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Early Head Start
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Newsletter - December

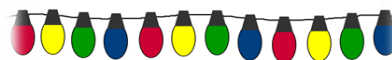
Boletín Informativo

**From the Desk of Rosalyn Figueroa,
Child Development Specialist**



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 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
Holidays!**

IMPORTANT

DATES

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| Picture Money Due date | 5 |
| Parent Meeting | 13 |
| Winter Festival | 14 |
| Last Day of School | 19 |
| Pijama Day | |

Notes from Mrs. Amanda & Mrs. Judith

Happy December! This month we will be learning about Squash and then how children around the world celebrate the holidays. In Second Step we will begin to learn about how to manage the feelings we have been learning about how to identify.

Thank you to all of the parents who were involved in the Turkey Trot Run and Tag Along Tuesday. We welcome you to come and volunteer in the classroom any time.

We have some colder weather coming; please remember to

bring warmer clothing for your children.

December 20th is a student holiday and the children will then begin winter break. Classes will resume on January 7th. Please have a safe and happy holiday.

¡ Feliz diciembre! Este mes vamos a aprender sobre squash y luego cómo los niños de todo el mundo celebran las fiestas. En segundo paso comenzaremos a aprender sobre cómo manejar los sentimientos que hemos estado

aprendiendo sobre cómo identificar.

Gracias a todos los padres que participaron en el trote de Turquía y la etiqueta a lo largo del martes. Le invitamos a que venga y se ofrezca como voluntario en el aula en cualquier momento.

Tenemos un clima más frío que viene; por favor recuerde traer ropa más caliente para sus niños.

El 20 de diciembre es una fiesta estudiantil y los niños comenzarán las vacaciones de invierno. Las clases se reanudarán el 7 de enero. Por favor, tengan unas vacaciones seguras y felices.



Notes from Mrs. Melissa & Mrs. Maria

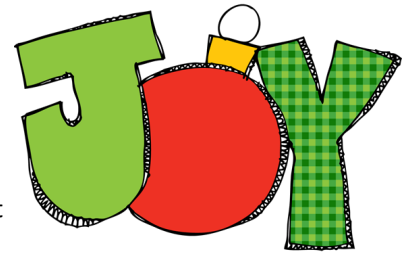
Happy Holidays!! We are starting the month of December with are nutrition theme "Cantaloupe". The next two weeks is going to be full of Christmas. Our children will learn about Christmas Around the World. On December 14 we have our winter festival, we wish to have all of your participation. We may have cool and warm days, make sure to bring jackets and comfortable clothes for warm days. Thanks to all the parents that participated on our Thanksgiving Activities especially in our Turkey Race! We had and awesome time!

We wish you a Merry Christmas!!!



Merry Christmas

Notes from Mrs. Lizzette & Mss. Lorena



During the month of December Classroom 2 is going to be learning about Christmas around the world. We will be making lots of crafts to decorate our classroom for Christmas. We will be learning about other traditions around the world. As you can see the weather is changing so please be sure that your child is dressed appropriately. Also please check your child's cubby to be sure they have extra appropriately change of cloth. Thank

you for being calling in to let us know that your child is not going to be in class or that he might be late. We want to congratulate the Turkey contest winner, "Jordan Armas", with the help of his parents he brought in a very creative turkey, "Good job Jordan". Be advised about of the different activities happening this month in our center. Our Winter Festival is coming up, it will be on December 14th, at 10:00 AM,

we need your help, please see Rosario for more information about how can you contribute to this fun activity for the children on our center. Again Thank you very much for all your help and cooperation.

Notes from Mrs. Edna & Mrs. Yeymary

First of all, we would like to congratulate Angel for winning the Turkey run and of course the rest of the children who participated. We also like to welcome the new child that started this month, Jarell. When you see him and his mom, please welcome them as well. The year is almost over and

winter is coming, meaning cold weather for the most part. Please make sure you dress your child accordingly and to bring extra clothes to the classroom. Looking forward to December and our family engagement. Remember volunteers are always welcomed, you can either read to the children and/or help during breakfast.



Notes from Family Advocate

Happy Holiday to all of our families! We would like to invite you to keep participating at the schools events. It is very important to support our school community and activities. Parents Meetings are a good way to stay in touch with your child school, in these events you have the chance to have an active participation in the decision making that are pertinent to Head Start and to our Schools Upcoming Events, you'll also have the opportunity to get to here, many events will come in the unknown different community services that are available thru the invited speakers that come to our meetings. Parents Meetings take place only once a month and is also the perfect moment to get to know your child teachers, other parent and the Family Advocate. Please mark your calendars every month to attend, we are counting on you! Our next Parent Meeting will be on Thursday, December 13 at 5:30 PM December is finally upcoming weeks , every classroom will be posting all their family engagement activities and special events, so keep track of them if you don't want to miss it. Please remember to wrap up your child in warm clothes during cold weather. Has always we wish you peace, love and joy this holiday season. And be safe to all those families traveling/ driving to their country during his holiday season.



Policy Council Updated - 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.