

Woodward Head Start



Newsletter 2018

From the teachers

The Big Idea for our theme this month is "I am an important part of my family".

Children develop knowledge about and explore the idea of identifying the members of their families, understanding what families do, and appreciating the uniqueness of each family and the love that is shared. Showing kindness is the perfect way to share love, and children will be encouraged to demonstrate kindness at home and at school.

The theme throughout this month is "My Family". Weekly we will focus on a different topic as we learn about family members, family roles, and unique qualities of families. First we will explore the subject: We Take Care of Each Other: "I love my family and they love me". Next we will focus on Family Fun "I share special time with my family". We will conclude this month with the topic: All Kinds of Families "Every Family is unique".

Through the Second Step curriculum the children will learn about empathy, identifying and understanding feelings, and being kind to others. You can help your child learn more by talking with her/him about the things he/she is doing at school and the new letters and words that he/she is learning.

Mrs. Deakins, Mrs. Woodman, and Ms. B



Teachers and Principle Reminders

- ♦ Check your child's folder every day.
- ♦ Read with your child every night.
- ♦ Make sure your child is getting plenty of sleep and is ready for school each day.
- ♦ Attend school every day on time.



From the Desk of: Pamela Fernet, CDS

Fall is here and we are already off to a wonderful beginning of preschool here at our center. A warm welcome to you all and I hope that the school year is off to a great start for you and your family! We have had a wonderful start to our school year and it seems as though everyone has made a smooth transition. If your child is still having a difficult time separating, please be sure to make an appointment with your child's teacher and myself so we can help to ease the transition some. By working together, we can make this a wonderful beginning to your child's education. Your children are all a delight and they will teach us many things. They will help us remember how to play, live in the moment, and to make new discoveries. Let's be models of the behavior we want them to have; cooperate, share, take turns, laugh, play and "use our words".

Remember we encourage volunteering and welcome all of you to join our teachers and children in the classrooms. Your children enjoy seeing you in the classroom and so do we...

Be sure to attend the next parent meeting at your center, you can check with your teacher or family advocate if you are not sure when it is.

Please do your best to bring your child to school every day we understand that things happen, so if your child can't come please be sure to call your child's teacher to let them know they will not be here or that they will be late.



Family Advocate News By Nelly Pagan

I'm so happy to welcome October!

We would like to help you get ready for the Holidays, yes! **Holidays!!!!**

If you would like to have some *relief* in your pocket, I would recommend you go to:

Toys for Tots: www.VolusiaCountyToysforTots.com

REGISTRATION WILL OPEN OCTOBER 01, 2018 AT 8:00AM

For Registration, proceed through the following four (4) step process and determine the procedure.

Click the "[Request Toys](#)" button at the top of the page

1. Select your state - City or County search options will appear
2. Select the city or county nearest your location - Contact by phone, FAX, email (Recommend you use email. Click the hypertext email address. An email form will appear)

Fill out the form by providing your name, phone number and address. Provide the ages and gender of your children and request that Christmas toys be provided for them. The Coordinator will contact you.

Here is this other program for kids with Special Needs.

Nathaniel's Hope! <https://www.nathanielshope.org/>

This includes kids with any physical, cognitive, medical or hidden disability, chronic or life-threatening illness or those who are medically fragile.

*Remember, you can use the parent's computer at the Family Advocate office.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at: (386) 873-4804

Or you can email: npagan@mfcs.us.com

Nelly Pagan

Family Advocate



Parent Meeting Minutes September 2018 By Katherine Watson, Secretary

Woodward Ave Elementary Head Start

Parent Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2018

Angela Salazar welcomed us to the meeting and explained that we need at least four parents at the meetings for a forum and for a vote to take place.

Angela Salazar introduced the Parent Committee members decided last meeting.

New Business:

Policy Council: Angela Salazar will attend the first policy council meeting on September 27, 2018. The policy council meetings are the fourth Thursday of every month.

Future activities: We discussed Family Engagement. This is a monthly family gathering for parents and grandparents and the students. Projects may include kite flying, making bird feeders or making crafts. The Parent activity is a gathering for parents to get to know each other. The children don't necessarily have to attend. The budget for the parent activity is funded by Head Start and we get \$5.00 per child in the class. Our class has 14 students. Our budget is \$70.00. Please think of suggestions for our activity and we will vote at our next parent meeting. Activities could include: cooking, yoga, bowling, painting, etc.

Service Area Reports:

Teacher: Ms. Deakins announced Ms. Woodman will be returning soon from maternity leave and Ms. Burton will be leaving the classroom. The students are working on expression emotions and expressing themselves in class. In October the class will be having a cooking activity using strawberries.

Our family advocate, Nelly, was unable to attend the meeting but reminds everyone to check their student's folder daily and to call her or email her with ANY questions or concerns. Nelly's contact info is 352-277-1619 / 386-873-4804 and email is npagan@mfcs.us.com

Announcements: Any newsletter received will always be the most up-to-date information possible. Next parent meeting will be October 10, 2018. We will vote on our parent activity at the next Parent Meeting.

Katherine Watson, Secretary

