



Head Start
Mid Florida Community Services
Early Head Start

BLUE LAKE

Important Dates:

Important days to remember

September 3 and 17 no school

Open house is

September 13 at 5:30 to 7pm
come out and visit your child's class-
room.

Picture day is

September 27



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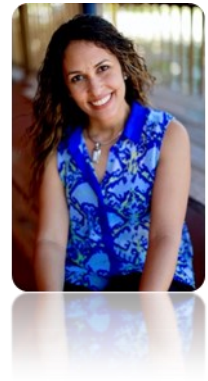
Dear Parent:

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Welcome to another wonderful Preschool year at Head Start!

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year. We hope you had wonderful restful and rejuvenating summer break. We would like to welcome all of our returning families and those who are joining us here at Head Start for the first time. Together we'll provide a positive and nurturing environment where your children can learn and grow as they explore and discover the world around them. Together we are partners in creating a stimulating curriculum that encourages your children to learn and develop at their own pace. I trust we will cooperate in providing the best learning experience possible for the children and us!

My name is Rosalyn Figueroa and I am the CDS for your child's center, please feel free to contact me at any time. I look forward to meeting each of you. It is great seeing your child's smiling face every day at school. Remember that attendance is very important and we want to have your child at school every day. I am looking forward to this school year and am very excited for what it has to bring.



Sean todos bienvenidos a este Nuevo año escolar 2018-2019. Esperamos que hayan tenido un verano maravilloso. Queremos darles la bienvenida a todas las familias que han regresado y a las familias que comienzan en Early Head Start & Head Start. Juntos proveeremos un ambiente positivo en donde los niños puedan aprender y crecer, mientras exploran descubriendo el mundo a su alrededor. Trabajaremos en conjunto creando un currículo estimulante donde sus niños puedan aprender y desarrollarse en su propio espacio. Trabajaremos juntos para proveer la mejor experiencia de aprendizaje posible para sus niños.

Mi nombre es Rosalyn Figueroa y soy la supervisora del desarrollo de la niñez del centro. Siéntese libre de contactarme en cualquier momento. Espero conocer a cada uno de ustedes. Es de gran placer ver las caras de sus niños sonreír todos los días en la escuela, recuerde que la asistencia es bien importante. Estoy bien contenta

Notes from:

Mrs. Rosalyn Figueroa

Child Development Specialist

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Inside the Classroom Mrs. Rosalyn & Mrs. Aida



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Welcome to our classroom and school! We are beginning to learn all about our classroom and making new friends. We are learning to identify our names in print and learning our routines. We are also learning about patterns and how we can find pattern everywhere. All the children are enjoying their time here in school. All the children are adjusting nicely and a pleasure to have in class.

Thank you,

Ms. Marilyn & Ms. Lorri



A Teacher
Takes a Hand,
Opens a mind,
Touches a
HEART.



Policy Council Update - August 2018

The August Policy Council Meeting was held on Thursday, August 23rd. Members participated via video conference from the administrative office in their county. Six policy council members were present. Eight staff members were present. Policy Council members who could not attend the meeting were contacted to obtain

their approval or disapproval on voting items.

The following **reports were approved:** *Budget, Credit Cards, Meals and Snacks, Service Areas and Centers. Details of the approved Enrollment/Attendance Report included the following:* The average daily attendance of nine Early Head Start classrooms in Volusia County was below 85% in July 2018 due to family travel or illness.

Heidi Rand, Director of Early Learning Programs, advised the Policy Council members that our agency will return any unused Early Head Start **grant funds** for the current program year to the federal government. The unused funds were originally identified for expenses related to opening Early Head Start classrooms. Several unavoidable factors temporarily delayed the opening of these classrooms. The classrooms are expected to be opened in 2018-19. The return of the funds will not affect the amount of our Early Head Start grant award for the next program year.

New hires for the following positions in Volusia County were approved: 3 Family Advocates, 1 Community Outreach Coordinator, 4 Early Head Start teachers and 1 substitute teacher.

New hires for the following positions in Hernando/Sumter Counties were approved: 1 Family Advocate, 1 Early Head Start teacher, 1 Head Start teacher and 1 part time Extended Day teacher.

Policy council members were asked to encourage parents at their sites to consider **Policy Council participation**. A special request for Policy Council members to help recruit more children and families was also made.

The **next Policy Council meeting** is scheduled for 9:30am on Thursday, September 27th at Lake Sumter College in Leesburg.



Welcome



Dear Parents /Families !

Welcome to this new school year 2018-2019. I am very happy to be working this year at this center and to be your family advocate. I hope that this year we can work in harmony and be able to carry out each of the activities that we have for you. Please remember to bring your children every day and arrive early at 8:00 am , so your child do not miss out on the routine and the curriculum. It is very important to arrive on time. Thank you again and I am here always to help you.

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Bienvenidos a este nuevo año escolar 2017-2018. Estoy muy feliz de poder estar trabajando este año en este centro y de ser su representante de familia. Espero que este año podamos trabajar en armonía y poder llevar a cabo cada una de las actividades que tenemos para ustedes. Por favor recuerden traer a sus niños todos los días y llegar temprano a las 8:00 am para que no se pierdan de la rutina y del currículo de clases. Es muy importante llegar a tiempo. Nuevamente gracias, y estoy para ayudarles siempre.

Notes from:
Mrs. Jolyette Santiago
Family Advocate