

Santa Rosa County School District Head Start/Early Head Start/Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten Programs

Monthly Report for the month of March 2019

Submitted to the School Board

PROGRAM DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT (PDM)

- On March 8, the council received training in Mental Wellness and Parent, Family, and Community Engagement and each service area specialist gave a monthly report. The council also voted on and approved a Program Change in Scope for enrollment reduction.

Fiscal

- The new Head Start/Early Head Start Grant Period started on March 1, 2019 and will go through February 29, 2020. The following seven (7) schools in Santa Rosa County receive Head Start funds for Pre-K to provide a quality program to serve children and families:
 - Bagdad Elementary School
 - Berryhill Elementary School
 - Central School
 - East Milton Elementary School
 - Jay Elementary School
 - T.R. Jackson Pre-K Center
 - West Navarre Primary School
- The Head Start program submitted the application for the 1.77 percent Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) supplemental grant by the March 1, 2019 deadline. The FY 2019 Head Start amount is \$33,160 and the Early Head Start amount is \$8,928. The COLA is needed to assist in increasing staff salaries and fringe benefits and offset higher operating costs for the program. The Notice of Grant Award for the COLA Grant was received on March 28.

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

- Attendance
Attendance information reported to the Office of Head Start was as follows:
 - Early Head Start – 85%
 - Head Start – 90%
 - VPK – 90%
- Enrollment
Full-funded enrollment has been maintained throughout the year, 40 Early Head Start and 240 Head Start.

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND HEALTH SERVICES

Education

- The STEAM Fair Family Night was a huge success. Teachers set up STEAM Stations for children and families to experiment and explore. The *Milton Public Library* provided information on the Summer Reading Program and provided parents the opportunity to apply for a library card. The *Dan Stewart Law Firm* donated 4 bikes to give away and although everyone didn't get a bike, all children received a book. There were 172 children and families in attendance.
- Teachers of students transitioning to kindergarten in the fall attended training that focused on children and family's successful transition to kindergarten including, strategies for helping children retain what they have learned in pre-kindergarten. Myra Anderson, kindergarten teacher – East Milton Elementary, was invited to share kindergarten readiness skills and "*A Day in the Life of a Kindergartner!*"

Environmental Health and Safety

- All 7 Head Start Centers are in compliance with their School-Site Safety Reporting.
- The TRJ monthly Fire Drill was conducted on Tuesday, March 12th. We used the south alternate fire exit route during the drill.
- On March 13, we conducted our 2nd Lockdown Drill for the year. We also conducted the required Tornado/Severe Weather drill and the Shelter-In-Place Drill.
- On March 25, we had the “Active Shooter Training” for our entire staff and faculty. Officer Mike Ramirez, from the Santa Rosa County Sheriff Department, conducted the training and it was well received by our staff and faculty.
- Mr. Gracey attended the monthly School Health Advisory Council meeting on Wednesday, March 27th. He brought back some great information the he will share with our staff, faculty, and parents.
- We are continually tracking and monitoring compliance of all our student’s physicals, immunizations, lead, hemoglobin, and our dental treatment plans. Letters have been mailed to the parents whose children are not in compliance in any of these areas.

Nutrition

Here is a summary of nutrition activities that we have either completed or have planned:

- Monthly Nutrition Lessons for our 2-year-old Early Head Start students and our 3 and 4-year-old Head Start students continued during March. The final nutrition lessons for this school year, are scheduled in April.
- The Spring Potato Container Gardens are beginning to sprout up all over our campus. The students and staff are enjoying watching the potato plants grow. Which class will get the first crop of Potatoes??? We will know real soon!
- On Friday, March 1st, During National School Breakfast Week, our parents were invited to eat school breakfast with their child. On this date, we celebrated Dr. Seuss’s, birthday with Green Eggs and Ham!!! We were so happy to see so many parents and grandparents enjoying a nutritious breakfast with their child!!
- **Lunch and Breakfast Recap and Reconciliation Totals – March 2019**

T.R. Jackson Pre-K	Total # Free/Reduced	Total # Paid	GRAND TOTAL
BREAKFAST	(F) 2,629 (R) 8	111	2,748
LUNCH	(F) 2,637 (R) 11	104	2,752
GRAND TOTAL			5,500

Dental

- We have now completed all our large group/class dental trips. Our students are now in the treatment phase of their dental program. We are now tracking and making sure the parents comply in the completion of their child’s dental treatment plan.

Clinic Totals

- School (TRJ) Clinic Totals **by Holly Ledbetter, Registered Nurse**

	MARCH	YEARLY TOTALS
TOTAL MEDICATIONS ADMINISTERED	38	228
Minor Injuries	22	163
Major Injuries	0	0
TOTAL FIRST AID ADMINISTERED	22	163
Physical Complaints	79	606
Intentional Injuries	0	0
Chronic Conditions	0	0
Head Lice & Scabies (screening only)	1	22
Head Lice & Scabies (positives only)	1	5
Other	30	708
Medication Intake	2	34
TOTAL PARAPROFESSIONAL VISITS	173	1,766

Dispositions		
Returned to Class	148	1493
Sent Home	23	239
Medication Intake (to the clinic)	2	34
Emergency Response (911)	0	0
TOTAL DISPOSITIONS	208	1,766

(The AED is checked and documented weekly by our Registered Nurse)

PARENT FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (PFCE) / MENTAL HEALTH

We held our last Parent Committee meeting for the school year on March 28. Two items were discussed related to planning for the 2019-20 school year; meeting ideas to engage more parents, and ways to encourage greater male involvement. The discussion provided many things to consider as we plan for next school year.

Mental Health

- Our contracted mental health consultant, Kelly Obrien led a staff training on trauma in early childhood. She used the ACES survey which provided a visualization of the amount of toxic stress we can identify in some of our students. She also raised awareness about how young children perceive various approaches to discipline related to their experiences outside of the classroom.
- We are continuing to see elevated behavioral concerns in our classrooms. Parents are expressing concerns about the behavior of their children at school and home. We are exploring ways to increase the number of hours our consultant works each week, and resources to help us identify underlying factors of the behavior and implementing research-based intervention strategies to improve student response.