

DeLand Head Start Newsletter



Head Start
Mid Florida Community Services
Early Head Start



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Dear Parent:

Welcome to a 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, with a special greeting to those families 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. We are partners together in creating a stimulating curriculum that encourages your children to learn and develop at their own pace.

I trust we can work together as a team in providing the best learning experience possible for your children and us!

My name is Pamela Fernet and I am the CDS (Child Development Specialist) for your child's center, please feel free to contact me at any time. I look forward to greeting each of you at the center at arrival/dismissal times or during parent meetings.

It is great seeing your child's smiling face every day at school, remember that attendance is very important and we are glad 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.

HELLO!

SEPTEMBER

Days to remember: September

Wednesday
Early Release

Labor Day 3
No School

Student Holiday 17
Parent Meeting

Notes from classroom 1: Ms. Stephanie

August was such a wonderful month. Classroom 1 had a wonderful time interacting and getting to know each other this first month together. During August, the children really enjoyed talking about their families and loved sharing their All About Me posters with their classmates. Another favorite activity of theirs, that got them laughing and moving, was when they interact, sang, and dance with Choosy. They have each been able to practice washing their hands and brushing their teeth with Choosy. Although, their favorite song is "My Heart Says Thanks". Classroom 1 has been working very hard on following the classroom rules, counting, recognizing basic shapes,

and colors. As we interact with the world around us, the children observe and talk about the different shapes and colors around them. This has been something that excites them. I love hearing them yell, "Look that fire alarm is red" and "Ms. Stephanie, that cloud is white!" "The circle cloud like a cat!". Thank you everyone for helping add excitement to my classroom, as we have gotten to know each other. I cannot wait to see what excitement September brings to classroom 1. Please feel free to stop in the classroom and spend some time with the children.



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Notes from classroom 2: Ms. Simone & Ms. Mary

In our classroom on a daily basis, we are learning through a program called Second Step where children learn to practice and apply skills in their daily interactions. This is learned through songs, movement and weekly theme activities. Children are also encouraged to be independent while working together to solve problems. Furthermore, children are learning

through play on a daily basis. This includes pretend play,

exploration, constructing and building blocks. In addition, manipulatives are used to help children build on their fine motor skills by using hand-eye coordination. For outside play, children work on building their gross motor skills by engaging in activities such as running, jumping, kicking a ball, catching a ball etc. Finally, the children are excited about brushing teeth in the afternoons after lunch. They are learning about proper dental hygiene.



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Notes from classroom 3: Ms. Yeymary & Ms. Nicole

We welcome you to this new 2018-2019 school year. We have been working along side you step by step to help your children achieve their goals this past month. We worked on transitions of this new process of coming to school. We also worked with setting the rules and routines in the classroom. The children are also working with shapes, numbers, letters and recognizing their name. We are working on our emotions and socialization with the help of Second Step. This is a fundamental part of our children. Thank you very much for your assistance and being apart of your child's education which is so important for each child. Once again we thank you very much!!



Perfect Attendance:

Classroom 1:

Kamila Colon
Chloe Gaskill
Antenisha Harper
Logan Long
Arielys Mares
Miguel Alexander Ocanpos
Ariel Pagan-Vazquez
Eduardo Ramirez
Mia Reyes
Sebastian Velez-Diaz

Classroom 2:

Edith Cortes
Layla Cruz
Jaylani Gordon
Luis Irizarry
Aiden Mares
Malierys Perez

Classroom 3:

Amani Bennett
Briseyda Cervantes
Damian Galarza
Nathan Lipka
Angelina Penaloza Palacios
King Rideau
Jhonatan Rivera
Santiago Salas

Notes from the Family Advocate

Dear Families

Special thanks to all of our families, for give us the privilege to serve and to guide you; you are truly our inspiration for making the difference on your child's life by providing the opportunity of early learning development by setting the foundations for your child success in the future. I would like to invite you to share your goals, needs, concerns and any other special situation that you may have, we are here to support and assist you through the school year. Our work is to make sure that you, can also learn, improve and achieve your goals, because you are as important as your child is to us, in Deland Head Start.

On behalf of the Staff at the Deland Head Start we are happy to welcome you to the 2018-2019 school year. We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in our school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child education. Please we ask that you guide and support your child learning by ensuring that he/she:

- 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time ready for the day learning experience
- 2) Completes all homework assignments given by teachers
- 3) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and improve literacy skills.
- 4) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
- 5) Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject.

The wonderful Deland Head Start Teachers and the FA, feel privileged to be a part of this school family and we thank you for your support and volunteer services during this school year.

Queridas familias

Un agradecimiento especial a todas nuestras familias, por darnos el privilegio de servir y guiarlo; usted es verdaderamente nuestra inspiración para hacer la diferencia en la vida de su hijo al brindar la oportunidad de desarrollar el aprendizaje temprano al establecer las bases para el éxito de su hijo en el futuro. Me gustaría invitarlo a compartir sus metas, necesidades, inquietudes y cualquier otra situación especial que pueda tener, estamos aquí para apoyarlo y ayudarlo durante el año escolar. Nuestro trabajo es asegurarnos de que usted también pueda aprender, mejorar y alcanzar sus metas, porque usted es tan importante como lo es su hijo para nosotros, en Deland Head Start.

En nombre del personal de Deland Head Start, nos complace darle la bienvenida al año escolar 2018-2019. Esperamos con interés una asociación productiva con usted para asegurar que nuestros niños alcancen su máximo potencial. Reconocemos que para tener éxito en nuestra escuela, nuestros hijos necesitan apoyo tanto del hogar como de la escuela. Sabemos que una asociación sólida con usted hará una gran diferencia en la educación de su hijo. Le pedimos que guíe y apoye a su hijo aprendiendo asegurándose de que él / ella:

- 1) Asiste a la escuela todos los días y llega a tiempo listo para la experiencia de aprendizaje del día
- 2) Completa todas las tareas asignadas por los maestros
- 3) Lee diariamente para desarrollar un amor por la lectura y mejorar las habilidades de alfabetización.
- 4) Comparte contigo experiencias escolares para que estés al tanto de su vida escolar
- 5) le informa si necesita apoyo adicional en cualquier área o tema.

Nuestro gran equipo de maestros de Deland Head Start y la FA, se sienten privilegiados de formar parte de esta familia escolar y le agradecemos su apoyo y servicios voluntarios durante este año escolar.

Suzette Otero
Family Advocate Deland Head Start
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for always,
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Policy Council

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

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Dr. Miriam Streppard



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Pathways Deland Head Start
Parent's Meeting Minutes

Day: 30 Month: AUGUST 2018

Parent Meeting started at: 2:45PM.

Parents were greeted by: S.Otero, M.Davis, P.Fernett

The Pledge of Allegiance was leaded by: _____.

Minutes from last Parents Meeting were given by: Suzette Otero.

Policy Council Representative, reported Policy Council

Minutes: Yes: _____. No: X.

Parents were notified of coming Important Dates:

Closed Monday Sept 3rd –Labor Day

Closed Monday Sept 17th-Teacher Duty Day

Notes: Parent Meeting was celebrated at DeLand Head Start, parents from Woodward and Blue Lake also attended the meeting. Meeting was translated in Spanish by: S. Otero, N.Pagan and J.Santiago. M.Davis explained the parents' Rights and Responsibilities and also the purpose of the Parent Meeting. All DeLand Head Start parents votes and choose the 1st Wednesday of each month at 2:30 PM for the future Parent Meetings. M.Davis explained the roles of the parent committee and the Policy Council Role. Parents voted and choose DeLand Head Start representatives, Chairperson: Desiree Vellon, Vice Chairperson: Keonna Taylor and Secretary: Lourdes Cintron. Policy Council Rep: Desiree Vellon and alternate rep.: Veronica Long.

Pedestrian Safety training was conducted by M. Davis. Service area reports by provided by center teachers, CDS P. Fernett and FA. S. Otero, who spoke and invited parents to participate from the extended day program,. Raffle. Meeting Adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at: 3:50 PM_. Presents: 18. Parent Committee:____. Staff: 6.

Minutes taken by: S.Otero.

