

# Spring Hill Newsletter

MFCS HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START

December 2018



Head Start

Mid Florida Community Services

Early Head Start

## NUMBERS



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## DATES



No School:

December 24-January 7  
Early Release:

December 21

Parent Meeting:

December 12 at 6:00 p.m.

## HEAD START CURRICULUM FOCUS

Focus letters:

Teacher's Choice  
Shape:

Diamond  
Color:

Green  
Numbers:

1-20



## MESSAGE FROM YOUR CDS

By *Ronjaneen Harris*

The holidays are a time for giving and receiving. However, it is so nice when a child learns to give at an early age. Unfortunately, we are not able to buy everything our children desire to have all the time, and helping young children to understand the value of money can be tricky. Not only do they need to learn to recognize the various forms and denominations of a currency and the value of each individual unit but also how to count it (and eventually to add, subtract, multiply and divide it), why money is important and how it is used in everyday life. The complex and abstract nature of these concepts means children need plenty of time and lots of opportunities to talk about, to play with and to meaningfully use money with the help of an adult.

Learning to save and learning to give are also important money lessons that are much easier for children to take into adulthood when the foundations are laid in childhood. However, they are also not easy lessons for a young child to learn or understand.

For the holidays, have children make gifts and/or cards. These are everlasting memories they will treasure forever.

For ways on helping your child learn to give, visit <http://hildhood101.com/2012/10/helping-children-learn-to-give/>



## PERFECT ATTENDANCE

### Classroom 301:

Kyler  
Ariya  
Gunner

### Classroom 302:

Juan Anthony  
Jose  
Janaya

### Classroom 401:

Robert Hermis  
Elijah  
Tahira

### Classroom 402:

Troy Aleina  
Aubrey  
Logan

### Classroom 501:

Hanna Jayvien  
Braylee Neveah  
Maxwell

### Classroom 502:

Norris William  
Scottizaria Gialiann  
Juliano

### Classroom 601:

Mouhamet  
Daniela

### Classroom 602:

Kharee Sabrina  
Grae Gialanna  
Noah Angely



## MESSAGE FROM YOUR FAMILY ADVOCATES

By

Joanne Roth, Nitza Jerez, Lynn Woerner

We hope that everyone enjoyed their vacation and we look forward to the remainder of the holiday season. We are working with sponsors to provide a small gift or gifts for each child.

Our next Parent Committee Meeting will be on December 12th at 6:00pm. We will also be having a Winter Festival on December 20th. Please let us know if you are able to volunteer for this event.

### Important Reminder

If you have not already done so, please submit your child's dental exam verification and results for lead and hemoglobin testing. If you need any assistance with this, please contact your Family Advocate.

### Dates to Remember

12/12/18	Parent Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm
12/20/18	Winter Festival
12/21/18	Last Day of School for 2018
12/24/18	Winter Vacation Begins
01/07/19	Professional Day-No School
01/08/19	First Day of School for 2019
01/09/19	January Parent Committee Meeting at 1:30 pm
01/21/19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day-No School



## CLASSROOM 301 NEWS:

Happy Holidays to all of our Head Start families!

This month, we will have a USDA nutrition lesson plan about cantaloupe.

Then, we will spend two weeks learning about winter holidays from different cultures around the world.

On December 14, we will have a parent engagement activity in our classroom. The children will perform holiday songs and we will do a make and take ornament.

We hope you can join us!

Thank you,

Miss Shelley and Miss Olena



## CLASSROOM 401 NEWS:

HOHOHO!!! Happy Holidays!

This month, we will be talking about winter animals, and holidays around the world.

We will be learning the name and sound of letters: Mm, Dd, and Oo.

Keep practicing name writing with your child. They are really coming along with writing their name.

We are having our Holiday Parent Engagement activity on December 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00am.

We will be making a Christmas tree ornament. Please come join us.

Ms. Jennifer and Ms. Miller



## CLASSROOM 302 NEWS:

December is a month that the little ones happily look forward to. In this busy month, we enjoy talking about all of the holidays that our little ones celebrate. It is so wonderful for us to be able to share our holiday traditions and to learn and appreciate our similarities and differences. The children will also be practicing for our holiday program; we will be celebrating our family engagement on December 19 at 1:00 pm.

Please don't forget to check the folder with homework and important notes and review our lesson each Friday about Second Step (social skills). This month is Sarah on December 6 and Katalina on December 15.

Sincerely, thanks to all my parents because with your presence our class shines.

**All of us wish you and your family a very Happy and Healthy Holiday season!**

Love, Mrs. Norma & Mrs. Mandy.



## CLASSROOM 402 NEWS:

Hello parents, it's the most wonderful time of the year! This month for Second Step, we will be focusing on emotion management and the different ways to calm ourselves down. Our nutrition activity this month will be cantaloupe and we will be making a cantaloupe salad. Our theme for this month is winter carnival and the season of winter. For literacy, our letters will be W, T, O and Z. When going to places like Walmart and Taco Bell, you can say things like T is for Taco Bell or W is for Walmart and also say the sound of the letter and numbers when you see them. Continue to allow them to practice writing their names and numbers at home. Thanks to my parents for completing home to school science nonliving and living things activity because they have really grasped the idea of nonliving and living things. Reminder! Morning circle is very important, so please have the children here by 8:30am.

Ms. Brown and Ms. Clemente



## CLASSROOM 501 NEWS:

We had two parent activities during October. The first one, the children painted a rock with their family and we placed them in our gardens. Our second parent activity was decorating a Paper Mache Jack O Lantern together. We had great participation by our families. Our themes for this month is Giving Thanks, Trees, Nutrition activity with cantaloupe, Different cultures/different ways to celebrate. We enjoyed taking a nature walk and making a collage with the fall items we collected. We are working on name writing, sharing, ways to be kind, patterns, letter recognition, number recognition and following a pattern. We had two birthdays' in November, Jayvien and Laura turned 4, and during this month, Maxwell is turning 4 and Braylee will be 5. Suzanne and Sandra



## CLASSROOM 601 NEWS:

Class 601 has been busy.

We continue to work on our letters, letter sounds, and numbers. We have been working on being kind with our friends by keeping our hands to ourselves and using kind words.

We have been having some great conversations in our room. We have a very social group with great imaginations.

The holidays are coming up, so we will be working on decorations for our room. They enjoy arts and crafts. There will also be a family engagement activity sometime in December; more details to come so be on the lookout for flyers.

Happy Birthday to Lysandra on 12/18 and Naomi on 12/21.

Mrs. Amy and Mrs. Lucia



## CLASSROOM 502 NEWS:

December is a month that we at the 502 classroom happily look forward to. Beginning of the month, we will be talking about all the holidays' celebrations around the word. We will talk about families, friends, variety of different cultures and religions who celebrates different holidays. Please remember that it is important that your child has extra clothes that are appropriate for this weather. It is imperative that a child have a blanket for rest time. Please, be on the lookout for our next parent and child classroom gathering. Last month, we talked about "Thanksgiving tradition" and the meaning to each family. We want to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a wonderful holiday season surrounded by all your love ones.

Mrs. Zulma and Ms. Salyna



## CLASSROOM 602 NEWS:

Welcome December!!

We will continue learning our letters and numbers. We will be learning about cultures around the world and how they celebrate the holidays.

Please watch out for flyers for this month's family engagement activity.

We hope everyone will come and join us and make fun holiday memories with the children.

We would like to thank all our families for such a wonderful year so far, and we hope that all of you have a safe and wonderful holiday.

Mrs. Theresa and Mrs. Wanda





## 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 HS 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**

Meeting Called to order at 1:30 P.M. At the Senior Services Room #102.  
By the: Parent Committee Chair person Sarah Shook

We had a total of 15 parents and grandparents present.

Appreciation of volunteers from the Trunk or Treat Event

Mrs. Roth spoke about Attendance concerns and how important it is to come each day.

CDS Ronjaneen Harris spoke about Galileo and how to use the program.

Policy Council Community Representative was approved by the parents.

Mrs. Jerez went over the Parent Activity parents voted on January 17<sup>th</sup> for Parent Activity from 11:00am to 2:00pm the parents would like to do Health & Wellness activity.

Mrs. Jennifer teacher from 401 spoke about what is going on in the classroom and also explained about picture day and what classes will be what day.

Family Advocates called five games of BINGO with books for prizes. Everyone enjoyed the games.

Perfect Attendance Certificates were handed out.

There were no questions or concerns.  
Meeting was adjourned at 2:30PM