



Hope Place Newsletter October 2018

Dates to Remember

***October 8th:**

Parent meeting 3pm

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**Parent Activity
Pumpkin painting at
3:30pm**

***October 15th:**

In service day CLOSED

*** October 22nd:**

Open House @3pm

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.**

From the Desk of: Crystal Hill- Site Director

Fall is here and we are already off to a wonderful beginning of preschool here at our center. A warm welcome to you all and I hope that the school year is off to a great start for you and your family as well! We have had a wonderful start to our school year so far and it seems as though everyone has made a smooth transition. If your child is still having a difficult time separating, please be sure to make an appointment with your child's teacher and myself so we can help to ease the transition some. Not to worry they will be making new friends in no time. By working together, we can make this a wonderful beginning to your child's education. Your children are all a delight and they will teach us many things. They will help us remember how to play, to live in the present moment, and to make new discoveries. Let's be models of the behavior we want them to have; cooperate, share, take turns, laugh, play and "use our words".

I'm really looking forward to our year together and hope you think of your days spent in the classroom as a joy . . . a special time you get to spend watching your child grow and discover. Remember we encourage volunteering and welcome all of you to join our teachers and children in the classrooms. Your children enjoy seeing you in the classroom and so do we...

Be sure to attend the next parent meeting at your center, you can check with your teacher or family advocate if you are not sure when it is. Our open house will be this month also, please come so you can receive your Galileo log-in information.

Please do your best to bring your child to school every day we understand that things happen, so if your child can't come please be sure to call your child's teacher to let them know they will not be here or that they will be late.



Head Start Awareness Week:

10/29- Crazy Sock Day

10/30- Pajama Day

10/31- Character Day

11/1- Red/White/Blue Day

11/2- Jersey Day

Fun Fact:

Did you know the largest pumpkin pie on record made 5,000 slices?



Sneak Peek Inside The Classrooms

Infants

Our infants are enjoying the playground and outside time. Please make sure if your child is walking that she/he has shoes here at school. We want to wish Sarai Shelton(October 4th) and Sevyn McCarty(October 31st) a Happy 1st Birthday!!! This month we will be painting with our children in class. We want to thank all of our parents for trusting us with your precious little ones. We are loving every minute of our time with these terrific little ones!



Toddler/Twos

The Toddler and twos have been working very hard on learning the classroom rules and sharing the toys with each other. We continue to go over the rules each day with the children and encourage you to as well. For the month of October the children will be learning about Community Helpers and what they do for us and our community. One of the first Community helpers we will be learning about is a Doctor/ Nurse. We were lucky to have Nursing students visit the classroom to do the height's, weight's, vision and hearing screen for each student in the classroom. This was a great introduction to what a Doctor/ Nurse does for us. The children are also learning some simple cooperative games/ songs such as Row, Row, Row your boat along with many others. Please feel free to volunteer in the classroom to see how hard your child is working in the classroom.



Head Start



In October we will continue our discussions about how to stay safe in the classroom, including making safe choices and how a teacher's job is to keep us safe. Our weekly themes will be Strawberries, Visiting the Doctor, The Dentist Office, and Moving the Mail. We will have a Head Start Awareness week where the students will wear something special each day the week of October 29 – November 2. There will be more information to come on this. Also, we will continue with a Second Step (Social/Emotional Curriculum). We will begin identifying feelings, including anger. We will discuss things that make us angry and what we can do when we are angry that is "safe". Feel free to help us in this discussion with your child. It take a community, and we honored to be a part of yours.

Parent Corner: Minutes from Meetings

Parent Meeting –September 2018

- The meeting started with Christopher Phillips calling the meeting to order. Brandi Espinosa then read the minutes from last month's meeting.
- Christopher then stated that there was no one that attended the Policy Council meeting for next month, so there was no report, but he would be attending next month along with Jessica Ducker on Sept 27th.
- Christopher then went over the announcements for the center.
- VIP parents were introduced and explained by Crystal Hill. Congratulations to them. See the board in Crystal's office to see their names displayed.
- Crystal Hill then discussed Perfect Attendance and Improved Attendance. She talked about the importance of it.
- Important dates were given for the center.
- Crystal Hill reminded parents of turning in Physicals and Immunizations. She also reminded parents to take children to the Dentist before Nov.
- We then followed with an overview of the classrooms from the Teachers. Thank you to Mrs. Amanda, Mrs. Stacy, and Ms. Nikki.
- Mr. Michael was not present.
- Birthdays for the month of September were announced.
- The meeting was adjourned and all parents were thanked again for attending.
- Next meeting is Oct 8th @ 3pm.



Policy Council Update –September 2018

- The September Policy Council Meeting was held on Thursday, September 27th at Lake Sumter State College in Leesburg. Five 2017-18 policy council members were present. Sixteen policy council members, elected for 2018-19 program year, were in attendance to observe the meeting process. Seven staff members were present.
- The following documents **were approved**:
Budget Report, Credit Card Report, Meals and Snacks Report, Service Area Reports, Center Reports and the Family Engagement Plan. Details of the approved *Enrollment/Attendance Report* included the following: The average daily attendance of 3 Head Start classrooms in Volusia County was below 85% in August 2018 due to illness or transportation issues. The daily attendance of 2 Head Start classrooms in Hernando/Sumter County was below 85% in August 2018 due to illness, family travel plans or transportation issues.
- The Program Information Report for services provided in 2017-18 (Early Head Start and Head Start) was reviewed. This report included data about program services in a variety of categories such as the number of children and families participating in the program, number of staff employed by program and the number of families who achieved their goals.
- The following **new hires** were approved for Volusia County sites: 2 teachers and 1 center aide
- The following **new hires** were approved for Hernando County sites: 3 teachers
- Policy Council members who served during 2017-18 program year received special recognition for their dedicated service.
- **Training** for newly elected 2018-19 **Policy Council members** is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 11th at 9:30 am in Volusia County at the MFCS Admin. Office in Deland and Tuesday, Oct. 16th at 10:00 am in the Training room at the Hernando Admin. Office in Brooksville.
- The **next Policy Council meeting** is scheduled for 9:30am on Thursday, October 25th. The meeting location is to be determined.



Attendance Matters

Perfect Attendance

EARLY HEAD START

Infant:

No One

Toddlers:

1. Jesse Irizarry
2. Treyon Jones
3. Jaiden Major

EARLY HEAD START

Preschool:

1. Serenity Bizzell
2. Sterling James
3. Jhordin Pride
4. Lilith Rabitor
5. Lila Spicer

Improved Attendance

EARLY HEAD START

Infant:

1. Danielle Sawyer
2. Jaiya Pride
3. Sevyn Mccarty

Toddlers:

1. Dixie Sawyer
2. Avery Sanchez

EARLY HEAD START

Preschool:

1. Ayden Woods
2. De'auri Mccloud

