

# Woodward Newsletter

MFCS HEAD START

December 2018



Head Start

Mid Florida Community Services

Early Head Start

## NUMBERS



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## DATES



No School:

Dec 20- Jan 7, 2019

Early Release:

Dec. 5, 12 and 19.

Parent Meeting:

Tuesday, December 18, 2018 2:15pm

## HEAD START CURRICULUM FOCUS

Focus letters:

Kk, Ll, and Mm

Shape:

Circle, Square, Rhombus, and Rectangle  
Color:

All colors

Numbers:

One (1) through ten (10).

## PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Ja' Lah  
Alejandro  
Kamirah  
Andrea  
Yaretzi  
Alejandra



## MESSAGE FROM YOUR CDS

By *Pamela 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!!!!!!**

## ➔ MESSAGE FROM YOUR FAMILY ADVOCATE

By *Julyette Santiago*

We are already in December the best time of the year to celebrate with family and friends. I want to remind you that our parent meeting is on December 18 at 2:15 pm in the classroom. Again, I want to thank you for entrusting your children to our staff and for being involved in the education of your children. Here I share this information and internet address with information to protect us from identity theft, especially at this time of year.

<https://www.pnc.com/pnc-achievement-sessions/en/home/identity-theft-me-my-shadow.html>

Ya estamos en Diciembre la mayor epoca del año para celebrar en familia y amigos. Les quiero recordar que nuestra reunión de padres es el 18 de Diciembre a las 2:15 pm en el salon de clases. Nuevamente le quiero dar las gracias por confiar sus hijos a nuestro personal y por estar envueltos en la educacion de sus hijos.

Aqui comparto esta informacion y direccion de internet con informacion para protegernos del robo de identidad, especialmente en esta epoca del año.

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## CLASSROOM NEWS:

December will be a short but eventful month. We will begin by focusing on USDA activities with “Cantaloupe”. The children will be excited as we learn about life science through the exploration of animals and animal life cycles. We will learn about all kinds of animals, animal homes, creepy-crawly insects and how animals grow and change. We will also explore how different cultures celebrate the winter months such as Hanukkah, Winter Solstice, Christmas, and Kwanza.

**SPECIAL REMINDERS FROM THE TEACHERS AND PRINCIPAL**  
**\*\*\*\*\*NOVEMBER IS PARENT CONFERENCE MONTH\*\*\*\*\***

Check your child’s folder everyday.

Read with your child every night.

Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep & is ready for school each day

Attend school everyday on time.

**Family Engagement Activity**  
**Join us for Snow Day!**  
**December 14, 2018**  
**5 to 7 pm**



## ➔ 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](http://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

November 14, 2018

This meeting took place at the West Volusia Educational Center. Desiree welcomed us and the minutes from the last meeting were read by Lourdes.

We voted on the community representative for policy council: Dr. Willy Keemans (sp?) received YES vote. Jennifer Watley (sp?) received YES vote. Kelly Rodriguez (sp?) received YES vote.

Parent meetings cannot continue to be on Wednesdays because teachers participate in important training during early release days and cannot miss those training opportunities. We will need to vote on a new Parent Meeting day for Woodward. Courtney from the Dolly Parton Imagination Library told us about an opportunity for free books for your child ages 0-5. Applications were provided. Submit the application thru Head Start to receive your first book by January 1st.

UF Family Nutrition partnered with Stetson to create a nutrition education tour for your family. It teaches to prepare fruit and vegetables, food demos and tastings and booths that sell produce at Artisan Ally downtown Deland. Register for this event with the Head Start Center. If you receive SNAP benefits this benefit is doubled at the Artisan Ally Market.

Katherine Watson, Secretary