



SEPTEMBER

# HEAD START NEWS

Hope Place Head Start & Early Head Start Newsletter



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## FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By Arnessia King

Hope Place Head Start would like to welcome every family back to school. We will be operating with the utmost care and safety for your children. We are taking preventative actions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the classrooms. The teachers and children wash hands often with soap and water. Teachers are cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces inside the classroom and outside on the playground. Face masks are worn at all times. We are mandating that masks for children be worn at all times. Keep in mind that face masks will NOT be put on babies and children under age two because of the danger of suffocation. I know if we all work together, your child will have a successful year!



## CONTACT US!

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Family Advocate(s): Chelene

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386-281-3315 Ext.110 & 111

Classroom Phone Number & Extensions

**386-281-3315** 11-1: x201

10-2: x102 11-4: x204

10-6: x106 11-6: x206

10-7: x107 11-10: x210



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

We will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2020 for Labor Day Holiday.



Head Start  
Mid Florida Community Services  
Early Head Start



# FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

*By: Rebecca Hassan & Chelene Brewton*

Special thanks to all of our families, for giving us the privilege to serve and to guide you. You are truly our inspiration for making the difference on your child's life by providing the opportunity of early learning development and by setting the foundations for your child success in the future. I would like to invite you to share your goals, needs, concerns and any other special situation that you may have. We are here to support and assist you through the school year. Our work is to make sure that you, can also learn, improve and achieve your goals, because you are as important as your child is to us, in Hope Place Head Start. On behalf of the Staff at the Hope Place Head Start we are happy to welcome you to the 2020-2021 school year. We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in our school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child education. Please we ask that you guide and support your child learning by ensuring that he/she:

- 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time ready for the day learning experience
- 2) Completes all homework assignments given by teachers
- 3) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and improve literacy skills.
- 4) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life.
- 5) Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject. The wonderful Hope Place Head Start Teachers and the FA, feel privileged to be a part of this school family and we thank you for your support during this school year.



## A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS HEAD START

### CLASSROOM 10-2

Ms. Phaleisa & Bethzaida welcomes you all to this new school year. There are a lot of wonderful things in store for you all this year. I am looking forward to sharing new experiences with you all. This year we have all encountered difficult times with the situation we are currently facing. Head start is taking the proper steps and procedures with following CDC guidelines to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our children and families. I am looking forward to having you all in my classroom. Come on Busy Bees... Lets BEE Smart in Head Start.

### CLASSROOM 11-1

Hello! We are so glad to have your child with us this school year. The children will be making new friends, learning new skills and having a fun and exciting time. Our classroom theme for the school year is "Bubble Guppies", which we are sure the children will love. Unfortunately due to Covid-19 parents will not be able to come into the classroom but you are always welcome to call us or set-up a Zoom meeting. The safety precautions we will be practicing in the classroom are social distancing, wearing masks, frequent hand washing and following all guidelines set in place. We will be sending out Home activities to connect what your child is learning in the classroom to their home. If you have any suggestions or areas you feel your child needs some assistance with please feel free to contact us. At Head Start we follow the Creative Curriculum and Second Step. Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Miss. Stacy and Miss. Monica

### CLASSROOM 11-10

Hello Families, we are so glad you are with us this year in classroom 11-10 at Hope Place. Your child has had a wonderful time this week and we are planning more fun things to do while learning. We will continue learning classroom and playground rules as well as the names of our new friends. We are looking forward to a wonderful year!

Mrs. Vicky and Mrs. Shelia



## A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

### EARLY HEAD START CLASSROOM 10-6

On behalf of Early Head Start, Mrs. Ericka, and Mrs. Shirley, we would love to give you a warm welcome. We are looking forward to many great moments with all of the children and are especially happy to have them back with us. We are currently all experiencing many changes with all that has been occurring, yet we do want you all to know we are following specific CDC Guidelines and protocol's to be able to assist the children and families to the best of our abilities in a safe and secure manner. Many fun and memorable moments await you all this coming school year and again we look forward to having the children with us. Please feel free to reach out to us regarding any questions or concerns you might have 386-281-3315 Ext 106



### CLASSROOM 10-7

We are excited to get to know everyone and welcome our children back to class! We also want you to know we are following specific CDC Guidelines and protocols. These safety procedures will allow us to assist the children and families to the best of our abilities in a safe and secure manner! We are here to kick off a Super year!

Ms. Wendy & Miss Genesis

### CLASSROOM 11-4

Welcome to classroom 11-4, we are so glad to have your child with us this school year. The children will be making new friends, learning new skills, and having a fun and exciting time. Our classroom theme for this school year is "Paw Patrol", which we are sure the children will love. Unfortunately due to Covid-19 parents will not be able to come into the classroom but you are always welcome call us or set-up a Zoom meeting. The safety precautions we will be practicing in the classroom are social distancing, wearing a mask, frequent handwashing, following all guidelines set in a place and following all CDC guidelines. We will be sending out home activities to connect what your child is learning in the classroom to their home. If you have any suggestions or areas you feel your child needs some assistance with please feel free to contact us. With Early Head Start we follow the Creative curriculum. Feel free to go over the lesson with your child to help them with the transition from home to school. Please feel free to reach put to us if you have any questions or concerns.

### CLASSROOM 11-6

Dear parents, It is a pleasure to have your child in our class. Our class is set up with exciting things to explore. Your child will be learning songs, listening to stories and playing with new friends. We look forward to working with you and getting to know your child. Feel free to share your child's likes and dislikes or any information that will benefit your child. Just know that your child is safe and in good hands.

Norma & Jodi





## HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Ideas to make hand washing for children fun!

What are Ways to Make Handwashing Fun?

1. Use different colors/scents of soap. Then, let them pick which soap they want to use.
2. Sing a song. You can go with Happy Birthday twice or come up with your own 20- second hand washing tune.
3. Make it a game. ...
4. Start a sticker chart. ...
5. Try a washable marker. ...
6. Add some glitter.

## PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Parent Meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2020 Via TEAMS from 11:00-11:50 am. Please look for your TEAMS invite to be a part of your child's educational experience.

## POLICY COUNCIL UPDATES

The July minutes were approved. A prospective ten staff were approved for hire. The enrollment, attendance, and snack reports were approved.

Additionally, a review of our school options were reviewed and updated with the Council. Service area and center reports were also approved.



## CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

FREE eBooks about Coronavirus / COVID-19

Below is a collection of free eBooks in multiple languages for children about the Coronavirus / COVID-19.

To access the book, click on the cover of the book.

<https://nycdoe.libguides.com/COVID-19ebooks/free>