

# WEST VOLUSIA EDUCATION CENTER (WVEC)



NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2017

## IMPORTANT DATES:

March – Home Activities (2)  
March 3 – Visit for the Nurse  
March 7- Transition to Kindergarten  
March 24 – Family Engagement  
March 10 – No School  
March 13 – 17 – Spring Break  
March 20- Classes Resume

# KIDS WORLD



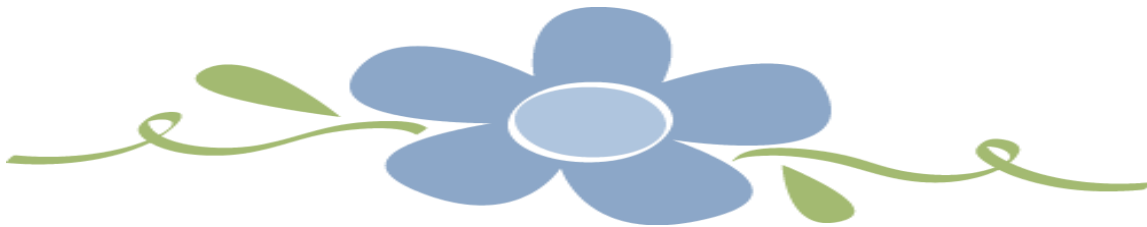


From the Desk of Jennifer Fowler, CDS

Can't believe March is already upon us. It seems like the months are flying by much too quickly. February was a flash and I am sure summer will be here in the blink of an eye. We had lots of exciting events that occurred in February and have much more to come in March. We are delighted with the progress of all our children at this point of the school year. All have totally excelled in all their preschool activities. Our staff feels so fortunate to have such delightful, bright and beautiful children. We also appreciate all of our parents' efforts in our behalf. Your participation and communication makes our job so much easier. March presents another fun filled and busy month in our center. We will continue to fill the student's days with a combination of fun activities, educational games and many other events. We want to thank all parents for cooperating with the Teachers to get the home visits completed.

**Set those clocks ahead one hour.**

**Come in to Volunteer in Your Child's Classroom!!**



## INSIDE STORY CLASSROOM #1 AND # 2

This month we will be covering two themes. In the City, In the Country.

### **The Theme: In the City, In the Country**

- **Week 1:** The children will be learning about the country life and animals on a farm,
- **Week 2:** The Busy, busy city the children will find out about the bustle of the city life.
- **Week 3:** Market to market the children will discover how products get to the market.

Spring season brings flowers ... and pollen ... and allergies Allergy season is now underway, and as climate change continues, it means that the season of pollen may be lasting longer and longer across different regions of the country. In order to help your child get through the allergy season, know the difference between the symptoms of a cold or infection and allergies. If your child has itchy watery eyes with a clear runny nose, chances are it could be allergies.

We are having so much fun with all of you, more activities to come and more to be learn. In the classroom we are learning letters Cc, Qq and Vv.

Sincerely,

Melissa & Maria Rosalyn & Melissa



### **Family Advocate Corner**

Dear parents: It's Important you bring your child's Dental Appointment Follow up documentation as soon as possible.

Thank You.

Apreciados Padres: Es importante que ustedes sometan la documentación del seguimiento dental de su niño. Gracias.



# HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



## FEBRUARY POLICY COUNCIL UPDATE

The February Policy Council meeting was held on Thursday, February 23rd at 10:00 am. It was a video conference meeting. Policy Council members from Volusia County met at the Volusia Administration Conference Room in Deland. Policy Council members from Hernando and Sumter counties met at the Hernando Head Start Conference Room in Brooksville. Thirteen policy council members (11 parents and 2 community partner members) were present.

The following person was approved for hire:

*Kari Thornsbury, Dietary Aide (Hernando County)*

The following reports were approved/accepted: December 2016 Budget and Credit Cards, Enrollment/Attendance, Meals and Snacks, Service Area and Center. Heidi Rand- Director, expressed concern regarding the amount of classrooms (more than 25%) with attendance rates below 85%. Parents are encouraged to be mindful of the attendance policy and remind other parents as well.

An overview of the *High Scope Curriculum, Houghton Mifflin Curriculum and Galileo Assessment/Curriculum* was provided by Heidi Rand. A detailed review of the Second Step Curriculum will be presented next month.

Our Quality Assurance Manager - Jeff Heyne, led a training on Head Start program eligibility. He explained the four eligibility categories, provided examples of funds that are considered to be income and described the consequences a staff member would face if it is determined that the staff member did not accurately process income information in an effort to ensure that the family is determined to be eligible.

Policy Council members were advised that our program has been asked to submit a grant proposal for Volusia/Flagler United Way. The grant proposals will request funding to support kindergarten readiness and promote healthy lifestyles in Volusia County.

The next Policy Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10 am. It will be a video conference meeting.

