

Santa Rosa County School District Pre-Kindergarten Programs

Monthly Report for the month of April 2015

Submitted to the School Board

From Mrs. Dawn Alt, Director of Pre-K Programs

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH SERVICES

Education

- Teachers met with parents to discuss their children's progress during the school year. They also discussed activities to help children retain what they have learned during the year. Each family will receive a Getting Your Child Ready for Kindergarten booklet with information on kindergarten readiness, kindergarten skills, and kindergarten success.
- All Pre-K teachers of four-year-old students participated in a teacher transition day in which they received training from Kristen White, an East Milton Elementary School Kindergarten Teacher, on text-based questioning and connecting literacy with numeracy concepts.
- The Science Fair was a huge success. Teachers presented projects that were linked to an ocean theme. Families were provided the opportunity to participate in the activities and then were given directions for conducting the activities at home with their child.
- Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) observations were conducted. The CLASS is used to monitor Head Start Programs and determine classroom high-quality instruction.

Environmental Health and Safety

Safety continues to be our number one priority each and every school day!

We continue to be 100% in compliance with the monthly School-Site Safety Compliance and Reporting requirements. (This also includes our 6 Head Start classrooms located at other District School Sites)

- ✓ The monthly Fire Drill was conducted on April 30th.
- ✓ We had one 911 Emergency call during the month of April due to a serious situation with one of our Head Start students.
- ✓ We continue to track and monitor all students and assisting their parents in making sure they keep them up-to-date on all immunizations, physicals, and state requirements for the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) schedule. This also includes Lead and Hemoglobin testing.

Health and Nutrition

- The Santa Rosa County Extension Office continued their monthly Nutrition Lessons for our 3 and 4 year old Head Start students during April. They began Nutrition lessons with our 2 year old Early Head Start classes in February. The Head Start students and staff have enjoyed participating in a "Fruit and Veggie Challenge!" over the last month. We have completed the 3rd and final Growth Assessment and BMI calculation on all of the Early Head Start & Head Start students.

Dental

- Daily Dental Hygiene continues to be promoted daily both in the classroom and in conjunction with meals. We continue to track and monitor the dental treatment program for many of our students.

- **School (TRJ) Clinic Totals**

	April	Yearly Total
Total Medications Administered	132	512
Minor Injuries	22	170
Major Injuries	0	0
Total First Aid Administered	22	170
Physical Complaints	134	867
Intentional Injuries	1	2
Chronic Conditions	107	450
Head Lice & Scabies (screening only)	37	332
Head Lice & Scabies (positives only)	3	33
Other	299	1144
Medication Intake	12	71
Total Paraprofessional Visits	747	3,581
Dispositions		
• Returned to Class	693	3,219
• Sent Home	41	289
• Medication Intake (to the clinic)	12	71
• Emergency Response (911)	1	2
Total Dispositions	747	3,581

Disabilities

- Nineteen percent of students enrolled in the Early Head Start/Head Start Program currently have an IFSP or an IEP. These students are provided with services that are needed to meet the goals of their individualized plans.

PROGRAM DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT

Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment, and Attendance (ERSEA)

- The ERSEA Service Area took in 54 applications for the Head Start and Early Head Start Programs during the month of April. Recruitment will continue throughout the remainder of the year.

Attendance

- Attendance information reported to the Office of Head Start was as follows:
 - ✓ Early Head Start – 88%
 - ✓ Head Start – 89%

PARENT, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (PFCE)

- Family Advocates conducted home visits and school conferences with Head Start and Early Head Start Teachers. They met with families to; review family goal plans for completion and set summer planning objectives toward goals, close out any need requests identified during previous meetings from family need assessments, complete a PFCE Framework Outcomes Satisfaction Survey, and for families of four year old students complete a kindergarten transition form, “I am Ready for Kindergarten.” Overall, parents rated our Program strongly on the PFCE Framework Outcomes Satisfaction Survey. We did not receive any low marks, but we did receive feedback on areas we can work on for improvement over the coming Program years.
- Many of our families met or exceeded the goals they set at the start of the Program year. Others set long term goals that will be met over the next six to eighteen months.
- A training was held on the Head Start Parent Committee with 28 parents attending. We are in the process of selecting a Parent Committee Leadership Team for 2015-16, and look forward to great progress in this area of the Program during the next Program year.