

WEST VOLUSIA EDUCATION CENTER (WVEC)



NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2016

IMPORTANT DATES:

- December 3 - Christmas Parade
- December 11-20 Christmas Around the World
- December 14 Field Trip (Cloister)
- December 16 Winter Festival
- December 20 - PJ Day Family Engagement (Movie Day)
- December 20 - Last Day Winter Break Begins at the end of the day



Merry
Christmas



From the Desk of: Jennifer Fowler, CDS

Holidays can be a time when parents decide that doing things with their children will be a priority. They will use the time to get to know each other and enjoy each other's company. Children love doing things with parents.

Try to arrange some individual time with each child if you can, as well as family time - this helps build good relationships and helps your children's self-esteem.

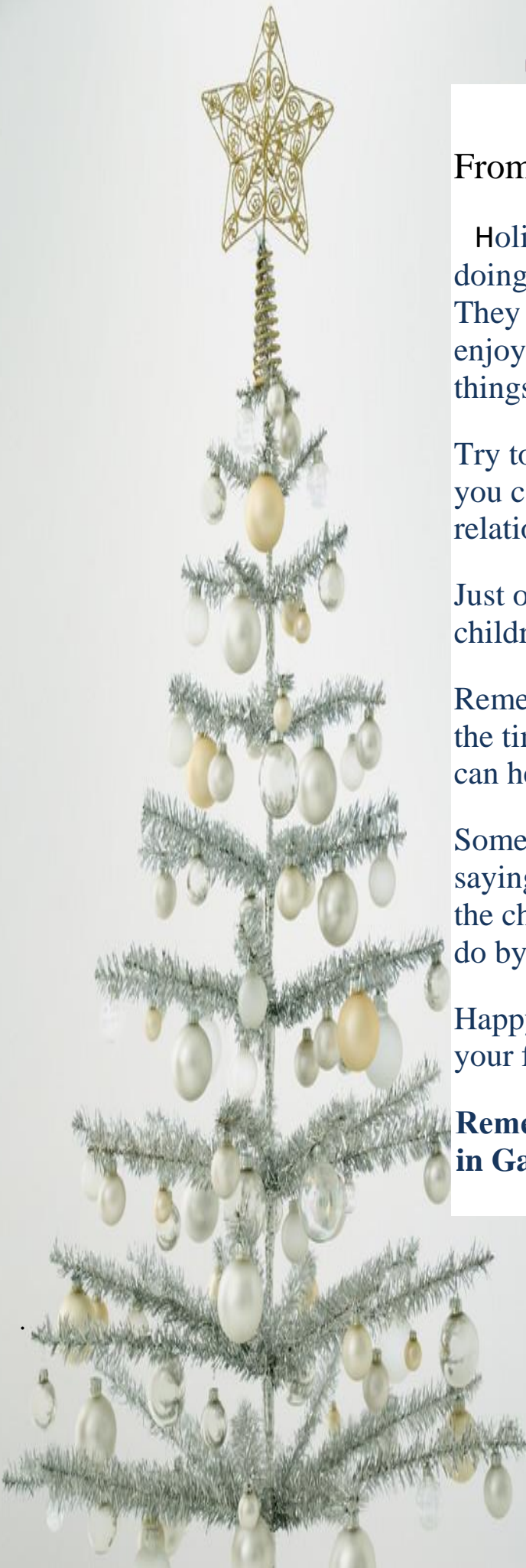
Just one different activity each day will help keep children interested and looking forward to it.

Remember children do not need to be 'entertained' all the time. Just a change of place or a few suggestions can help them to be very creative on their own.

Sometimes saying "I'm bored" is another way of saying "I want you to play with me", and sometimes the child has not even started to try to think of what to do by themselves.

Happy Holidays to everyone & enjoy this time with your family!!

Remember to login and check your child's progress in Galileo. If you need the password again, see your child's teacher....





Dear Parents : Happy Holidays ! Remember Our Winter Festival !! Don't Miss it !

December 16, 2016 at 10:00 to 11:30 AM. One Hour and a half full of Joy!!

Thank You, for all your Support and Collaboration!!

Apreciados Padres: !Felices Fiestas! Recuerde Nuestro Festival de Invierno! No se lo pierda!

16 de Diciembre 2016 de 10:00 a 11:30 AM. Una hora y media de diversión!

Gracias por todo su Apoyo y Colaboración!!



INSIDE STORY CLASSROOM #1

Dear parents,

We will have an exciting month full of wonderful activities and we hope to see you all there. On Second Step we will learn about caring and helping our friends. The letters that we will work on are Uu, Ww and Yy. On December 3 we will have the participation on Deland Christmas Parade. On December 12 through the 20th we will learn about Christmas around the world.

December

- 12 USA
- 13 Hanukah
- 14 Mexico
- 15 Puerto Rico
- 16 Winter Festival
- 19 Germany
- 20 Kwanzaa

***We want to Thanks so much for your participation and congratulation to the turkey winners.

Rosalyn and Aida

INSIDE STORY CLASSROOM #2

Dear Parents,

We want to invite all of you to participate to December activities; children and staff are very excited. Christmas is here! and we are going to keep up the fun! In the classroom we will learn about the weather, seasons and Christmas around the world. On Second Step we will learn about different feelings. The letters that we will work on are W, Y, and U. During this month we are going to have a field trips and the participation on Deland Christmas Parade.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Melissa & Mrs. Maria





Policy Council update for November 2016

The November Policy Council meeting was held on Thursday, November 17th at 10:00 am via video conference. Fifteen policy council members were present. A special welcome was extended to a new community policy council member, Carolyn Casler. Ms. Casler is employed by the Early Learning Coalition of Pasco/Hernando counties.

The following persons were approved for hire:

Jessyal Acevedo, Teacher's Assistant - Hernando Head Start

Megan Golembieski, Program Substitute -Hernando/Sumter counties

Jeamary Garcia, Teacher - Horizon Head Start -Volusia County

Brittany Jackson, Extended Day Teacher - EVEC - Volusia County

Juliette Santiago, Family Advocate - Chisholm Head Start – Volusia County

Budget report training was conducted by Kris Bates, Chief Financial Officer of Mid Florida Community Services, Inc.

The following reports were approved: Budget and Credit Cards, Enrollment/Attendance, Meals and Snacks, Service Area and Center. Staff will be asked to decrease the number of pictures included in center reports and increase the size of any pictures that are included in these reports.

An Information Memorandum recently issued by the Office of Head Start was reviewed. The memorandum highlighted new requirements in the Head Start Performance Standards. As a result of the memorandum, programs are prohibited from expelling or suspending a child due to the child's behavior.

A presentation on the Galileo curriculum was provided Child Development Specialist, Karen Bourbonnais. The twelve learning domains were reviewed. Additionally, information related to how the Galileo data can be easily accessed by parents and utilized by teachers and administrators to support the development of children in the program.

A series of changes to the Policy Council By laws were reviewed and approved during the meeting. The specific areas affected by these changes included:

Family and Community Partnership

Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment & Attendance - ERSEA

Health

Oral health

The following **announcements** were made:

Mid Florida Community Services, Inc. has purchased a new location at 233 Oakridge Street in Holly Hill, Florida. The goal is to open the location at the beginning of the 2017-18 school year. However, if we are awarded the Early Head Start grant, efforts will be made to open the new location in April 2017.

A large room at the Hernando Head Start building is currently being renovated to become a Training Room for use by Head Start staff and possibly community partners.