

DeLand Newsletter

MFCS HEAD START

December 2018



Head Start

Mid Florida Community Services

Early Head Start

➔ NUMBERS



Classroom Phone:

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CDS:

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➔ DATES



No School:

Dec. 20th—In-Service

Dec. 21st—Jan. 4th—vacation

Early Release:

5th, 12th, & 19th

Parent Meeting:

Dec. 4th

➔ CURRICULUM FOCUS

Focus letters:

F, T, M, J & F
Shape:

Oval, Triangle, Square
Color:

Red & Green
Numbers:

[NUMBERS]

➔ PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Classroom 1:

Briseyda Kamila
Mariah Killian

Eduardo R.
Classroom 2:

Armando Edith Ja'layah
Kristal Jaylani
Kiersten Ocean

Classroom 3:

Ximena Kenialis Damian
Nathan Angelina Alexa
Jose Santiago



MESSAGE FROM YOUR CDS

By *Pamela L. Fernet*

Holidays can be a time when parents decide that doing things with their children will be a priority, they will use the time to get to know each other and enjoy each other's company. Children love doing things with parents.

Try to arrange some individual time with each child if you can, as well as family time - this helps build good relationships and helps with building your children's self-esteem.

Just one different activity each day will help keep children interested and looking forward to it.

Remember children do not need to be 'entertained' all the time. Just a change of place or a few suggestions can help them to be very creative on their own.

Sometimes saying "I'm bored" is another way of saying "I want you to play with me", and sometimes the child has not even started to try to think of what to do by themselves.

Happy Holidays to everyone & enjoy this time with your family!! Remember to login and check your child's progress in Galileo. If you need the password again, see your child's teacher....

Happy New Year 2019!!!

MENSAJE DE SU REPRESENTANTE DE FAMILIA

Por *Julyette Santiago*

¡La temporada de Navidad está aquí!

Queremos que todas nuestras familias estén abrigadas y saludables durante esta temporada, los siguientes consejos son de garantía para ahorrarles algo de dinero para la ropa de invierno:

- **Goodwill:** Sé que todos nosotros hemos visitado esta increíble tienda llena de grandes ofertas durante todo el año. Para la ropa de invierno es de gran utilidad para la mayoría de las familias para así ahorrar año tras año. ¿Sabía que una nueva tienda de Goodwill abrió aquí en Deland? aquí está su dirección e información para que usted visite:

1600 North Woodland Blvd. DeLand, Florida 32720 | P: (386) 265-0975

Horario: abierto de lunes a sábado de 9:00 a.m. a 9:00 p.m., dom. De 10:00 a.m. a 8:00 p.m.

- **Once Upon a Child:** Once Upon a Child ofrece una solución fácil para las familias, vendiendo ropa, zapatos, juguetes, libros y mucho más. Compran y venden artículos para niños, que ya no son útiles para usted. ¡Rápido y fácil para ganar dinero extra!

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- **Oodles Consignment:** Oodles es una tienda de consignación, ubicada en Orange City. Compran y venden ropa infantil, infantil y de maternidad, zapatos, artículos para bebés y juguetes usados con cuidado. Oodles ofrece variedad de artículos a precios asequibles. ¡Nunca fue tan fácil ganar dinero extra para Navidad y otros eventos durante todo el año!

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Sugerencia para el mes de diciembre: la venta de FL Kids es un gran evento de consignación para bebés, niños y artículos de maternidad. El 8 al 10 de diciembre, será este fantástico evento en Volusia County Fairground. A partir del viernes 8 de diciembre de 12 a 6 PM, el sábado 9 de diciembre de 10AM a 4PM y el domingo 10 de diciembre de 11 AM a 3 PM. Para obtener más información, llame al 386-232-8676.

¿Necesita más formas de ahorrar esta temporada y durante todo el año?

Bueno, puede explorar y solicitar información sobre el Programa de Climatización de Mid Florida Community Services Inc. El programa está diseñado para reducir la carga de energía mensual en las familias de bajos ingresos mediante la mejora de la eficiencia energética en el hogar. Los dueños de hogar de bajos ingresos, cuyos ingresos están debajo del 200 por ciento de las Pautas Federales de Pobreza son elegibles para el programa. Se da preferencia a personas mayores (mayores de 60 años), residentes con discapacidades físicas, familias con niños menores de 12 años y familias con una gran carga energética (facturas repetidas de servicios públicos), incluidos aquellos que participan en el Programa de Asistencia de Energía para Hogares de Bajos Ingresos (LIHEAP). Los solicitantes deben ser residentes de los condados de Hernando, Pasco, Sumter, Citrus o Volusia.

La temporada de Navidad reúne a las familias y un calendario lleno de eventos familiares divertidos y asequibles en la ciudad.

Eventos familiares de diciembre:

Light UP Orange City: viernes 1 de diciembre a las 5:30 p. M., en el City Hall, 205 East Graves Avenue

Ceremonia de iluminación del árbol de navidad en Deland: viernes 1 de diciembre a partir de las 5:30 p. M. En el City Hall de Deland

Desfile navideño de Deland: sábado 2 de diciembre a partir de las 4:15 p.m. en la calle principal de Deland

Winter Wonder Day: viernes 8 de diciembre de 5-8 PM en The Pavilion en Port Orange

Desayuno con Santa en Sanborn Center: domingo 9 de diciembre de 9 a 11 AM. Los boletos se venderán por \$ 5

Desfile navideño de Lake Helen: el sábado 16 de diciembre a partir de las 4 p.m., el desfile comenzará en Lake Helen Wells Fargo y luego continuará hacia el norte por Summit Ave.

Desfile navideño de Deltona: sábado 16 de diciembre a partir de las 6 p.m. en Deltona Blvd

Chanukah Outdoors with the trolls: el domingo 17 de diciembre a partir de las 2:00 p.m. en 1079 W. Granada Blvd., Ormond Beach FL.

La temporada de Navidad es ese momento maravilloso y mágico del año donde la familia y la comunidad se reúnen para celebrar con alegría y dar nuevos comienzos. Nuestros hijos son el futuro de nuestro mundo, deben cultivar en las futuras generaciones la esperanza, el amor, la amistad, la fe y los buenos valores morales para que nuestra generación futura pueda celebrar la Navidad todo el año. Hagamos que esta temporada festiva sea inolvidable haciendo un impacto positivo en la vida de nuestros niños, para que ellos y otros puedan ver que hay esperanza de un futuro mejor, más seguro y más pacífico. ¡Disfruta de esta Navidad con tus seres queridos y haz un acto de bondad para que podamos mantener la magia de la Navidad brillando todo el año, todos los años!

Búscanos en Facebook, como: Mid Florida Community Services Head Start



MESSAGE FROM YOUR FAMILY ADVOCATE

By *Julyette Santiago*

Christmas Season is here!

We want all of our families to be warm and healthy during this season, the following tips are guaranteed to save you some money for winter clothing:

- **Goodwill:** I know all of us has visited this awesome store full of great bargains all year round. For winter clothing is a must for most families to save year after year. Did you know that a new Goodwill store open here in Deland? Here is their address and information for you to visit :
1600 North Woodland Blvd. DeLand, Florida 32720 | P: (386) 265-0975
Hours: Open Mon-Sat 9:00 A.M.- 9:00 P.M., Sun 10:00 A.M.- 8:00 P.M.
- **Once upon a Child:** Once upon a child offers an easy solution for families, by selling gently used clothes, shoes, toys, books and much more. They will buy and sale children items, that no longer is useful for you. Fast and easy was to earn some extra cash!
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- **Oodles Consignment:** Oodles is a consignment boutique, located in Orange City. They buy and sell gently used infant, children and maternity clothing, shoes, baby gear and toys. Oodles offer variety of items at affordable prices . It has never been so easy to earn extra money for Christmas and other year round events!
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Saving Tip for December: FL Kids' Sale is a huge consignment event for infants, children's and maternity items. December 8,9 and 10th, will be this fantastic event at the Volusia County Fairgrounds . Starting Friday December 8th from 12-6 PM. Saturday December 9th from 10AM-4PM and Sunday December 10th from 11AM-3PM. For more information please call at 386-232-8676.

Need more ways to save this season and all year round? Well, you can explore and call for information about the Mid Florida Community Services Inc. , Weatherization Program. The program is design to reduce the monthly energy burden on low-income families by improving the energy efficiency at home. Low-income homeowners, whose income is within 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, are eligible for the program. Preference is given to elderly (60 years-plus), physically disabled residents, families with children under 12 and households with a high energy burden (repeated high utility bills), including those participating in the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Applicants must be residents of Hernando, Pasco, Sumter, Citrus or Volusia counties.

Christmas Season bring families together and a calendar full of fun and affordable family events around town!

December Family Events:

Light UP Orange City: Friday December 1st at 5:30 PM, at the City Hall, 205 East Graves Avenue

Deland City Hall Tree Lightning Ceremony: Friday December 1st from 5:30 PM at the Deland City Hall

Deland Christmas Parade: Saturday December 2nd from 4:15 PM at Downtown Deland

Winter Wonder Day: Friday December 8th from 5-8 PM at The Pavilion at Port Orange

Breakfast with Santa at Sanborn Center: Sunday December 9th from 9-11 AM. Tickets will sell for \$5

Lake Helen Christmas Parade: Saturday December 16th at 4PM, parade will start at the Lake Helen Wells Fargo and then continue North on Summit Ave.

Deltona Christmas Parade: Saturday December 16th at 6PM on Deltona Blvd

Chanukah Outdoors with the Trolls: Sunday December 17th at 2PM at 1079 W. Granada Blvd., Ormond Beach FL.

Christmas Season is that wonderful and magical time of the year was family and community comes together to celebrate life with joy and to start a new beginning. Our children are our world future; we should cultivate in the future generation's hope, love, and friendship, faith and good moral values so our future generation can celebrate Christmas all year round. Let's make this Festive Season one to remember by making a positive impact in our children lives, so they and others can see that there is hope for a better, save and peaceful future. Enjoy this Christmas with your love ones and make an act of kindness so we can keep the magic of Christmas shining all year, every year!

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CLASSROOM 1 NEWS:

Ms. Stephanie & Ms. Shakitha

DeLand Classroom 1 has had a lot of fun with the theme Seasons All Around. The children were very interested in learning about the different seasons and noticed the trees and their leaves. Within the month of November, the children have done many leaf and tree projects. Feel free to come into the classroom and take a look at the hard work they have done.

Another topic we focused our learning on was our Second Step lessons. The children learned how to label their feelings/emotions and how to help others resolve issues. The children role played different scenarios, after we complete our initial lesson. They did very well and were eager to practice helping their friends out. Please remember to take a copy of the Second Step lessons we send home on Friday's.

Finally, the children worked really hard on recognizing and saying their first and last names. Along with recognizing and saying their names, the children learned a new letter each week and we began introducing a new sight word each week. The week of November 13th, we worked on the letter (f) and the word the. The week of November 26th, we worked on the letter (t) and the sight word to.

I want to thank all my parents that participated in Tag along Tuesday, Arts on a Glow at the Art Museum, and BINGO for Books.



CLASSROOM 2 NEWS:

Ms. Simone & Ms. Mary

For the month of November children learned about the **FALL** season. Our first theme was **Fall is Fun** then **Colors of Fall and So Many Trees**. Children are learning to develop an understanding of the fall season and the changes to the environment while increasing their curiosity, creativity and eagerness to learn and experience new things.

Children are continuing to learn their letter/sounds, numbers and shapes. Letter for this week is **Jj** and the shape of the week is **oval**. In addition, children are learning turn-taking, sharing, and co-operate play during center times and whole group time.

CLASSROOM 3 NEWS:

Ms. Sheila & Ms. Nicole

For the month of December we are going to be learning about holidays around the world and taste test a cantaloupe. We will also learn the letters M F and D, and the triangle, rectangle and square.

Classroom 3 wants to wish everyone a Happy Holidays!



➔ POLICY COUNCIL UPDATES

Policy Council Update – November 2018

The November Policy Council Meeting was held on Thursday, November 15th at the Administrative Offices in Hernando and Volusia counties. Seventeen policy council members were present. Eight staff members were present. Two community representatives were present.

The following October reports were approved:

Budget Report, Credit Card Report, Meals and Snacks Report, Service Area Reports and Center Reports.

The Enrollment/Attendance Report reflected 14 Head Start classrooms and 6 Early Head Start classrooms with an average daily attendance below 85% in October.

Nine new hires were approved for Volusia County sites.

One new hire was approved for Hernando County sites.

Heidi Rand, Director of Early Learning Programs, advised the Policy Council of a recent Information Memorandum from the Office of Head Start which encourages programs to prioritize father engagement. The Policy Council unanimously approved MFCS' submission of EHS grant application with a request for funding in the amount of \$1,804,728. The funding will allow expansion of services to include 104 new Early Head Start slots in Hernando and Volusia counties.

Policy Council member, Kevin Hill - Oakridge Head Start/Early Head Start Policy Council Representative, was elected as the Policy Council's Liaison to the Mid Florida Community Services Board of Directors. He will attend quarterly board meetings for the purpose of obtaining information to share with Policy Council. The next Policy Council meeting is scheduled for 10:00am on Thursday, December 13th and it will be held via video conference. Policy Council members will meet at the Mid Florida Administrative office in their county.

➔ 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!



PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Parent Meeting started at 1:35pm.

Parents were greeted by Desiree Vellon Lozada.

Minutes from last Parents Meeting were given by Suzette Otero.

Parents were notified of coming Important Dates:

- November 16– Family Engagement: Bingo for Books/Actividad de Participación de Padres: Bingo para Libros
- November 19-23– Thanksgiving Holiday/Receso de Acción de Gracias
- November 26– Back to School/Regreso a Clases
- November 28– It's a Health Thing: Health Seminars/Evento De Salud Para Padres
- November 30– WVEC Bingo for Books/Bingo para Libros
- December 10– DeLand Head Start Christmas Field Trip at the Cloisters
- December 11– WVEC Christmas Field Trip at the Cloisters

We talked about our last Parent Meeting for Deland H.S. We voted for Policy Council representatives who will be Jennifer Watley, Kelly Rodriguez and Willie Kimmons. We talked about new meeting dates: DeLand 1st Tuesday at 2:40pm. Special Guest Courtney Edgcom (Dolly Parton Imagination Library). They provide free books up for 5 years in Deland now. If you have more kids they can get books too. You get a book in the mail when signing up. You will start receiving books in January. Patrick and Christian talked about the Farmer's Market. They are inviting parents to the Farmer's Market on December 7 at 6pm. Parents who attend will have the opportunity to double their snap dollars in produce.

- Classroom 1: teaching about sounds and letter recognition.
- Classroom 2: working on letter recognition, sounds, fall colors and behaviors.
- Classroom 3: fall colors, letters, shapes and feelings.
- FA: weather change, remember to dress kids for the change in weather!

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm