



EVEC October Newsletter

**The next Parent Meeting is
October 4 at 2:15 pm**

Early Release:

- * Oct. 3
- * Oct. 10
- * Oct. 17
- * Oct. 24
- * Oct. 31

Important Dates:

- * Oct. 15 no school

Parent Meeting:

- * Oct. 4 @ 2:15

Family Involvement:

- * Oct.

Policy Council Meeting:

- * Oct. 25@ 9am

Fall is here and we are already off to a wonderful beginning of preschool here at EVEC. 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 hard time with separating, please make sure you speak to their teacher or me so that we can ease this process. I am sure they have made many new friends by now as I can clearly see the center as a family! Each child is such a joy to have in our center and is learning so many new and exciting things each day! 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 am looking forward to our year together and the new and exciting things we have planned. Be sure to attend the parent meetings to hear all about the things our center will be doing. Our next parent meeting will have a raffle so please make sure to be a part of it to win a great prize! Our open house is also on October the 18th at 2:15 p.m. We look forward to seeing all of you! This is a great opportunity to see your child's hard work they have done along with asking the teachers any questions you may have. We will also be handing out your child's Galileo log-in information!

Thank you for all you do for your children and we look forward to a fantastic year together!



FAMILY ADVOCATE'S CORNER



Fall is in the air and what a beautiful season to spend quality time outdoors. Visit the parks and admire the various colors of the leaves. There are lots of ways to be creative and have fun. Need some help just ask your child's teacher. Simple cooking or baking activities could get your child's attention.

There are Pumpkin Patches and hayrides at some of the local events.

Parents remember you are your child's first teacher. You do a great job everyday. Encourage your child to read as you read along with them. They will never forget the fun experiences. Visit your local library, farmers market and flea markets with your children. There are lots of fun activities for everyone. Port Orange Family Day is October 4th – 7th

CLASSROOM #1: DR. SEUSS

Welcome to the Fall ! We are looking forward to learning about the season changing. The weather will be changing soon, so we ask that you bring a change of clothing appropriate for the weather. This month we will be discussing visiting **The doctor**, **The dentist** and **Learning how the mail moves**. We would like all of our parents to come to the different activities and be involved in your child's education. We need your help and look forward to seeing you at the next parent meeting in October. Thanks for working with us to complete our home visits on time. We appreciate all that you do to help make this learning experience successful. We would also like to remind you to check your child's mail box and cubbies daily for any information we may be sending home. Please take your child to the bath room and wash their hands before entering the classroom. Thanks again for your assistance in this matter. We would like to wish Tamyrn 10/11, Tealeah 10/28 and Ms. Yolanda 10/15 HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

CLASSROOM #2: CHICKA CHICKA BOOM BOOM

In the month of October our new theme will be My Senses we will be talking about how things smell, taste, how different textures feel, what we see and hear around us. Each week we will be learning a different letter, number, color and shape. We encourage parents to join in at home ask questions to your child about their senses. We will also be talking about the fall season and how our environment around us is changing. This month is also fire prevention month and we would like for you to make an evacuation plan at home in case of a fire to help protect yourself and little ones. Parents also feel free to come in and volunteer in your child's classroom at any time after you are cleared. We would also like to thank all the parents for coming to our parent meeting. We are pleased with the progress that our children have made in a short amount of time.

Ms. Kathryn & Ms. Danna

CLASSROOM #3: THE SUPER STARS

Hi Parents,

Our children have adjusted well to their new classroom; they feel secure and free to explore and make new friends and develop new skills. We are amazed at the progress each child has made as they transited into Head start. Home visits were awesome and we say thank you for welcoming Ms. Briget and I into your home. You are the best! We are looking forward to a wonderful school year with your children. **Reminder** we have Open House on October 18 @ 2:15 hope to see everyone there! Please keep your eyes open for upcoming events posted on our classroom door. Thank you, Ms. Ada & Ms. Briget.

CLASSROOM #4 THE CRAYON BOX

Hi everyone! I can't believe that we have already been in school for six weeks! We sure have accomplished a lot so far. We talked about community helpers this month and spent more time talking about police men and fire men. We learned about 9-1-1 and know that if there is an emergency that is who we call. We made our own sheriff costumes and even mixed red and yellow to make orange fire.

The nurses came to visit us at school and did some tests on us, they checked our height and weight, made us listen to dinosaurs to check our ears, took pictures to check our eyes, and checked our blood pressure, too. They even had time to play with us in the classroom.

We talked about eating dinner family style and sent homework to do it at home.

The phone system is finally up and running, and you can reach us in the classroom at extension 109.

We hope that all of you are doing well and we look forward to what October may have in store for us.

CLASSROOM #5: THE EXPLORES

We are going to start one of our favorite seasons, Autumn. We are going to do a lesson plan about FALL is FUN. Also we are going to do a Parent Involvement Activity **Carving Pumpkins**. Please keep working with the two home activities we handle you every month. Time goes so fast and it's important to keep working together to help our children reach their basic skills. Make sure to inform teachers if any change happens at home or the cell phones numbers changes. Our main goal is to keep our children safe. We are here to be a School Family and enjoy every day!

Now our telephone system is set up so you can call our classroom directly if your child will be late or absent. In this way we can order breakfast for your child. Our phone number is 386-323-7173 extension #106.

Sincerely, Mrs. Bethzaida and Ms. Mary

Policy Council update for September 2018

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

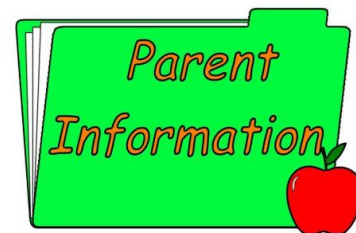
The following **new hires** were approved for Hernando County sites: 3 teachers

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.

PARENT MEETING MINUTES



Thursday September 13, 2018

Meeting call to Order – Chair Person – Shawana Brown

Minutes read from last meeting - Secretary

New Business:

Sabrina Montgomery - was Elected Policy Council Representative-

Ineda Chapman - was Elected Secretary

CDS Ms. Lee Ann Vega spoke on the following:

- Update pick up list with additional names Phone # etc
- Attendance is Important/ Home Visit can be done at mutual places Library, Mc Donald's etc.
- Change of clothes- Wash Blankets
- Head Start Awareness Month: October
- Ideas such as Silly Socks, PJ Day etc
- Open House: October 18th @ 2:15
- Family Engagement Activity Ideas – Volunteering in classrooms
- No School In-Service Day: Sept 17th 2018

Next Parent Meeting – Oct 4th 2018

Perfect Attendance for September

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