



CHEERS FOR A HAPPY AND HEALTHY YEAR!

As we wind down for this year, it is great to note that the Head Start kids are a healthy and growing bunch! Most of the children have completed all their health screenings including that trip to the dentist. It is fun to see how much they have grown and accomplished this school year.

Summer is fun for all and time to look ahead. Hopefully, most of the children going to kindergarten have already received their immunizations that are needed including the second dose of the Varicella vaccine that prevents chickenpox. This set of shots can be given as soon as your child turns four so you can choose a good time for your child to get them done. Besides two doses of Varicella vaccine, kindergarteners need the following for school entrance:

- DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis or whooping cough) vaccine series,
- MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) vaccine (two doses),
- Polio vaccine series,,
- Hepatitis A and B vaccine series (most children have already completed their series of these vaccines at an earlier age).

If you have any questions regarding immunizations or any other health concern, please feel free to give me a call.

We wish a fun filled summer with lots of family activities and hopefully lots of sunshine.

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Former Head Start student Christian Gardiner and transitioning Head Start student Jonathan Wassily work together to create their own book during a Kindergarten Field trip for transitioning Head Start students.



Director's Reports

I am always surprised at how fast the school year flies by! The Head Start staff is busy finishing up a number of projects on both an administrative and on a classroom basis; here are a few highlights of current activities.

- Site staff is busy gearing up for transition activities for all students headed off to Kindergarten in the fall; call your teacher to ask how you can help.
- The main office staff are in the process of wrapping up the parent survey for the year and to date have over 25 more surveys completed than we did last year- thank you so much for your input. As soon as we have calculated the results, we will provide them to all Policy Council members and Center Coordinators. Keep an eye out for them- they are certainly interesting!
- The Policy Council is gearing up for the final face to face meeting of the year, which will happen at the end of April. This is the meeting where program planning and grant applications for next year will be finalized.
- We have received the dates for our upcoming Federal Review which takes place every three years; the Review Team will be here the week of April 14th. We still don't know which sites they will be visiting but we hope that we will have plenty of parents and community partners available for them to talk with.

Finally, I wanted to address enrollment procedures for the fall. If your child is currently enrolled, and not going to kindergarten in the fall then they are automatically re-enrolled in Head Start; you don't need to do anything. If you are still on the wait list, you should receive a letter asking for updated income information. We will start enrolling for fall starting in mid May. You will need to have current information on file to be considered for enrollment. That means if you've filed your 2008 taxes, send us a copy. If your situation has changed in any way, for example: you've lost your job, had a baby or been on maternity leave since you submitted an application, give us a call and let us know.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to give me a call,

Have a safe and wonderful summer!

Annie Shade