



Holly Hill Head Start

October Newsletter

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Fall is upon us! (Although we cannot tell it from the temperature outside) and we are off to a wonderful beginning of our preschool year! The children have been busy making friends and having fun. And we also want to welcome the new children and families that have more recently joined us!

Your children are a delight and as they are learning, we can all learn from them each day too. They will help us remember how to play, how to live in the present moment, and how to make new discoveries. As grown-ups, we can also be models of the behavior we want them to learn: cooperation, sharing, taking turns, laughing, playing and “using our words” to communicate our needs.

All of us at Head Start have been enjoying each day since the school year has begun and we hope you will enjoy these days as well . . . this is a special time for you to spend watching your child grow and learn.

Please do your very best to bring your child to school every day. We understand that things do happen, and if your child cannot attend, please be sure to call your child’s teacher to let them know they will not be coming or that they will be late on a particular day. Keep an eye on the calendar for all of the fun activities the teachers’ have planned for your child during the month of October! We hope to see you at our parent meetings, and other preschool activities and at our Open House that will also happen during this month!



Teacher's Report

Classroom 1

The brightest crayons in the box have adjusted well to their new teachers, friends, and routine during September. You have done a terrific job of reassuring your children that you will return to reunite with them as soon as class is over. The children appear to feel secure and free to explore their new classroom, make new friends and develop new skills. Thank you so much for all of your help and support.

Can you believe it's October already? Wow!!! During the month of October we will embark upon the following themes: My Family, My Community and My Senses. We will learn about the season of fall. We will be talking about the changes we can expect to see during this season such as the changes in the weather, leaves on the trees, and what clothing we should wear during the fall season. We will also focus on the letter Ss for season and Ff for fall, families and Cc for community.

Always remember you are your child's first teacher.

Parents make sure you memorize your code to enter the building. The doors will be locked.

Mrs. Stephanie and Mrs. Laura

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BIRTHDAY!

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Classroom 2

Dear Parents:

During September, we introduced the following concepts: “Mm”, “Ss”, “Dd”, “Pp”, circle, oval, triangle, “1”, “2”, and the color “red”. We are working on identifying their names. The themes of this month were: Pedestrian Safety, Family, Neighborhood, and Community Helpers. Using Second Step, we worked with the skills of Attention, Self- Talk, Following Directions and Asking. Remember to always review learning skills at home and to do and bring the home activities each month. It is very important that our students arrive on time during the morning (at 7:45am) and the “Pick-Up” time during the afternoon (every day at 2:00pm, except on Wednesday that is Early Release at 1:00pm). If your child is going to be late, remember to call before 8:05am to the number (386)238-5333. Also, please, let us know if you want be a volunteer in our classroom. Parents are always welcome. Parents and Teachers are a team.

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See you in our classroom. Until next time...

Mrs. Rivas and Mrs. Sue



Classroom 4

Greetings Head Start family!

Classroom 4 has enjoyed the themes on Friends All around Me and We All Have Feelings. The children are learning that it is okay to feel happy, sad, excited, mad and even angry. The children are continuing to learn the classroom expectation; Eyes Watching, Ears Listening, Voice, Quiet and Body Safe. Our goals over the weeks have been, developing alphabet knowledge, number recognition, name recognition, using appropriate words or gestures to relate feelings, needs or opinions and following a simple one step direction.

As we fall in into the “FALL” season, we will explore its smell, fall in love with reading, counting, rhyming, time changes, leaves and their changes. Ms. Karla and I love all of our children and we are blessed to be a part of their little world.

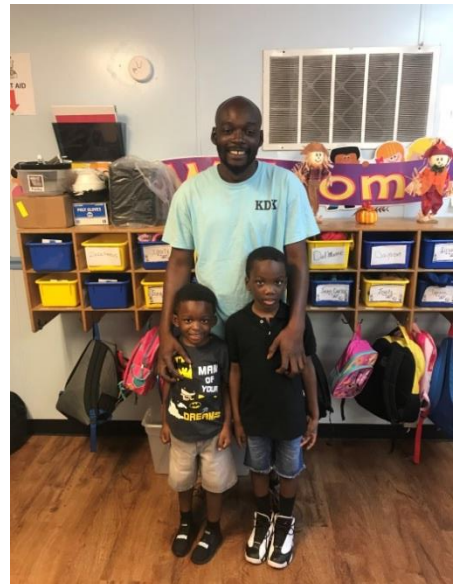
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Ms. Sharonda and Ms. Karla



We would like to thank the dads who took their time to bring their child to school on Wednesday, September 26th.



From FA's Desk

October is National Breast Cancer

Awareness Month

Breast cancer is the second most common kind of cancer in women. About 1 in 8 women born today in the United States will get breast cancer at some point.

The good news is that many women can survive breast cancer if it's found and treated early. A mammogram – the screening test for breast cancer – can help find breast cancer early when it's easier to treat.

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a chance to raise awareness about the importance of early detection of breast cancer. Make a difference! Spread the word about mammograms and encourage communities, organizations, families, and individuals to get involved.

Holly Hill FA,

Mrs. Chelene





Policy Council Update

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.



Important Dates:

- Parent Meeting- October 9th @ 2:15
- In Service Day - October 15th (No School)
- Open House- October 18th @ 1:15

Important Numbers:

Classroom Phone: (386) 238-5333 or (386) 238-8670 (classroom 4)

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