



# Coleman Head Start Newsletter

October, 2018

By Jeamary Garcia , CDS

## All Aboard for Perfect Attendance

We are super excited to have all of the children attending daily here at Mid Florida Community Service, Inc. Head Start. The education of your child is very important and you ensuring your child's attendance to school daily; helps to prove how important it is to you. Here at head start we thrive on the education of your child and feel it is important that these first years of school for your child are stimulating and happy. Please feel free to discuss any concerns you might have so that we may know your child better and work with him/her more effectively. I especially want to assure families that phone calls to the school are always welcomed. You may call at any time to check on your child, especially if he/she had a difficult time separating from you. Just be aware that the teachers are busy interacting

with the children and may not answer the phone right off. Please leave a message and they will get back to you as soon as they can. Thank you again and welcome to the Head Start Family



## Family Advocate News By Migdalia Vega

Dear Parent,

Thank You to all those parents that participated at our first parent's meeting; 29 parents participated!

Congratulations to Shaddaylee Rosado for winning a set of electric table lamps and Maria Vega for winning a Disney Book.

Remember that child's attendance is very important. Please call me and let us know when your child is going to be absent and why. If your child is going to be late please call the teachers @ (386) 774-0730. If a child is out 2 days in a row without an excuse, I will do a home visit on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. day.

Thank you,  
Your Family Advocate,

Queridos Padres,  
gracias a todos los padres que participaron en nuestra primera reunión de padres; 29 padres participaron!

Felicidades a Shaddaylee Rosado por ser la ganadora un juego de lámparas eléctricas y a María Vega por ser la ganadora de un libro de Disney.

Recuerde que la asistencia es bien importante. Por favor llámeme y déjeme saber si su niño (a) va a estar ausente y la razón. Si su niño (a) va a llegar tarde por favor llame a las maestras al (386) 774-0730. Si un niño (a) falta 2 días seguidos y yo no se la razón, yo hare una visita domiciliaria al 2<sup>nd</sup>. día.

Gracias,  
Su Representante de Familias,  
**Migdalia Vega**  
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## Family Advocate News

By Anna Triplett

My name is Anna Triplett; I'm the new Family Advocate for classroom 2. I graduated from UCF with a degree in psychology in 2006. I have worked for many years as a case manager and I have a passion in working with people to help them grow and be everything they can be. I'm the mother to 7 children, 3 are biological and 4 are adopted. I'm a grandmother to 3 amazing little boys who recently moved with their parents to Indiana. I enjoy gardening, quilting and making wooden toys that I design and paint. I love to travel and being outside. I look forward to getting to know each of you and developing a great relationship with all of you.

## Policy Council UPDATE

### 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.

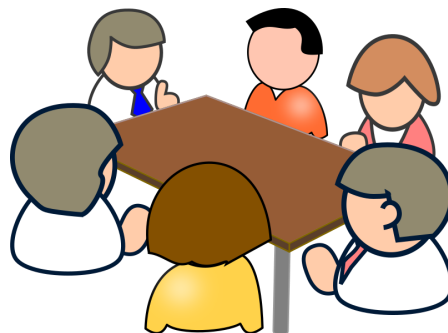
The following new hires were approved for Volusia County sites: 2 teachers and 1 center aide

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.



*Mid Florida Community Services, Incorporated  
Coleman, Head Start  
Parent Meeting Minutes  
09/18/2018*

*Staff welcomed parents to their 1<sup>st</sup>. parent's Meeting (2:15p.m.)*

- \*Ice Breaker Game: Balls
- \*Did Pledge of Allegiance
- \*Introductions

***New Business***

- Parents read Mission & Program Philosophy, Parent Rights and Responsibilities by Michael Davis Engagement Coordinator
- Benefits of Shared Governance was also read and discussed by Michael Davis, Family Engagement Coordinator.
  - \* Staff talked about the purpose of Parent Meetings
  - \* 29 parents voted to conduct the future parent's meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tuesday of the month @ 2:15pm.
- Election of Parent Committee Officers 29 parents voted for the following
  - \* Parent Committee Chair: Maria Vega
  - \* Parent Committee Vice Chair: Amanda Torres
  - \* Parent Committee Secretary: Shaddaylee Rosado
  - \* Parent Committee Assistant Secretary: Irmarilis Roque
- Election of Policy Council Representatives
  - \* Policy Council Center Representative: Lianessa Delgado
  - \* Alternate Policy Council Center Representative: Maria Vega

***Service Area Reports***

- CDS (Jeamary Garcia) Always available for parents, the importance of good attendance, safety first and evacuation plan.
- Family Advocate (Migdalia Vega) reminded everyone the importance of attendance and encourages parents to call if child is going to be late or absent and the reason. If a child is out 2 days in a roll without an excuse, she will do a home visit on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. day.
  - \* Family Engagement Activity: Friday 09/28/18 @ 10:30am.
  - \* No School Monday 10/15/18 Student Holiday
  - \* Pedestrian Safety Training / Car Seat Safety (386) 323-0000
  - \* Next Parent's Meeting 10/16/18 @ 2:15pm.

*Migdalia (FA) raffled a set of electric table lamps winner: Shaddaylee Rosado  
Disney Book winner: Maria Vega*

- \*Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm.
- \*29 parents attended

## Inside Story of Classroom 1

By. Mrs. Keyla Rivera & Ms. Nichole Means

This month we will be learning about community workers such as the people who work in the firehouse, doctors, dentist, and mail carriers. We will study about what they do, where they work, and how they help out in our community. Students will dress up, role play and participate in activities related to this topic. In Second Step, we will be learning about asking for what we need/want, identifying feelings, and managing anger. Students will also continue to work on name/letter identification, name writing, counting, and number identification.

Thank you for your support and for allowing us the opportunity to work with your child!



## Inside Story of Classroom 2

By. Mrs. Mabel & Mrs. Maria Eva

On the month of September we have been learning about our neighborhood and about our community. We have also been learning about the community helpers. Using cardboard and geometric figures we have created our very own fire truck, we have also talked about the important role community helpers play. In second

Step we worked with following directions, Thanks for all your help.



## Inside Story of Classroom 3

By. Ms. Marlene & Miss Katherine

During the month of October we will be talking about Fire Safety under the theme, "Who Lives in the Firehouse?" We'll also be talking about some of our community workers such as the Dentist and the Doctor under the themes, "Visiting the Doctor" and "The Dentist Office" We'll be focusing on letters Tt, Oo and Xx. We will be starting Unit 2: Empathy, of our Second Step curriculum we'll be learning to identify and understand their own and other's feelings, beginning to see things from perspectives other than their own and to show care and concern for others. Keep in mind that having empathy helps

children get along with others, solving problems and doing well in structure group setting.



"It is not what you do for your children, but what you have taught them to do for themselves, that will make them successful human beings.

- Ann Landers



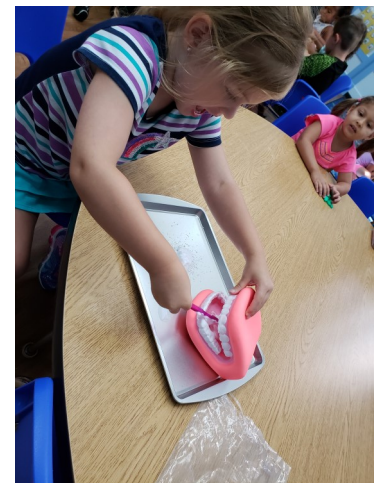
## Inside Story of Classroom 4

By. Mrs. Blanca Maldonado & Ms. Margarita Montes

In the month of September the children were expose to many safety rules and road signs as we learned about pedestrian safety week. We also introduced the children to the to the topic of "Good Health" and the importance of eating nutritious foods, exercising our bodies daily, and taking care of our teeth. Please make sure to talk to your children about the importance of healthy living

October will be a very exciting month for our children. We will continue learning about community helpers.

We will use this time to reinforce Fire Safety awareness. We will introduce the autumn season and the changes it brings. Because of the traditional fall holidays, (Halloween) we will discuss children's fears. We will talk about what's real .



- ☺ **October 15th** No school
- ☺ **October 16th** Parent Meeting
- ☺ **October 22nd -26th** Family Engagement
- ☺ **October 26th** Open House

