



# October 2018 Newsletter

## Chisholm Head Start



### CDS Report:

Hello families and happy fall, hopefully we will see some cooler weather soon! My name is Jennifer Overley and I will be taking over for Lee Ann as the CDS at Chisholm. Lee Ann isn't going far though and I am sure you will still see her as we make the transition. I am very excited to be here at Chisholm! I have lived in New Smyrna for the last 26 years and am thrilled to be working in my hometown community. We may have even crossed paths before as we went about our daily lives. I look forward to officially meeting each and every one of you. I have already been in the classrooms getting to know your children's smiling faces. I know we are going to have a wonderful year full of joy, laughter and learning!



### Important Dates:

**10/3:** Parent Meeting 2:15

**10/15:** No School: Teacher Workday

**10/23:** Open House 2:15-3:30



**Congratulations to the following students for reaching Perfect Attendance in September.**

### Classroom 2:

**Jordyn Blount**

**Wyatt Lavender**

**Charlotte Piazza**

**Taej'zon Singletary**

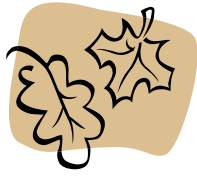
### Classroom 4:

**Madison Jackson**

**Makayla Johnson**

**Tristan Rainge**

**Lawrence Tracy**



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### From Classroom 2:

October and fall have begun! We have a lot planned for this month.

We have concluded our units on School and All About Me and Family and Community. We will start learning about our five senses

We have begun our weekly alphabet focus. We started with S and P and will introduce T, O, and X. In math, we will focus on color identification, shapes, and counting objects to 5.

In Second Step, we concluded our unit on listening and following directions. We are moving on to identifying our feelings.

On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will have our Open House from 2:15- 3:30. Please come and visit and see what your child experiences through the day.

It is that time of year when the weather will begin to get colder. Please send a new change of clothing in with your children that is appropriate for the cooler weather.

Mrs. Hurley & Ms. Fenner

### From Classroom 4:

We are working on color and shape recognition for some students, upper and lower case letters, counting, writing, and following directions. We are keeping very busy with learning and having fun. We did learn about Pedestrian Safety two weeks ago and the children knew a lot about it and how to keep themselves safe. We are currently learning about Community Helpers and what they are and how they help our community. The children seem to like this topic as well and are well informed on what a Community Helper is and what their job entails. As any of you know we are doing the library again this year, the children will bring home a book on Friday, please remember to have them bring it back on Monday. It is their responsibility, so teach them to remember. The box cars that was one of the homework assignments this month has been a huge success, the children enjoyed making them, seeing them and talking about them. If your child has not yet brought theirs in it is not too late. The homework assignments are to be completed and returned.

The children are settled in now and have our routine and schedule pretty much known, they are very helpful and love having jobs, they like the responsibility. We will still be getting a few more students, we are not completely full yet.



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NOTICE: We do have a child in our classroom with allergies, COCONUT and PEANUTS are two major, so please check shampoos, soaps, etc. and make sure they do not contain Coconut. We are sorry for any inconvenience that this may bring, but it is very important, we need to keep all of our children safe. Thank you for your support on this matter.

Always remember, we are here if you have any questions or just need to talk.



### FA Corner

The Calendar says it's fall but here in Florida, fall is unlike anywhere else. Here are some suggestions to enjoy fall with your children.

1. **Attend a local fall festival**
2. **Visit a Pumpkin Patch**
3. **Carve or paint pumpkins**
4. **Bake pumpkin seeds**
5. **Make pumpkin bread**
6. **Cake caramel apples**
7. **Make a fall wreath**
8. **Visit a corn maze**
9. **Visit a state park**
10. **Take a nature walk and find leaves of different shapes**

**Annette Gregory**  
**Family Advocate**



### MINUTES FIRST PARENT MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018 @  
2:15 PM

Mr. Michael welcomed all – New Business:  
Family Engagement Brochure was distributed  
about Parent Rights and Responsibilities etc.

#### Purpose of Parent Meeting

Voted for day and time of future Parent  
Meetings: First Wednesday of the month @  
2:15

#### Election of Officers are as follows:

Parent Committee Chair- Bobbie Blankenship

Parent Committee Vice Chairperson- Mindy  
Flint

Parent Committee Secretary- Jessica Thomas

Policy Council Representative – Shavon Scalese

Alternate – Rena Hardy- Parker

Service Area Reports: Teachers gave parents an  
update on what their child is being taught at  
this time.

CDS- Lee Ann Vega– Reminded parents about  
the importance of regular attendance and  
calling when their child is out. Training on  
Pedestrian Safety - New Officers will be trained  
by Mr. Michael Davis.

Meeting Adjourned @ 3:00 pm



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### Policy Council Update for September 2018

The September Policy Council Meeting was held on Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> 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. 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am in Volusia County at the MFCS Admin. Office in Deland and Tuesday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup>. The meeting location is to be determined.