

Santa Rosa County School District Pre-Kindergarten Programs

Monthly Report for the month of February 2013

Submitted to the School Board

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PROGRAM DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT

Policy Council Meeting Summary

- The Policy Council met on Friday, February 15, 2013. The topics of discussion included: review of monthly expenditure reports, 2013 Countywide Recruitment, Read Across America, Safety and First Aid for staff and March of Dimes. The Policy Council was given a special class performance on "SPACE" by Mrs. McKeithen's Head Start class. The next Policy Council meeting will be held Friday, March 29, 2013.

McKinney-Vento

- To date, we serve thirty-one families classified as "homeless" under the federal McKinney-Vento Act.

Fiscal

- The Non-Competing Head Start Continuation Grant award was received on February 28th. The action reflects partial FY 2013 funding for PA-22, PA 20, PA 25, and PA 21. The balance of 20% will be awarded when funds are available, subject to the final appropriation for the Head Start Program for FY 2013. Project submission forms were completed by February 27th and the budget was opened on March 1, 2013. Seven schools in Santa Rosa County receive Head Start funds for Pre-K.

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH SERVICES

Education

- The School Readiness Leadership Team met to discuss second observational period student data reports. The data indicates that students have made progress in meeting readiness goals. Data reflects specific demographics such as males, females, students with Individual Education Plans, Individual Family Service Plans, and English Language Learner Plans. The team discussed the direct correlation to readiness goals and the PFCE Framework. Both plans are based on the overall goal for students to be ready for school and have life-long success. Team strategies are to continue working on specific goals in order to meet overall goals for Head Start and Early Head Start.
- Read Across America Week was a huge success. Students participated in activities such as: Cat in the Hat Day...students made red and white hats; Green Day...students wore green to school and ate green eggs and ham; Guest Reader Day...guests from the community read to our students; Pajama Day...students wore their pajamas and read Dr. Seuss Books; and Read Across America Day...students participated in a Dr. Seuss Character Parade.

Health, Dental, Nutrition, and Safety

- As Head Start and Early Head Start students enroll, they receive Vision and Hearing Screenings through Cynthia Fenaes (RN), and Mr. Gracey. Should a problem be identified on either hearing or vision, a referral letter is sent home to the parents, asking them to take their child to a specialist for further testing. Monitoring and tracking continue in order to be sure the parent follows up on their child's referral.
- Letters continue to be sent home to parents regarding expired or expiring health requirements such as physicals, immunizations, and the lead/hemoglobin tests.
- First Aid Kits and Shelter in Place Kits have all been inventoried and are in the process of being replenished with any items needed due to use or age. American Red Cross Emergency First Aid Guides were recently purchased for every staff member at T. R. Jackson and the Other District Sites. New CPR mask kits for every First Aid Kit along with a Temporal Thermometer for every classroom were also distributed.

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

- Currently the overall total of IEPs (Individual Education Plans) for the program is 79.