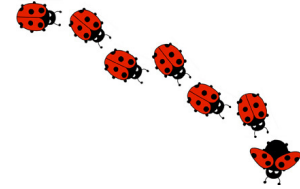




Pasco County Head Start March 2014 Policy Council



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February Fast Facts	
Head Start Enrollment	643
Head Start Average Monthly Attendance	91%
Early Head Start Enrollment	108
Early Head Start Average Monthly Attendance	89%
# of children on the waiting list	HS-656 EHS-299
# of children with a disability	HS-86 EHS-11
Breakfasts Served	12,308
Lunches Served	12,553
Snacks Served	12,403

The Policy Council approved our grant refunding application!

Early Head Start Moves

The Policy Council has approved several Early Head Start moves over the last several months. 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. Based on the approved moves, our EHS locations for next year are as follows:

- Three EHS classrooms and socialization at Rodney B. Cox Elementary School
- Two EHS classrooms at New River Elementary School
- Two EHS classrooms and socialization at Fox Hollow Elementary School
- Two EHS classrooms at Cotee River Elementary School

Sequestration Update

As many of you know, our enrollment was effected last year from budget cuts due to sequestration. We are very excited to announce that sequestration will be restored for the upcoming program year! Due to the restoration of funds, we will be opening three Head Start classrooms and adding 20 home based slots to our Early Head Start program. Based on our community assessment, the Policy Council has approved the following additional classroom sites for the 2014-2015 program year:

- One additional class at Chester W. Taylor Elementary School
- One additional class at Gulf Highlands Elementary School
- One class at James Marlowe Elementary School

Our Head Start classrooms are moving in to a new unit of study. Our pre-k children will soon be investigating within the "Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle" study.

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

