

Santa Rosa County School District Pre-Kindergarten Programs

Monthly Report for the month of November 2013

Submitted to the School Board

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ERSEA

ENROLLMENT

- There have been three (3) students withdrawn and five (5) students enrolled during the month of November.

Funded Enrollment

As of November 30, 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 accepting 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 87%
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- An attendance analysis is completed on both Early Head Start and Head Start throughout the month. During the month of November fifty-three (53) attendance letters were sent home to students that had an average daily attendance of 85% or below during the first eleven (11) weeks of school.

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	18	17

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- The Head Start Grant was approved at the Santa Rosa County School Board meeting on November 14, 2013 and sent to the Regional Office on November 21, 2013. The grant award letter is generally sent in February 2014.
- Six schools in Santa Rosa County receive Head Start funding for Pre-K to provide a quality program to serve children and families.

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH SERVICES

Education and Assessment:

- The first observational period has ended and the Education and Assessment Service Area has been very busy aggregating and analyzing beginning of the year data. Strategies will be implemented to enhance student learning in the five essential domains of learning: physical development and health, approaches to learning, social and emotional development, cognitive development and general knowledge, and language and literacy.
- The Head Start Education Leadership Forum was hosted by Santa Rosa County District Schools Pre-K Programs. Head Start Specialists attended from programs within the Florida Panhandle. It was a very informative event.

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

HEALTH AND NUTRITION

- The Santa Rosa County Extension Office began Nutrition Lessons in November for all of our 4 year old Head Start classes at T.R. Jackson. They will begin Nutrition lessons with our 3 year old Head Start classes at T. R. Jackson in January. Sodexho is providing Nutrition Lessons to our 5 Other District Head Start school sites.
- Our teachers continue to complete 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 staff, the Director of our School District Food Service Contractor, Sodexho and their Registered Dietician.
- **School (TRJ) Clinic Totals**

	November	Yearly Total
Total Medications Administered	8	63
Total First Aid Administered	21	72
Total Paraprofessional Visits	293	1,123
Dispositions		
• Returned to Class	140	874
• Sent Home	26	103
• Medication Intake (to the clinic)	2	21
• Emergency Response (911)	0	0
Total Dispositions	168	998

The AED is checked and documented weekly by the Registered Nurse at T. R. Jackson.

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

- Our final large group Dental Trip was completed on Tuesday, November the 5th. All of our Head Start and Early Head Start students have now completed their initial exam and some students completed a cleaning as well. Dental Treatment Plan letters have been mailed out to the parents/guardians along with the form 5 from the Florida Department of Health Dental Clinic. We are now in the process of monitoring the follow-up treatment plans with the parents. 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. On November 13th we had a Site Safety Review visit by a district team which also included the Sheriff's Department. They did a complete review of our Individual School Plan for Emergency Management. The team was very complimentary of our plan with only a few changes recommended by the committee. These changes and updates have been completed as recommended and submitted to the School Board and Emergency Management.

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

- Thirty-one (31) referrals for students with developmental concerns have been processed for further evaluations since September. Three (3) students were determined to need no further evaluations, four (4) students still need to have informal observations conducted and twenty-four (24) students were recommended to have further formal evaluations conducted.
- The prompt identification of developmental concerns will assist in providing needed services to students prior to entering Kindergarten.
- Ms. Gail Patterson, Licensed Mental Health Consultant for SRCSB Head Start program, has been in Early Head Start/Head Start Pre-K classrooms throughout the county making observations. To date Ms. Patterson has received eleven (11) referrals to work together with families and staff to help children overcome behavioral challenges.

Parent, Family, & Community Engagement

- Holiday assistance was provided to thirty-six families for the Thanksgiving Holidays. The baskets included turkeys and all the trimmings for Thanksgiving dinner. We appreciate all of our Partners in Education for kindness.
- The Santa Rosa County Extension Office will facilitate a Make It and Take It activity during the month of December. Families will learn how to make a healthy meal on a budget and make decorations and ornaments for their homes.