

Santa Rosa County School District Pre-Kindergarten Programs

Monthly Report for the month of November 2012

Submitted to the School Board

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PROGRAM DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT

Policy Council Meeting Summary

- The Policy Council met on Friday, November 9, 2012. The topics of discussion included: appointment of officers, 2012 Program Self-Assessment Corrective Action Plan, 2012 Community Assessment, 2013-2014 Continuation Grant Synopsis, School Readiness Goals, a re-cap of the National School Lunch Week, the annual Turkey Trot Celebration and "Adopt a Head Start Program," which will be a Parent Committee initiative.

Fiscal

- The Head Start Grant was approved at the November Policy Council Meeting and Santa Rosa County School Board Meeting. The grant was sent to the Regional Office on November 28, 2012. It is expected that our program will receive the grant award letter from the Administration of Children and Families in February 2013.

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH SERVICES

Education

- Head Start teachers and lead instructors were observed with the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS). Head Start mandates that programs meet specific criterion in the areas of emotional support, classroom organization, and instructional support. Teachers and lead instructors were provided feedback on Professional Development Day. Mrs. Opal Ringo, Florida Early Childhood Education Specialist, will conduct Classroom Assessment Scoring System Reliability Training at T. R. Jackson Pre-K School during the month of December. Nine (9) Head Start teachers and lead instructors will participate in the training.
- The School Readiness Leadership Team met to review Head Start and Early Head Start Readiness Goals. Members of the committee were given information on the Head Start Mandates for writing readiness goals and given baseline data results.
- The Turkey Trot Celebration was a huge success. All Head Start and Early Head Start classrooms participated in this special event. Mr. David Johnson was the Grand Marshall for the event.
- The Santa Rosa County Extension Office facilitated a *Make It and Take It* at T. R. Jackson School. All Head Start and Early Head Start programs' parents were invited to attend.

Health/Dental/Nutrition

Vision, Hearing, and Developmental Screenings:

- As Head Start and Early Head Start students enroll, they receive Vision and Hearing Screenings through Cynthia Fenaes (RN), and the Student and Family Services Area.
- The student's BMI is also calculated through the Developmental Screenings using the student's height and weight. These Developmental Screenings will be performed a minimum of 3 times during the school year.

School Entry Health Requirements:

- Letters continue to be sent home to parents regarding expired or expiring health requirements such as physicals, immunizations, and the lead/hemoglobin tests.

Nutrition:

- During the week of October 15 – 19, 2012, we celebrated National School Lunch Week. At the Food Service Manager's meeting held on November 7, 2012, Mrs. Goldie Hurley, our Food Service Manager, was presented the 1st place award/certificate in recognition of our participation in National School Lunch Week. Congratulations to our Food Service staff, our teachers, students, and parents for your active participation during this week.

School Safety:

- On November 6, 2012 we held a CPR/AED/FIRST AID certification training class for our staff and faculty. We had 21 staff members to complete this training and receive their certification.

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

- Conferences regarding behavioral concerns were held with teachers at T. R. Jackson Pre-K School, East Milton Elementary, Central High, Chumuckla Elementary and West Navarre Intermediate School by the Licensed Mental Health Professional, Gail Patterson in collaboration with the Social and Emotional Development Area. The meetings regarded classroom behavior management and Mental Health referral needs for parents and students.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

- Through additional collaborative efforts of Men with Vision, Margaret Street Church of Christ, Veteran's of Foreign Wars, Bagdad First Assembly, and a host of individual donors, approximately 29 families received Thanksgiving boxes.
- The Florida Department of Transportation-Milton Office, under the direction of Ms. Colleen Weber, has elected to adopt the Santa Rosa County District Schools Head Start/Early Head Start Program for the Christmas Angel Tree Program. With the collaboration of Tonya Shepherd and the assigned Family Liaisons, 19 children from 8 families will receive assistance. Other community partnerships that will assist families with Christmas Angel tree assistance include Pine Terrace Baptist Church and individual donors.