

# Santa Rosa County School District Pre-Kindergarten Programs

## Monthly Report for the month of September 2012

### Submitted to the School Board

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#### **PROGRAM DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Policy Council Meeting Summary**

- Due to parental involvement of previously scheduled program activities (i.e. classroom activities, parents conferences, etc.), the first Policy Meeting for this school year was postponed until Tuesday, October 16, 2012, 8:30am at T. R. Jackson Pre-K School.

##### **Fiscal**

- Head Start is planning for March 2013 through February 2014 grant year. Seven elementary schools in Santa Rosa County receive Head Start funds for Pre-K.

##### **Safety**

- Rod Gracey, Student and Family Services Area, will assist in the monitoring and compliance reporting for all of the Head Start and Early Head Start designated locations throughout the Santa Rosa County School District.
- On September 13, 2012, Mr. Tobin Faciane, Santa Rosa County Safety Compliance Specialist, completed the Annual Comprehensive Safety Inspection at T. R. Jackson. All deficiencies noted on this report will be addressed either through a work order generated by the Maintenance Department or will be corrected "in-house." This report was reviewed with the T. R. Jackson staff at a recent faculty meeting.

#### **EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH SERVICES**

##### **Education**

- Head Start and Early Head Start Instructional Personnel and Child Development Associates began assessing students with Galileo. Early Head Start assesses students in five (5) domains and Head Start assesses students in eleven (11) domains of learning. All four-year-old students were assessed with the Department of Education VPK assessment as well. Galileo is an on-going assessment and the VPK assessment is administered three (3) times per year.
- The Turkey Trot Committee has begun making plans for Turkey Trot day. Turkey Trot is an annual event for students, parents, and community to come together and enjoy a fun-filled day. Turkey Trot is scheduled for Friday, November 16.

##### **Student and Family Services (Health, Dental, Nutrition, & Safety)**

- During August and September, Head Start and Early Head Start students received Vision and Hearing Screenings through the collaborative efforts of Sacred Heart Hospital's "Mission in Motion" Bus, Cynthia Fenaes (RN), and the Student and Family Services Area. Five (5) of our Other Designated Sites (ODS) [Bagdad, Berryhill, Central, Chumuckla, and East Milton] participated in a field trip to T. R. Jackson for their Vision and Hearing Screenings. The "Mission in Motion" Bus went to West Navarre Intermediate School to perform these same screenings for the Head Start students located there.
- The student's first dental visit will be for their initial exam. The Santa Rosa County Health Department is our 2012-2013 dental provider and we are proud to have them as one of our Community Partners!

##### **Social/Emotional Development (Mental Health)/ESE/Disabilities**

- Child Abuse Training was conducted for faculty and staff on September 12, 2012. The Social and Emotional Development Services Area contacted Mr. Chris Roper from the Department of Children and Families, who served as guest speaker providing a PowerPoint and certificates of completion for those in attendance. Child Abuse training for parents/guardians was held during parent orientations. Documentation of all child abuse trainings is kept on file at T. R. Jackson Pre-K School in the Social and Emotional Development Service Area. Training is in accordance with Head Start Performance Standards.

#### **FAMILY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

- In alignment with the Head Start Performance Standards, the Family Liaisons are being cross-trained in the integrated service areas in order to better assist families who have students enrolled in the program with various needs.