Port Orange Newsletter



PORT ORANGE NEWSLETTER

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ODATES



No School:

6/3 Early Release:

N/A

Parent Meeting:

HEAD START CURRICULUM FOCUS

OUT FOR THE SUMMER

EARLY HEAD START CURRICULUM FOCUS

Water safety, Transportation and Gross motor skills



MESSAGE FROM YOUR CDS

Ву

Krista Callahan

Going to Kindergarten

Our preschool year is winding down and many of our preschoolers will be off to kindergarten in the fall! It is important to remember that going to school is a natural progression for children and most will be very ready to go. To help your child with this transition, it is important to speak positively about attending kindergarten. Talk about the exciting aspects of the transition such as making new friends, learning new things, growing up, and becoming a "big boy or girl". To help prepare, plan to attend your school's orientation with your child, and be sure to visit your public library to read with them over the summer months. Head Start "transition bags" contain terrific ideas for learning new things and having lots of fun with your child!

Moving Up

Our 3-year-olds and Early Head Start babies are growing so fast! As the oldest in the class, the 3-year-olds will come back next year with lots of knowledge and ready to help the new children! Our Early head start will still be with us during summer months, and we have lots in-store for them. We will also have a Summer VPK and look forward to working with them.

Thank you

Thank you for entrusting your child to us this year; we have enjoyed working with all of the children in our care and have seen growth, development and skill acquisition in all children! We have also witnessed how the children have grown in the way they deal with frustration and the care and concern they express for one another.

We want to thank and recognize you as the first and most important teacher in your child's life, and thank you for working with us this year on your child's behalf. We sincerely appreciate your unwavering support this year, and send you our best wishes. Hoorah for preschoolers! Get Ready Rollovers and EHS Babies. Have a wonderful and safe summer!



Classroom 1:

N/A (Summer Break)

Classroom 2:

N/A (Summer Break)

Classroom 3:

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Classroom 4:

Hunter

Classroom 5:

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR FAMILY ADVOCATES

By Vuotta A

Yvette Altman

Greetings!

If your child is going to be going to Kindergarten, we recommend making sure that you call your local school to determine when registration will be. If you need assistance with this, please advise Susan or Yvette for help. If your child is going to roll over for the upcoming school year, please make sure you see your Family advocate so we can get you scheduled to complete your roll over packet. We would also like to thank you for your continued participation within our Head Start and Early Head Start Program!

CLASSROOM 1 NEWS:



As the school year is coming to an end, we can now step back and see that our children have tru-

ly blossomed. They have loved learning, have developed great social and educational skills, and continue to be excited and curious about new experiences. They are ready for the next stage of growth.

For those children who will be returning in August, we will continue together on our learning journey toward success. We have enjoyed watching the children grow, learn, and develop into very special people! We wish everyone a safe, happy, and fun filled summer. Make every day count! They grow up so fast.

CLASSROOM 2 NEWS:



It has truly been an amazing journey to see how our children have blossomed since August! As we prepare to close this year out, we will be reviewing our letters and sounds, numbers, shapes, colors and continue to move and learn as we embark on the following themes from our Galileo curriculum: "Sports and Exercise," "Let's Make Music," "Creative Movement and Expressions," and "Healthy Living". For those children that will be moving on to Kindergarten, we will focus on the theme "Ready for Kindergarten". We will use the topic "Now I know My ABCs," as we prepare to transition from Head Start to Kindergarten. We will be reading various books related to Kindergarten, and discuss what is expected to help children be successful. As a parent, you can continue to help your child learn more by reading to him/her daily and discussing the stories.

CLASSROOM 3 NEWS:

In the month of June, we will be working on water safety and increasing motor skills. We will explore our environment with our hands and feet and learn about playing together. We will be having musical experiences, and learning to express ourselves and voice our needs with our words and our actions.



CLASSROOM 4 NEWS:



This has been a great year! The children are eager to learn through experiment and play. During the month of June, we will continue to review and work on colors, shapes, and recognition. We will also incorporate transportation and travel skills. The summer will give us the opportunity to see different insects and animals, so we will take the opportunity to see how they each travel and move about.

CLASSROOM 5 NEWS:

During the month of June, we will explore the subjects of transportation, nursery rhymes, construction, and sorting. Each Friday, we will enjoy a day of summer by participating in water activities outside. We will also continue our experimentations with colors and shapes.



POLICY COUNCIL UPDATES

The **May Policy Council Meeting** was held on Thursday, May 23rd at the Administrative Offices in Hernando and Volusia. Seventeen policy council members, and nine staff members were present.

The following April reports were **approved**: Budget Report, Credit Card Report, Meals and Snacks Report, Service Area Reports and Center Reports. There were no requests for Approval of Parent Activity Funds.

The *Enrollment/Attendance Report* reflected the average daily attendance for April as 19 out of 54 Head Start classrooms below 85% and 8 out of 14 Early Head Start classrooms below 85%.

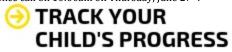
New hires approved for Hernando County and Volusia County include: *Hernando* – 1 Family Advocate; *Volusia* - Several teacher and teacher assistants for next year

Carol Coffie, Deputy Director of Program Services, provided the following summary of the 2018-19 Self-Assessment: The assessment process included Identification of Reviewers, Training of Reviewers, Completion of Self-Assessment Booklets, Classification of Responses, Exchange of Information and Development of Improvement Plan. Parents, community partners, former Head Start staff, current Head Start/Early Head Start staff and MFCS board members participated in the assessment. The assessment responses were used to identify programmatic strengths and specific links to the program's long range goals.

Program Specialist, Tarsha Hall, was in attendance at the meeting. She made positive comments about what she observed during a tour of several centers and expressed appreciation to the parents for their participation on Policy Council.

Director Heidi Rand, announced an upcoming job fair on Saturday, June $1^{\rm st}$ at the Volusia Admin Office, 803 S. Woodland Blvd., Deland, FL 9am – 1 pm. A list of the vacant positions can be found on the website - mfcs.us.com/Careers.

The **next Policy Council meeting** is scheduled to be a conference call on 10:00am on Thursday, June 27th.



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

MEETING OPENED BY YVETTE.

Discussions

- Kindergarten Transition Meetings
- Obtaining VPK Vouchers; Locations Discussed
- Kindergarten Enrollment
- Roll Over Packets to Complete for returning students

Mrs. Brandi

Discussed classroom lesson plans. She reminded parents to go over the site words with the kids that are going to kindergarten. Mrs. Brandi advised that all children would benefit from doing this. We let parents know that the last day of school for children is May $31^{\rm st}$. We let parents know that EHS gets out on July $19^{\rm th}$. July $22^{\rm nd}$ to the 26 is EHS break. A new EHS Policy Council Rep is needed as our previous is unable to be a representative now.

Ms. Kathy and Ms. Elaine

The beginning of April will explore nutrition and sweet potatoes. This month we will also focus on the theme Let's Move! The children will investigate ways to move their bodies. The children will describe their plans and movements. They will play and move together.

This month we will also be learning about the importance of working together to keep our natural environment healthy and clean. One of the things we will be learning about will be reducing garbage, reusing what we can, and recycling items made out of natural materials.

We are also working hard on our colors, shapes, numbers, letters and sounds. Practice, Practice! Our Focus Letters for the month are: J, H, I.

EHS is focusing on their colors, and songs,

Meeting Adjourned.