

Santa Rosa County School District Pre-Kindergarten Programs

Monthly Report for the month of October 2013

Submitted to the School Board

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ERSEA

ENROLLMENT

- There have been five (5) students withdrawn and six (6) students enrolled during the month of October.

Funded Enrollment

- As of October 31, 2013, the Santa Rosa County District Schools Head Start/EHS Program reported the following funded enrollment to the Region IV Program office:

Head Start	Early Head Start
224	32

RECRUITMENT

- To date, the ERSEA office is still recruiting for applications of Head Start and Early Head Start-eligible children.
- The ERSEA office is currently preparing for the Recruitment Drive to be held in February 2014.

ATTENDANCE

- Early Head Start Average Monthly Attendance for October 87%
- Head Start Average Monthly Attendance for October 85%
- An attendance analysis is being completed on both Early Head Start and Head Start. An early assessment of the analysis shows that many students have been out due to illness.

VOLUNTARY PRE-K PROGRAM (VPK)

- Current VPK enrollment is only at TR Jackson and is as follows:

Room 6	Room 9	Room 13	Room 17
18	18	16	16

Fiscal

- The Policy Council met on October 18th. The agenda included approval of the October 2, 2013 meeting minutes, discussion pertaining to positive things about the Head Start Pre-K Program and the October Monthly Budget Report. We also discussed requirements for grant period March 1, 2014 to February 28, 2015. Members were given information on grant writing.
- The Policy Council met on October 28th and approved The Continuation Grant, T/TA Plan, and Self-Assessment Plan which is a section of the grant. The Continuation Grant will be presented for approval at the November School Board Meeting.

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH SERVICES

Education and Assessment:

- Community representatives met with parents and families to provide information on healthy living, making snacks on a budget, smoking cessation, and financial planning. During the training, parents were provided the opportunity to sign up for health insurance for their children. This training aligned with the Parent, Family, & Community Engagement Framework outcome of Family Well-Being.
- Students participated in many fall activities during the month. They participated in Story Character Parades, field trips, fall festivals, and much more.

Student and Family Services (Health, Dental, Nutrition, & Safety)

HEALTH AND NUTRITION

- During the week of October 14 through 18 we celebrated National School Lunch Week. On Tuesday, October 15th, we invited our parents to join us for lunch and over 60 parents came out and celebrated National School Lunch Week with us. The theme for this year was “School Lunch across the U.S.A.”
We had various activities throughout the week and it was a fun week for our students, parents, and staff.
- Our teachers are completing a weekly Student Consumption/Intake sheet for both breakfast and lunch. This helps us to monitor and track specific foods that our students seem to enjoy and consume and also the foods that we have low participation on. Our Food Service Manager and our Student and Family Services Specialist share these results weekly with the Director of our School District Food Service Contractor, Sodexo and their Registered Dietician.

VISION, HEARING, AND GROWTH ASSESSMENTS:

- All Head Start and Early Head Start students have received Vision, Hearing, and Growth Assessment Screenings and results have been provided to their parents. 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...

DENTAL

- The Dental Visits for Head Start and Early Head Start Students began on Monday, October 1st and our final Dental Trip is scheduled for Tuesday, November 5th. The student’s first dental visit was for their initial exam and cleaning. Dental Treatment Plan letters are being prepared to send out to parents/guardians along with the form 5 from the Florida Department of Health Dental Clinic. The Santa Rosa County Health Department is our 2013-2014 dental provider and we are proud to have them as one of our Community Partners!

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.

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

- Referrals for students with developmental concerns are being reviewed for additional services. Prompt identification of developmental concerns will assist in providing needed services to students prior to entering Kindergarten.