



Port Orange October Newsletter



This month is Head Start Awareness Month during the month we will be doing some really fun things throughout the last week of the month. The week we are doing all these fun activities will be October 22-28, 2017. Monday: PJ's and stuffed animal Day, Tuesday: Crazy Sock Day, Wednesday: Wacky Wednesday, Thursday: Crazy Hat Day, Friday: Dress Up Day (nothing scary)

Types of Car Seats

Age Group	Type of Seat	General Guidelines
Infants & toddlers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rear-facing-only• Rear-facing convertible	All infants and toddlers should ride in a rear-facing seat until they are at least 2 years of age or reach the highest weight or height allowed by their car seat manufacturer.
Toddlers & preschoolers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Convertible• Forward-facing with harness	Children who have outgrown the rear-facing weight or height limit for their convertible seat should use a forward-facing seat with a harness for as long as possible, up to the highest weight or height allowed by their car safety seat manufacturer.
School-aged children	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Booster seats	All children whose weight or height exceeds the forward-facing limit for their car safety seat should use a belt-positioning booster seat until the vehicle seat belt fits properly, typically when they have reached 4 feet 9 inches in height and are 8 through 12 years of age. All children younger than 13 should ride in the back seat.
Older children	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seat belts	When children are old enough and large enough for the vehicle seat belt to fit them correctly, they should always use lap and shoulder seat belts for the best protection. All children younger than 13 years should ride in the back seat.

Please be sure to strap your child in the appropriate seat.

Be sure to attend the next parent meeting at the center, you can check with your teacher or family advocate if you are not sure when it is.

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.

Parent Reminders: Important Dates

- *Parent Activity : October 1st Hs at 130 and EHS at 245*
 - *Parent Meeting: Monday October 1st at 2:15*
 - *Policy Council: Thursday October 27th*
- *No School On Monday October 15th for staff training*
- *Please get shot and Physicals up to date with the FA's*

Head Start



Whats Happening at Port Orange

Ms. Kathy and Ms. Elaine Classroom 1

As we begin October we are happy to say that the children are adjusting quite well to our routines and to their new friends. The children are learning to take care of their own needs, to clean up after themselves, and to be responsible for the proper use of materials in our classroom. As each day passes we expect to see more and more independence!

During the month of October we will be creating some special fall art projects and learning about strawberries and nutrition. We also will be learning about our 5 sense and each child will give examples of how each sense helps him/her daily. Children will participated in activities that helped him/her understand the specific job of each sense. We will reinforce the sense of touch through practical experience. The children will take a nature walk to explore the surroundings. The will touch different items from nature. They will feel the hard, rough texture of branches, smooth texture of leaves and soft texture of moss. We will learn about our sense of hearing and discuss our ears and their importance. We will listen to the sounds of diffe

Ms. Brandi and Ms. Sue Classroom 2

Dear Parents and Families,

It's been a great few weeks of school. Last month our themes were "Pedestrian Safety, Family/Community, Welcome to our neighborhood, and community helpers. We discussed with our children different ways they could be safe in the car, walking down the street or in parking lots using the crosswalk and safety rules during a fire and fire drill. Letters we have worked on are Aa, Ee, Tt and Ff. We are continuing to review numbers 1-10 recognition. Please review these letters and numbers with your child and talk with them about things that begin with those letters. Our doors are always open and if you have any concerns feel free to let us know how we can better help. Always remember you are your child's first teacher.



Early Head Start

Ms. Ge'Quita and Ms. Nicki Classroom 3

The alligators will be introduced to letter sounds, sensory exploration through art and play, as well as, counting and getting to know the new addition to our class. We will continue to work on colors, alphabet and motor skills.

Ms. Lutisha and Ms. Lynette Classroom 4

We are the Busy Bees and we are buzzing around counting and learning our colors. This month we will continue to work on number books, colors and shapes. We will introduce simple math concepts such patterns and letter sounds in their names, as well, as family recognition.

Ms. Juanita and Ms. Pam Classroom 5

We will continue monkeying around with colors, numbers and shapes. In addition to our community helpers, what makes up a community and opportunities for sensory exploration? We will also be introducing recognition of letters in their names and simple math concepts like sorting by color or shape.



Perfect Attendance: September

Classroom 1:

Da'Raji Bellamy
Anthony Brockington
Hadassah Head
D'Aria Moore
Elin O'neil

Classroom 2:

Shawne Butler Jr.
Bristol Stroud
Bryan Zarinana-Esquivel

Classroom 3:

Daniela Rivera

Classroom 4:

No One

Classroom 5:

King Bryant



Family Advocate Corner



Welcome families. As we venture into a new year with your children, we would like to thank each and every one of you for sharing your children with us. We are looking forward to a successful year with a lot of learning, and fun activities. We hope that you are well rested and had a great summer. Please call either Yvette or Yasmine at 386-788-1088 if you have any problems or concerns so that we can help resolve them quickly. We look forward to working with your family and we look forward to a great year.

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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

Felicia opened the meeting. Welcomed parents.

Policy Council Report: They received awards for members. Meal counts were talked about and also attendance was talked about. On October 11th New members Policy Council training in Deland. On October 25th Policy council Meeting in Leesburg.

Felicia: Halloween Teal pumpkins. If there is a Teal pumpkin the families may be offering something different then candy due to allergies. Halloween Safety and when to be cautious. Check candy if your kids are going trick or treating. It was brought to our attention about an incident in Port Orange at the Wal-Mart. Parents reminded each other to please be vigilant when going out and there is a lot of drug trafficking going on as well. Donation Bins are up and running. Many families have already benefitted from the donations. FA' spoke about how attendance is key, it is very important for kids to be in school. Also need shots physicals, phone numbers and addresses.

Our Fall Festival is still on 11th. Still need volunteers for Face painting. The Petting Zoo is a go and we still need pumpkins which Sarah is working on.

Dental was talked about and the importance of having a dental visit and if we don't take the kids or sign a denial we are out of compliance. The garden is waiting for new soil. Class 1 is working on doing the five senses, and going on a nature walk.

Rubber Mats. Parents wanted to know if we could get them as they feel it would be safer for the kids.

Class 2 Brandi and Sue are working on healthy foods. Identifying the differences between fruits and vegetables as kids don't know the difference. They spoke about learning about tornadoes and how destructive they can be.

Meeting Adjourned.

