

# Deltona Lakes Newsletter

MFCS HEAD START

December 2018



Head Start

Mid Florida Community Services

Early Head Start

## ➔ NUMBERS



Classroom Phone:

CDS:

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## ➔ DATES



No School:

Winter Holiday 12/10-1/7/2019

Early Release:

Wednesdays: 12/5/18,

Parent Meeting: 12/12/18, 12/19/18

Tuesday, 12/18/18 @ 2:30

## ➔ HEAD START CURRICULUM FOCUS

Focus letters:

K,L,M  
Shape:

Square  
Color:

Brown  
Numbers:

1-10

## ➔ PERFECT ATTENDANCE

SaVeon Wynn-Howard  
Thomas Hamilton  
CONGRATULATIONS!



## MESSAGE FROM YOUR CDS

By *Pamela Fennett, CDS*



Holidays can be a time when parents decide that doing things with their children will be a priority and 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 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....**



## MESSAGE FROM YOUR FAMILY ADVOCATE

By [FAMILY ADVOCATE]

***Let's get ready! It is almost Christmas and you can save some money!***

Don't forget that Christmas is around the corner.

- Prepare your shopping list early to assure the best prices in the stores.
- You can start with the lay away plan that is already available in so many stores.
- Take advantage of sales. Please remember you can use the facilities of the Center to use the computers to comparison shop.
- Review the toy catalog with your children.
- Don't forget if you need Christmas decorations, please visit the thrift shops or garage sales.

***Let's enjoy the Holidays all the way!!!!!!***



## CLASSROOM NEWS:

By: Ms. Susan & Ms. Ortega

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday ! Our theme for this month is "All About Animals". We will discuss pets, pet care, animals around the world, and begin to think about what animals need to survive, what they eat, and how they move. We will pretend to be veterinarians and learn through play as we turn our dramatic play into a mini pet-care center. We are in the holiday season, so we are encouraging our little ones to talk about how they spend their holidays with the families. Please talk to your child about some family traditions and customs so that they can share it with us in class. We learn from each other! For our Second Step Curriculum, which focuses on social emotional skills, our class will continue to practice strategies in how to manage our strong feelings. We will also continue to learn the letters in our name and if we show an interest, we will begin writing our name. Please be sure your child has a warm set of clothing in their cubbies for cooler weather and also please write their names on all items of clothing. Thanks for all your support!





## ➔ POLICY COUNCIL UPDATES

The **November Policy Council Meeting** was held on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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

Our parent meeting minutes started on November 28th at 1:15pm.

Cherlene Brewton introduced herself and talked about her role as the interim Family Advocate until another advocate is hired. She is looking forward to working with our families and is excited to be apart of our Deltona Lakes family.

Our parents voted on our yearly parent activity and decided they would like to go bowling. More information will be provided once we contact the bowling Alley to get group pricing and availability.

Important dates discussed include our winter holiday; school will be closed from December 20th through January 6th, 2018. Classes will resume on Monday, January 7th.

Our December early release dates are 12/5/18, 12/12/18, and 12/19/18.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 18th.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.