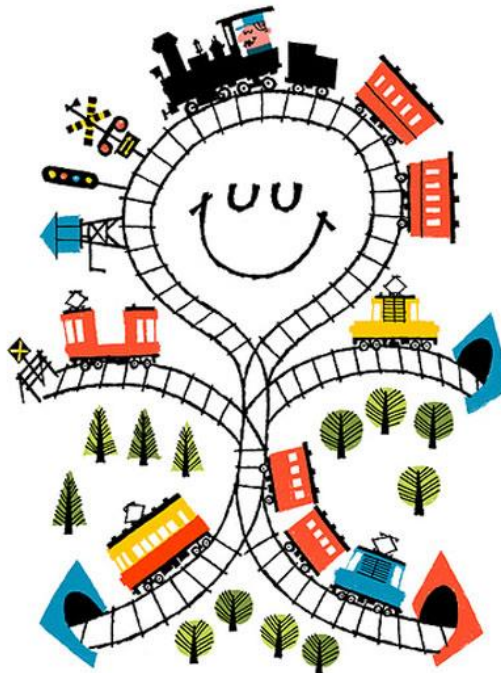


# All Aboard for Perfect Attendance

**From the Desk of your CDS: Jeamary Garcia**



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.



# Fall is Here!

## From FA's Desk

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 fall festival**
2. **Visit a Pumpkin Patch**
3. **Carve or paint pumpkins**
4. **Bake pumpkin seeds**
5. **Make pumpkin bead**
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**



- October 4 @ 10:00 am – Fire Department Visiting and Family Engagement Activity
- October 5, 19 and 26 @ 9:00 am - Arts on the Grow
- October 15 - **No School** (In-Service)
- October 25 @ 2:00 pm - Open House
- October 30 @ 2:15 pm - Parent Meeting

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# TEACHER'S REPORT

## Classroom 1 "Robots"

During the month of October, we will continue learning about community helpers such as Moving the Mail and the responsibilities of a doctor and a dentist. With these themes in place, children will develop vocabulary, practice math concepts, sing songs, sort materials, and participate in dramatic play activities, they also will be learning about the tools, uniforms, and safety resources these community helpers bring into our community.

October is Fire Safety month; we are also anticipating a visit from the local fire station.

If at any time a particular subject interests you, or you have something to share with the class to enrich the children's experience, please contact us.

Mrs. Adela/Mrs. Linnette

## Classroom 2 "Super Kids"

In the month of September, we talked about Pedestrian Safety, the students learned about the different traffic signs and ways to stay safe when crossing the street. The first week of October we are doing the Nutrition Activity with strawberries. Our themes will be Visiting the Doctor, The Dentist Office, and Moving the Mail.

October is Fire Safety month; we are also anticipating a visit from the local fire station. We will be learning about fire safety and what to do when there is a fire. We would also like for you at the family to practice fire safety at home.

Mrs. Lorraine/Mrs. Kathy



Classroom 3



### Classroom 3 "The Incredibles"

We worked on "Pedestrian Safety" discuss pedestrian safety rules; child learned about the traffic light, what the different light means and crossing guard. The children practice the fire drill and responds to the emergency well. Also, we practice about the storm and what is the safe place to go. We are working on letters sound, counting in sequence and match with the concrete object. Practices copy her/his name from sample. Identify familiar shapes (circle, square, rectangle, oval, etc.).

We going to work on "safety first", reinforce playground and classroom rules. Identify the exit sign, fire alarm, and extinguisher. We want to say "Thanks you" to our parent for attend the first parent meeting and share the home activity project we us. The child enjoyed sharing with his/her peer in the classroom. You make the difference!! Please don't forget to bring extra clothes and small blanket. Check the mailbox every day. If you have any concern feel free to contact us.

Thank you,

Mrs. Ada and Mrs. Nancy



- School starts at 8:00 and ends @ 2:00 pm
- Early release every Wednesday @1:00 pm
- Please remember to take blanket home at the end on the week (Friday)





## Mid Florida Community Services Incorporated Osteen Head Start

### Parent Meeting Minutes for September 25, 2018

Welcome

Meeting came to order at 2:23 p.m.

We established the Quorum which was 13

Reading of Minutes from last meeting

Approval of Minutes from last meeting

Policy Council Report

October 4th is Parent engagement with a visit from the Fire Department at 10 a.m.

October 15th will be no school/ In service day (we follow Volusia county school district calendar)

October 25th will be Open House. We are posting reminders for parents. Galileo system will be explained to parents. It is a system where we can see the progress of our child/children.

October 30th is our next Parent Meeting at 2:15

Art's on the Grow –Artists will be coming to the school throughout the month to discuss art and demonstrate to the children. The children will be doing different art activities and they will be displayed in the classrooms. There will be a field trip to the art museum for the children near the end of the school year.

Side gate - Awareness and volunteers. Please keep the gate closed at all times for safety.

Parents Activity Discussion – A parent activity takes place each school year. It is funded by head start and is for the parents to learn something new. Different ideas came up like soap making, clothing swap, creating a parenting book, bowling.

Teachers are talking to the children about Fire safety. Kids are learning safety rules. The fire department will be coming this month.

Family Advocate spoke about calling in for absences and pick up and drop off things to keep in mind.

CDS talked about safety in the parking lot. Not leaving children in the car unattended and keeping child close when in the parking lot. Discussed that sometimes there are children in the classroom with behavior concerns and the teachers are aware of them but cannot discuss with other parents.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:05

## 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 staffs 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.