



SEPTEMBER

# HEAD START NEWS

Holly Hill Head Start & Early Head Start Newsletter



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## FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

**By: Rhonda Lochiatto**

Hello and Welcome Back!

We are so excited to welcome our families back after a very long break. I recently joined the Mid-Florida family in March just before the break and I cannot wait to finally meet everyone and see all the smiling eyes walk through our doors. My name is Rhonda Lochiatto and I come to you from over 20 years of public school service. I served in Volusia County Schools for 14 years as an elementary and middle school teacher and as an instructional coach. I have also taught in Orange County, Osceola County, and Seminole County. I've had experience with children of all ages over the years and am looking forward to bringing that to you! As we get back to our instruction please remember the COVID protocols that have been implemented for everyone's health and safety. If you will be dropping off in person we will have parking signage in place and 6ft markers visible. Early Head Start will continue to check in at the portable with your teachers. Head Start will check in on the porch by the first door. Temperature and Health Checks will be completed there and our awesome teacher assistants will bring your children inside the building to wash hands and take them to their classroom where their teacher will be eagerly awaiting their arrival. No parents or any other outside visitors will be allowed to enter the building without an appointment. If you are participating in our virtual lessons, please look for a schedule to be emailed from your child's teacher soon! If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me at any time!



## CONTACT US!

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Classroom 1: Extension 101  
Classroom 4 (EHS): 104  
Classroom 5: Extension 105



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

August 31 – First Day of School!

September 7 – Labor Day Holiday, No School



Head Start  
Mid Florida Community Services  
Early Head Start



## FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

*By: Devon Shields*

Welcome back!

We are so excited to begin this new school year. I hope everyone had a fun and safe summer. As we return back to school, we have prepared for this school year to be a safe, healthy, and fun 20/21 school year. Please remember to keep your child Immunization and Physical updated. Parents, please make sure your child have change of clothes in their backpack. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. It's going to be an awesome year!

### A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

#### CLASSROOM 1

Welcome to the pawfect class that is filled with paws.

We welcomed our pawsitively great class to a great bunch of students who will do pawesome in our class. It is different from previous years, but we have pawed our way to a good start. The children have transitioned with ease. We have started our Second Step and Creative curriculum along with virtual lessons for our virtual children. We would like to thank you for entrusting your children with us. They are doing a great job with wearing their masks and with handwashing. Thanks for teaching your child how to stay safe during these difficult times. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns we are here to help!

Stay Safe!!

Mrs. Stephanie /Mrs.Laura

#### CLASSROOM 5

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Stay Safe!!

Mrs. Stephanie /Mrs.Laura



## HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

If your child is 2 or older and returning to our in person instruction now would be a great time to practice proper mask wearing and social distancing. Listed are some fun Jack Hartman YouTube videos that you can watch at and enjoy at home about children wearing masks.

<https://youtu.be/iE6L-4tO-rs>

<https://youtu.be/NMVsCwKeARQ>

<https://youtu.be/OMg6t-z8KEI>

## PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Our First Parent Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15 at 11:00 via Zoom. Please stay tuned for more information.

## 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

Check out: Pete the Kitty's First Day of Preschool by Kimberly and James Dean.  
<https://safeshare.tv/x/ss5f4febacb4503>