

Santa Rosa County School District Pre-Kindergarten Programs

Monthly Report for the month of April 2013

Submitted to the School Board

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PROGRAM DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT

ERSEA

Enrollment

- There have been 7 student withdrawals during the month of April.
 - In accordance with HSPS 45 CFR 1305.7(b), a program may elect not to fill a vacancy when 60 calendar days or less remain in the program's enrollment year. SRCDS Head Start/Early Head Start Program will only fill a vacancy if there is a dire need.

Attendance

- Average monthly attendance for April 2013:
 - Early Head Start – 84.65%
 - Head Start – 87.72 %
- Attendance analyses being completed on both Early Head Start and Head Start.

Parent, Family & Community Engagement (PFCE)

- During the week of April 22nd-26th, the T. R. Jackson school site had approximately 42 parents who utilized the school-based computer lab to complete the on-line parent surveys.

Voluntary Pre-K Program (VPK)

- Summer VPK will operate from June 17, 2013 – August 12, 2013. Summer VPK sites are Bagdad Elementary, Chumuckla Elementary, East Milton Elementary, Pea Ridge Elementary, T. R. Jackson Pre-K and West Navarre Intermediate.

Fiscal

- The SAC committee met on April 17th and discussed the School Based Budget for the 2013-2014 school year. The budget was discussed, prepared, and approved for submission.
- The 425 Report for reporting period 03/01/12 to 02/28/13 was due for the EHS and HS projects by 04/30/13. The report was submitted by the District on 04/15/13.
- In-Kind was entered and documented on the Non-Federal Share Resource Monthly Reports. Our In-Kind goal was met for the previous grant period.

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH SERVICES

Education

- It is that time of year when we begin to think about students transitioning to kindergarten. However, in Head Start, transition begins on the student's first day of school. Pre-K teachers come together with a Kindergarten teacher as well as, District guests to discuss and share information that will enhance the student's transition to Kindergarten.
- On Thursday, April 26, T.R. Jackson hosted a Parent and Child Together (PACT) Science and Book Fair. The theme for the event was *Discovering Science through Literacy*. Many of the teachers from T.R. Jackson and the other District Pre-K sites set up hands-on activities that were based on a book. Each activity provided an opportunity for the parents and students to discover the world of science. Families were given the directions on how to re-create the activity at home with their children.

Student and Family Services

- On Friday, April 5, during Professional Development Day, Mr. Gracey provided 2 hours of staff training related to this Service Area. Areas of focus and topics of discussion were Campus Safety & the Importance of Communication/Supervision, Oral Health, 2nd and 3rd Hand Smoke, Nutrition, and various Information Memorandums from the Office of Head Start. (IM's)
- During the month of April, Kristen Commander, dental hygienist, began doing dental lessons with our students. The Oral Health curriculum being used is "Shining Smiles" and it was developed by the American Dental Association. (ADA)
- "Grandparents Raising Grandchildren" workshop was very successful. Community information and resources were provided to the Grandparents and other relatives. These monthly meetings have really been a tremendous success and well attended since we began them in March of this year.

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

- Kindergarten Transition was held at TR Jackson Pre-Kindergarten School on April 3rd, 2013. Guest Speaker, Sherry Diamond, Director of Elementary Education shared information related to transitioning from Pre-K to Kindergarten.