

# Santa Rosa County School District Pre-Kindergarten Programs

## **Monthly Report for the month of October 2015**

Submitted to the School Board

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

#### **Education**

- Four-year-old students took a field trip to Holland's Farm and had a great time. Everyone came back with their own personal "Great" Pumpkin.
- Teachers completed the first observational period baseline reports. The program's ongoing assessment tool has changed to Teaching Strategies Gold (TSG). Four-year-old students were also assessed with the Voluntary Pre-K assessment tool.
- Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) observations were conducted in all Head Start (HS) classrooms. The CLASS observations are significant to HS as the scores must meet an average criteria as well as rank in the top 90% in the nation. Those programs that do not meet this criteria must re-compete for their grant.
- Students, families, and staff enjoyed a Story Book Character Parade this month. The Milton High Leadership Band played marching music as we marched around the neighborhood. Everyone had a great time!

#### **Environmental Health and Safety**

- The Student and Family Services Specialist frequently updates the staff and faculty through staff meetings, emails, and trainings.
- 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)
  - ✓ Our Monthly Fire Drill was conducted on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - ✓ We conducted our annual Head Start Self-Assessment on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - ✓ We conducted a Shelter-In-Place Drill and Severe Weather Drill on Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - ✓ A free "Flu Mist" Clinic was provided at school for our students on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. We had 25% of our students participate and receive the Flu Mist vaccination.

#### **Health and Nutrition**

- Vision, Hearing, and Growth Assessment Screenings are on-going for any new students. Re-Test, Referrals, and Follow-Up continue for those students requiring further evaluation.
- Letters have also been sent home to parents regarding expired or expiring health requirements such as physicals, immunizations, and the lead/hemoglobin tests.
- Child Plus continues to be updated daily with new student information, updated physicals and/or shot records, dental information, etc...
- **National School Lunch Week** was celebrated October 12-16. The students, staff, and parents enjoyed the various activities throughout the week! Friday was the day parents came and joined us for lunch and it was a great day filled with music, movement, healthy snacks provided by the Extension Office, and Health Department personnel dressed up as Fruits and Vegetables! We had over 100 parents attend this special event!!
- The Santa Rosa County Extension Office continued Nutrition Lessons for our 4 year old Head Start students. The yearly Nutrition Lesson Calendar is as follows:
  - **NUTRITION LESSONS FOR STUDENTS**
  - 4 year olds – 7 Lessons total (Sept, Oct, Jan, Feb, Mar, & Apr)
  - 3 year olds – 4 Lessons total (Jan, Feb, Mar, & Apr)
  - 2 year olds – 2 hands-on activities (Feb & Apr)

- **“CANNING” Workshop for Parents** – This is a one day workshop for our staff and faculty and will later be offered to our parents. The staff workshop is scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup> and the parent workshop is scheduled for February 17<sup>th</sup>.
- **MAKE IT & TAKE IT PARENT WORKSHOP** – This Parent workshop is scheduled for December 10th.

### **Dental**

Daily Dental Hygiene continues to be promoted both in the classroom and in conjunction with meals.

All students do a minimum of one thorough tooth brushing daily. We completed all Head Start and Early Head Start class dental trips on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Dental Treatment Plan letters are being mailed out to the parents/guardians along with the Form 5 from the Florida Department of Health Dental Clinic. We have begun tracking all students needing any further dental treatment and contacting and sending out reminders to those parents.

### **School (TRJ) Clinic Totals**

	October	Yearly Total
<b>Total Medications Administered</b>	14	25
Minor Injuries	16	38
Major Injuries	0	0
<b>Total First Aid Administered</b>	16	38
Physical Complaints	110	292
Intentional Injuries	0	0
Chronic Conditions	11	14
Head Lice & Scabies (screening only)	36	100
Head Lice & Scabies (positives only)	8	11
Other	19	348
Medication Intake	4	18
<b>Total Paraprofessional Visits</b>	218	846
<b>Dispositions</b>		
• Returned to Class	167	721
• Sent Home	46	106
• Medication Intake (to the clinic)	4	18
• Emergency Response (911)	1	1
<b>Total Dispositions</b>	218	846

## **PROGRAM DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT (PDM)**

### **Fiscal**

- The Policy Council met on October 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss Head Start Program concerns and requirements for grant period March 1, 2016 to February 28, 2017. Members were given information and asked for suggestions for things that might need to be put in the grant.
- On October 30<sup>th</sup> the Policy Council met and approved the Five Year Head Start Continuation Grant for FY 2016.
- The Continuation Grant, Self-Assessment, and T/TA plan, which is a section of the grant along with the Transportation Waiver will be presented for approval at the November School Board Meeting.

### **Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment, and Attendance (ERSEA)/Disabilities**

#### **Attendance**

Attendance information reported to the Office of Head Start was as follows:

Early Head Start – 83%

Head Start – 90%

## **PARENT, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (PFCE)**

- A GED class for TR Jackson parents was started on October 24, 2015. As a result of PFCE efforts to engage parents to complete their High School education; 24 parents expressed an interest, and 14 took the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE). Many of those parents have started classes and are working toward earning their GED.
- Family Service Advocates worked to identify families of need within the Head Start program related to community holiday assistance efforts. We currently have 41 families being served by our partners for Thanksgiving, and 43 families for Christmas representing 135 children. We are grateful for the selfless investment of community agencies, organizations and individuals to serve our families throughout the year and especially during the holidays.
- Two community partners; the Sunrise Kiwanis Club and First Baptist Church of Milton, have provided us with a supply of shoes, socks, and underwear to meet the constant need for our children and their families. Our supply closet had been depleted and they rose to the occasion to meet the need.