



Hope Place Newsletter September 2018

Dates to Remember

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!!!

- ***September 3rd- NO SCHOOL.**
- ***September 17th -NO School for children, Staff training day.**
- **September 10th- Parent Meeting @ 3pm**
- **September 10th- Parent Activity @ 3:30pm**
- **September 27th – Policy Council Meeting @ 10am**

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year. We hope you had wonderful restful and rejuvenating summer. We would like to welcome all of our families who are joining us here at Head Start and Early 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 Crystal Hill and I am the Site Director for your child's center, please feel free to contact me at any time. I look forward to meeting each of you at our first parent meeting. 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.

We hope to see your child at school every day, but if they are unable to attend please be sure to contact your child's Teacher. Also if you are going to be late make sure that you call the Teacher to let them know this as well.

Reminder:

- ***Please bring in change of clothes for your child**
- ***If you are running late please call your child class so we can count them in for a warm meal.**



Hope Place Phone number: (386) 281-

Hours of Operation: 7:00am – 6:00pm

Fun Fact:

Reading to your children/child is like driving a car, you choose the destination and the book takes you there.



Sneak Peek Inside The Classrooms

Infants

We are excited about some of the new things we are working on with each and every student in our class. This week we are introducing crawling and learning to use our spoon during meal times.



Toddler/Twos

For September we will be working on the classroom rules and building a classroom community that will focus on caring and sharing with each another. During meal times we are encouraging students to use their spoon. Also the 3 rules we are working on are: walking feet, listening ears, and soft touches. Please feel free to use these rules at home with your child. We also encourage students to use their words (Help please, No thank-you, more please). Please help us by working with them at home on these different skills to improve their language and to help them have a safe environment at school.



Head Start



Thank you for sharing your child with us! We look forward to getting to know your children. We will learn about classroom routines and expectations. We will discuss our daily schedule and establish classroom rules for the classroom and playground. Students will begin exploring what to do in the centers, how to share, and take turns. Our weekly themes will be All About Me, My Family, and Friends All Around Me. We will also begin our Second Step Curriculum, which helps us with our social/emotional skills. We will meet our puppets and name them. We will discuss, model, and play games about welcoming and listening. We will become a classroom family. We look forward to working with you this school, and we will help you with anything we can!

Parent Corner: Minutes from Meetings

Parent Meeting -August 2018

- The meeting started with Crystal Hill and Michael Davis introducing themselves and thanking all the parents for coming to the meeting. The explained what the meeting was for and that they would be every month.
- The parents then voted on the date and time of the meetings to follow. There was a unanimous vote for the meeting to be the 2nd Tuesday of the month and to be held at 3pm.
- The parents then voted on who the parent committee chairperson, vice chairperson, and secretary. There was a unanimous decision and vote on these. Thank you to all the parents that volunteered.
- The parents followed by voting on the PC rep for EHS and HS as well as an alternate in the event they rep was unable to attend. The vote was unanimous for all. Thank you to those that took the positions, they will enjoy their job.
- We then followed with important dates for the month of September as well as a overview of the classrooms from the Teachers. Thank you to Mrs. Amanda, Mrs. Stacy, and Ms. Nikki.
- Mr. Michael then did the pedestrian training with the parents and Ms. Crystal talked about distractive driving.
- Ms. Crystal reminded parents to bring in dental forms and physicals and shot records as soon as they can.
- The meeting was adjourned and all parents were thanked again for attending.



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.



Attendance Matters

Perfect Attendance

EARLY HEAD START

Infant:

1. Ty'lan James
2. Sevyn Mccarty

Toddlers:

1. Dallas Heron
2. Treyon Jones
3. Jaiden Major

EARLY HEAD START

Preschool:

1. Ryleigh Davis
2. De'auri Mccloud
3. Rhea O'Gwynn
4. Rose O'Gwynn
5. Jhordin Pride
6. Gianna Smith
7. Ahdaiyah Broxton
8. Serenity Bizzell

Improved Attendance

EARLY HEAD START

Infant:

1. Sarah Phillips
2. Rylan Davis
3. Willow Sanchez

Toddlers:

1. Jesse Irizarry
2. Angel Espinoza

EARLY HEAD START

Preschool:

1. Kole Phillips
2. Lilith Rabitor
3. Myleigh Schultz

