



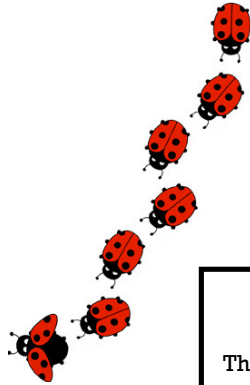
Pasco County Head Start January 2014 Policy Council



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December Fast Facts

Head Start Enrollment	643
Head Start Average Monthly Attendance	91%
Early Head Start Enrollment	108
Early Head Start Average Monthly Attendance	91%
# of children on the waiting list	HS-671 EHS-294
# of children with a disability	HS-75 EHS-12
Breakfasts Served	9,717
Lunches Served	9,910
Snacks Served	9,792



Inspirational Quote

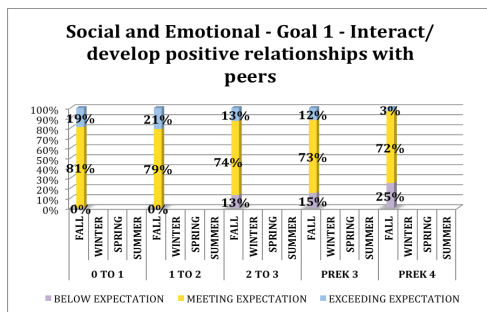
*"You are only confined
by the walls you build."*

Parent Survey Process

This year, we will be offering the parent survey online! The parent survey will be available online from January 13, 2014 until February 7, 2014. We are encouraging all families to complete the parent survey no later than February 7, 2014. Computers can be made available at the school through the Family Services Worker, Social Educator, or Home Services Worker. The survey is offered in both English and Spanish, and we are asking parents to fill out one survey for each child enrolled in the program. We are looking forward to analyzing the survey results!

School Readiness Data

As a program, we use the Teaching Strategies GOLD assessment to measure children's growth. Four times a year, teachers/caregivers/home services workers complete a checkpoint to determine a child's progress towards 38 objectives. By analyzing these checkpoints, we can determine areas of strength and areas for improvement across the program. This month, we spent time reviewing the preliminary results from the first checkpoint window. Below is a sample graph that we viewed. As the school year progresses, we would like to see a decrease in the purple section of the graph (representing children below age band expectations) and an increase in the number of children in the yellow and blue sections (representing children meeting or exceeding age band expectations).



Application Day Overview

Regional application days are right around the corner! Application days are scheduled in different regions of the county to accommodate the neediest families. Any family that is currently on the waiting list will need to reapply for next year. Applications are only good for one program year. If your child is currently enrolled in Head Start or Early Head Start and is age eligible to continue in the program, you do not need to reapply; however, children enrolled in Early Head Start who turn 3 years old on or before September 1, 2014 will need to reapply to be considered for the Head Start program. If you have any questions regarding application days, please contact your Family Services Worker/Home Services Worker.

Site Moves

We are very excited to announce that we will be moving our Early Head Start classrooms from Moore Mickens Education Center to Rodney B. Cox Elementary School. Our Early Head Start classrooms located at Marchman Technical Education Center will be moving to Cotee River Elementary School. These classroom moves will not take place until the 2014-2015 program year. We feel moving these programs to elementary school campuses will help us best meet the needs of children and families in these areas.

Serving families so that all children can learn and grow in a healthy, nurturing environment.

