



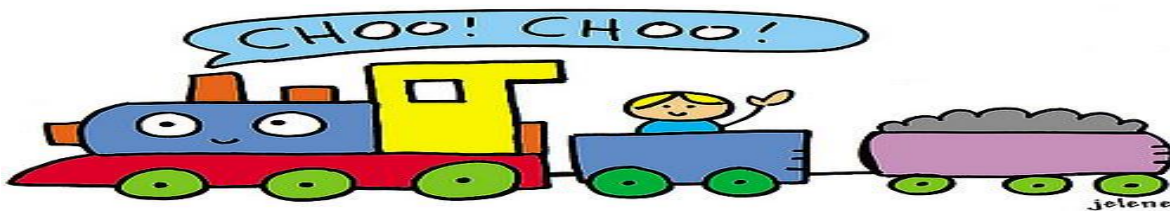
WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL



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, 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 Jeamary Garcia 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. 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.



ALL ABOARD FOR PERFECT ATTENDANCE

**"Please remember if your child
will not be attending for the day
to call and let your teachers know."**



From Family Advocate Desk

Ms. Annette

As the hurricane season picks up and becomes more active now is the time to take a look at your hurricane supplies. Please do not wait until we are actually in the danger zone before going to get supplies. We all know what the stores are like and the lack of supplies when waiting until there is an actual storm coming! Start picking up that extra water now! Many websites have hurricane supply lists you can look at. Start buying some nonperishable food now every time you go to the grocery store. You won't notice the drain on the budget as much. Remember to include pet food, baby food, infant formula and other items as needed. Look for food items like peanut butter, powdered sports drinks high in electrolytes and protein bars to help maintain energy in humid conditions. Stockpile enough food and supplies to last at least 7 days. Don't forget the manual can opener for the can goods! Also on the list plenty of batteries, and a battery operated or hands crank weather radio.



- Please remember to take blankets home at the end of the week (Friday)
- Early release every Wednesday
- School starts at 8:00 and ends @ 2:00
- **No School** September 3, 2018 (Holiday – Labor Day)
- **No School** September 17, 2018 (In-Service)
- Parent Meeting: September 25, 2018 @ 2:15 pm

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Family Advocate: Ms. Annette

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CLASSROOM'S HIGHLIGHTS



Classroom 1 “Robots”

The first month of school are primarily devoted to getting to know each other and setting into our classroom routines. For some children going to school is a first experience away from home and parents, so this transition may be difficult. We will, therefore, move slowly until all are comfortable with their new friends and surroundings. Following directions, listening, and becoming aware of those around us will be an ongoing endeavor. The children will be learning “All About Me”, “Let's Be Friends”, “My Family”, “Pedestrian Safety”, and “Safety First”, so our classroom activities will be designed to enhance the children's development in these areas.

We will also provide opportunities for your child's discovery of his or her ability to create! Therefore; we are looking forward to our special time with your child this year. We anticipate a good start to our school year, with much learning, sharing and fun!

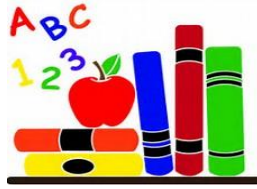
Mrs. Adela/Mrs. Linnette

Classroom 2 “Super Kids”

We would like to welcome you to our class. We look forward to getting to know you as we work together to help your children learn, grow and advance to the next level. It was fun to see how the children made new friends and got along with each other, the first few weeks. The first weeks of school, we got off to a good start learning “All about School”, “Our Class Rules” and “Let's be Friends”. This month we will be learning about “Pedestrian Safety”, “Meet My Family Buzz”, “Hello Neighbor-On Our Street” and “Community Helpers”. We would like for you to send a picture of your family to display in the classroom. This will give the children a chance to talk about who is in their families. We look forward to working with you in helping to make this school year the best for our children. We would like to remind you to bring a change of clothing and please check your child's cubbies every day. Thanks for your patience and working with us on getting this year off to a good start.

Mrs. Lorraine/Mrs. Kathy





Classroom 3 “The Incredibles”

We would like to welcome all parents and students to classroom 3 “The Incredibles”. We are working on social interactions, getting to know our friends. Introduce centers areas, follow simple directions, classroom and playground rules, also introduce family style meals. Your child will have lots of learning opportunities as we open up with our theme “All about Me”, “My Family”, “Friends all Around Me”. Introduce Second Step lesson to develop Social emotional skills. We are working on English vocabulary and translations for Spanish child. We look forward to working with you in helping to make this year the best for our children. Please remember to check your child’s mailbox every day for important information and don’t forget to bring extra clothes and a blanket for you child.

Thanks to trusting your delightful child with us.

Mrs. Ada/Mrs. Nancy



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.