quita and Ms. Jennifer Toddlers Classroom 4

The toddlers will be working on language development. We will include story time and be observing your child's ability with 3 piece puzzles. At this time we will also be observing your child's ability to follow a 1 step direction and follow verbal commands.

Ms. Yomara and Ms. Maria Two's Classroom 5

For the month of November we will be introducing the letters "A" and "P". Also we will be learning about the colors of Fall and talking about giving "Thanks". Watch for our Arts and Crafts related to the themes.