



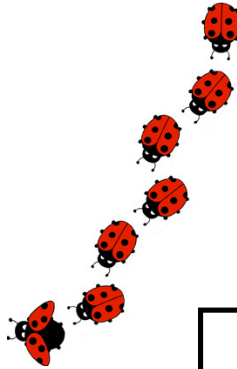
# Pasco County Head Start

## December 2013 Policy Council



Kurt Browning, Superintendent of Schools  
 Angela Porterfield, Director of Early Childhood Programs  
<http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/prek/>

November Fast Facts	
Head Start Enrollment	643
Head Start Average Monthly Attendance	90%
Early Head Start Enrollment	108
Early Head Start Average Monthly Attendance	89%
# of children on the waiting list	HS-636 EHS-276
# of children with a disability	HS-67 EHS-11
Breakfasts Served	11,012
Lunches Served	11,231
Snacks Served	11,098



Family Resource Night for our east side families will be taking place on Jan. 21 at CENES from 5:00-6:30 p.m. We hope to see you there!

### Recruitment and Selection Procedures

During the Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment, and Attendance (ERSEA) advisory group, the revised 2014-2015 Recruitment and Selection Procedures were discussed. Several changes were made to the point system based on community needs highlighted in the community assessment. The point system has the following changes: Grandparents raising grandchild – points went from 5 to 10; Single parent- points went from 5 to 7; and Foster parent – points went from 10 to 5. The revised procedures were approved by the Policy Council.

### Creative Curriculum Overview

In our program, we utilize the Creative Curriculum. The Creative Curriculum has several foundational books that help teachers establish the classroom environments and routines to best meet the needs of young children. In the Pre-K classrooms, the students take part in six investigations during the course of the year. These investigations are centered around Beginning of the Year, Clothes, Trees, Balls, Recycling, and Buildings. Teachers utilize a variety of materials to individualize instruction for the children in their classroom, including Study Guides, Intentional Teaching Cards, Mighty Minutes, and Book Discussion Cards.

### Community Representatives

We were very excited to have two guests join us who expressed interest in becoming community representatives. Both guests were introduced to the Policy Council, and the Council voted to add both of them as community representatives. We are very excited to welcome Kelli Boles and Joan DiMauri to our Policy Council.

Kelli Boles, LEA: FDLRS/Child Find, PreK Exceptional Student Education

Joan DiMauri, MA RD LD/N, Community Program Administrator/Dietetic Internship for the Pasco County Department of Health.

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

