

Westside Newsletter

MFCS HEAD START

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Head Start

Mid Florida Community Services

Early Head Start

➔ NUMBERS



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➔ DATES



No School:
11/7, 11/12, 11/19-11/23

Early Release:
11/14, 11/28

Parent Meeting:
11/14

➔ HEAD START CURRICULUM FOCUS

Focus letters:
F-B-T-M-X-W

Shape:
Oval

Color:
Fall Colors

Numbers:
5-6-7-8-9-10

➔ PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Devin, Cloe, Elijah, Lavon, Amirah



MESSAGE FROM YOUR CDS

By Krista Callahan

It is generally through play that a preschool child learns about the world around them and then assimilates what they have learned into their concept of reality.

Preschool children enjoy three different forms of play: physical, manipulative, and symbolic.

Physical play: refers to activities that involve use of the muscles. These include running, hopping, jumping, climbing, throwing, sliding, and playing with a ball.

Manipulative play: refers to activities by which a child learns to gain better control over her environment. These activities include the use of puzzles and building blocks (which also require some physical play skills) as well as games that involve social manipulation ("What can I do to make Daddy come to me?").

Symbolic play: involves manipulation of events and objects. These play activities would include the use of fantasy; pretend play, and nonsense rhymes. In symbolic play, a child can change events, identities and emotions for the sake of her play, thereby gaining more complete control over her newly created world.

Because young children enjoy play, it becomes a very natural way for them to learn about themselves and about the world in which they live. As children grow and change, play develops with them according to a developmental sequence.

So when you come into your child's classroom, you will see them involved in centers and "playing," but remember there is a lot of learning going on. The teachers are working hard to prepare your child to be successful in their future endeavors.

➔ MESSAGE FROM YOUR FAMILY ADVOCATE

By Yvette Altman

Dear Parents: It is November and the holiday season is fast approaching. We love this time of the year because we get to spend time with our families and friends and have lost of school activities. I hope all is well with your families after Hurricane Irma. (Information for Help is below).

Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner; here I send you information where you can find help for toys and clothing for the winter at low cost to help you save money.

1. Toys for Tots:

www.VolusiaCountyToysforTots.com (Registration will open October 2018)

2. Salvation Army:

www.salvationarmyflorida.org/volusia

3. Goodwill Stores: www.goodwill.org

4. Once upon Child:

onceuponachilddaytonabeach.com

5. FEMA: <https://www.disasterassistance.gov>

6. More information about food assistance is available at www.myflorida.com/accessflorida/

7. Here is another program for kids with

Special Needs:

Nathaniel's Hope:

<https://www.nathanielshope.org/>

➔ MENSAJE DE SU REPRESENTANTE DE FAMILIA

Por Yvette Aktman

¡Ha llegado finalmente el mes de Noviembre! Yo amo este tiempo del año en donde se aproximan tantas actividades escolares y familiares. Espero que todos se encuentren bien después del Huracán Irma. (Encontrará información para ayuda, vea la información abajo). Acción de Gracias y Navidades están a la vuelta de la esquina, por lo que les proveo la información de dónde ustedes pueden buscar juguetes y ropa de invierno a bajo costo para ayudarles a ahorrar dinero. Asista a la escuela todos los días y llegue a tiempo para cada experiencia de aprendizaje diaria.



CLASSROOM NEWS:

It has been such a delight these past months to watch our children grow in confidence and independence. A great big "Thanks" goes out to all of parents. We are so grateful that we have awesome parents like you to share it with you. You make our job fun and we enjoy getting to know all of you. Parents remember that you can come in at any time to volunteer

This month we will also be focusing on math concepts such as patterning and comparing. Our lessons will revolve around the seasons and how they change. We will be learning about and tasting crookneck squash as part of our nutrition curriculum and we will be also learning the nursery rhyme Jack and Jill. Our Second Step curriculum will talk more about our feelings and helping the children to identify with different feelings as well as how to express themselves appropriately when they have these feelings.

A reminder to our parents that we will be conducting Parent Conferences for Novemner 7th. If you have not yet scheduled a time to come in and meet with us to discuss the progress of your child, please do so.



➔ POLICY COUNCIL UPDATES

The **October Policy Council Meeting** was held on Thursday, October 25th at Lake Sumter State College in Leesburg. Seventeen policy council members were present. Seven staff members were present. Two community representatives were present.

The following 2018 -19 Policy Council officers were elected: Chairman – Angela Salazar from Woodward Blended Head Start classroom, Vice Chairman – James Norton from Malloy Head Start classroom and Secretary – Felicia Morrison from Port Orange Head Start.

The following documents **were approved**: *Budget Report, Credit Card Report, Meals and Snacks Report, Service Area Reports, Center Reports and a Behavior Plan.*

The Enrollment/Attendance Report showed 17 Head Start classrooms and 8 Early Head Start classrooms with an average daily attendance below 85% in September.

Policy council members approved a 25% limit (of the total activity cost) for the cost of food for Parent Engagement activities.

Six **new hires** were approved for Volusia County sites. Three **new hires** were approved for Hernando County sites.

The **next Policy Council meeting** is scheduled for 10:00am on Thursday, November 15th via video conference. Policy Council members will meet at the Mid Florida Administrative office in their county.



PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Westside Head Start
Parent's Meeting Minutes

Day: 10 Month: 17 Year: 2018 .

- Parent Meeting started at 1:00pm .
- Parents were greeted by: Chairperson Ms. .
- The Pledge of Allegiance was leaded by: N/A .
- Minutes from last Parents Meeting were given by: Ms. .
- Policy Council Representative, reported Policy Council Minutes:
Yes: . No: x .
- Parents were notified of coming Important Dates:

Open house on October 24th at 1:00pm
Head Start Awareness Month
No Early Release Days in November
The teacher spoke about the website for Facebook
November parent involvement November 14th at 12:30pm
Parent Meeting November 14th at 1:00pm
Veteran's day No school – November 12th
Make sure to check posted notices of upcoming events.

Thanksgiving vacation on November 19th – November 23th

Meeting adjourned at: 1:30 pm

➔ TRACK YOUR CHILD'S PROGRESS

Login to Galileo at www.ati-online.com on your computer or mobile phone to access updates on your child's development several times a week!

You can also access in-home activities based on your child's developmental level!