

Horizon Head Start/ Blended

October Newsletter



Parent Reminders

Hello Parents,

Our theme for the month of October will be My Family. Students will discuss who is in their family, who takes care of their family and things they like to do with their family. We will also start our nutrition curriculum and will talk about strawberries. Students will learn how strawberries grow, taste them and make strawberry smoothies. Our focus letters will be C, D, and E. We will be learning the letters sounds and words that begin with the letters. In Math we will be introducing the color orange, shape triangle, numbers 1-4, patterns, and sets. We would like to wish Patrick Miller a Happy Birthday

- Check to see if your child is in need of extra changing clothes
- Your child may have a special note in their backpack, if so please respond as soon as possible
- First Parent meeting will be October 4, 2018 @2:15
- No School on October 15 (Student Holiday)
- October is HeadStart awareness month.- Spirit week 10/29-11/2

Perfect 
Attendance!



CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE FOLLOWING

Students

Hope-Anne Canty-Blauberg

Landon Clinger Brewster

Cameron Greathouse

Patrick Miller

From the desk of: Jennifer Tinstman, CDS

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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!

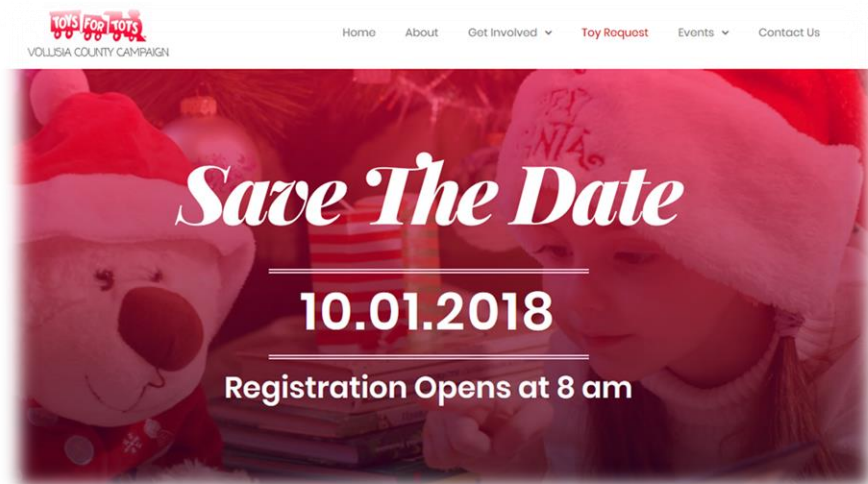
Your children are a delight and as they are learning, we can all learn from them each day too. They will help us remember how to play, how to live in the present moment, and how to make new discoveries. As grown-ups, we can also be models of the behavior we want them to learn: cooperation, sharing, taking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

All of us have been enjoying each day since the school year has begun and we hope you will truly value 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 the children during the month of October! We hope to see you at our parent meeting and other school activities this month!

There will be a staff change, of a new CDS happening this month. I have enjoyed working with you for this short time this year. Your CDS will now be LeeAnn Vega, lvega@mfcs.us.com, 386-527-9073. Be sure to attend the parent meeting on October 4th where you will be able to meet her. ☺

Family Advocate



<https://volusiacountytoysfortots.com/toy-request/>

Horizon Head Start Parent Meeting

Date: September 5, 2018

Time: 1:15 p.m.

At: Horizon Elementary School

Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Michael Davis, Family Engagement Coordinator

5 Families were represented. None of which was Head Start only

Also present were: Jennifer Tintzman – Child Development Specialist; Keyanna Bell- HS Teacher, Yasmin Moore- Family Advocate, VCS - Ms. Vicky (teacher) and Ms. Alice (Assistant).

AGENDA

Mr. Michael explained the purpose of the parent meeting. Votes were taken on day/time for future meetings. All agreed to 1st Thursday of each month at 2:15 p.m.

Officers for Parent Committee were elected:

Chairperson - Mrs. Clinger-Brewster

Vice Chair – Mrs. Nicole Petrofsky

Secretary – Mrs. Nicole Petrofsky

In the event that Mrs. Petrofsky has to Chair a meeting, Family Advocate Yasmin Moore will take minutes of that meeting.

Policy Council Representative: Mrs. Clinger-Brewster.

Mr. Michael expressed the importance of parent involvement and particularly asked that fathers be involved in the activities.

We reviewed the school calendar and observed that there are some discrepancies in VCS closed days and HS closed days, Mrs. Jennifer will look at this and reconcile the differences of the schedule as needed.

Safety was discussed. Ms. Vicky said that VSC is changing the traffic pattern for security purposes. She said that she did not have full details but wanted the meeting to be aware of the changes that will be coming.

Family Advocate discussed the 30 day Waiver- families had been given the dental/physical renewal notices.

We spoke about attendance. Children who arrive after second bell must sign in to the front office and get a name tag before being allowed into the classroom. If the child is accompanied by both parents, each parent need to be checked along with the child and each should be wearing a name tag.

Ms. Jennifer told the families that she is available to parents for any questions or concerns they may have. She thanked them for attending the meeting.

Announcement: OPEN HOUSE 9/13 at 6 – 7 p.m.

The next parent meeting will be October 4th at 2:15 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.

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.