



Lowndes County BOE Head Start Voices Newsletter

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Mission Statement

The mission of the Lowndes County Board of Education Head Start Program is to empower our families by providing educational and family-focused opportunities to improve their economic well-being and healthy lifestyle. We will accomplish this mission one child, one family at a time by involving parents and securing highly qualified staff.

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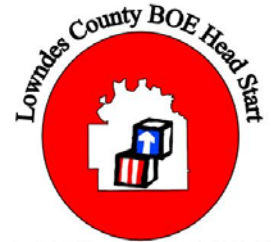
From the Director's Desk

It is hard to believe the new program year has begun and it's already October! To our returning families, welcome back and to our new families welcome aboard, we look forward to working with you and your children. Let me begin by saying, I am honored to serve as your Director and am grateful to lead this wonderful group that make up Lowndes County BOE Head Start.

Our year began with awesome Parent Orientation events as we implemented our theme "Oh the Places You'll Go-First Stop: Head Start!" It is our desire to provide an engaging and enriching experience for parents and children during this program year! Furthermore, I am excited

about all the new "adventures" taking place in the classrooms and around the agency!

During the month of October, we will celebrate "Head Start Awareness Month." Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner. Parents should talk with their child's teacher for dates and times of special events. Also, look for announcements on Parent Bulletin Boards about all of the wonderful activities planned this fall. We expect our parents to take an active role in their child's education, and our staff offer many opportunities for parent engagement. Some opportunities are volunteering, attending parent meetings, completing family take-home activities,



Shaping The Future and Getting Ready for School
One Triangle, Square and Circle at a Time.

and assisting on field trips, just to name a few. We are here to support our dedicated staff to ensure they do an awesome job and we look forward to working with our parents and children to make this a great year!!!



What are the components of a Head Start program?

Head Start takes a comprehensive approach to meeting the needs of young children. There are four major components to Head Start:

- **Education:** Providing a variety of learning experiences to help children grow intellectually, socially, and emotionally.
- **Health:** Providing health services such as immunizations, dental, medical, and mental health, and nutritional services, and early identification of health problems.
- **Parent Involvement:** Involving parents in the planning and implementation of activities. Parents serve on policy councils and committees that make administrative decisions; participate in classes and workshops on child development; and volunteer in the program.
- **Social Services:** Provide outreach to families to determine what services they need.



Fiscal News

Do You Know About In-Kind Services?



The Head Start Act requires all Head Start and Early Head Start programs to gather in-kind contributions. In-kind contributions are a donation of your **TIME**. One example of an in-kind contribution is when you spend time with your child doing fun activities that help prepare them for school. To help us keep track of your in-kind donations, a form has been developed to record the activities you do with your child each month. Speak to your Family Advocate Practitioner for more information. Family Advocate Practitioners and teachers have lots of fun ideas for activities that you can do at home to better prepare your child for school. Ask your child’s teacher for more information.

Lashica Mason, Fiscal Manager

Family & Community Services Report

The Family & Community Partnership department would like to welcome all parents and guardians to the 2017-2018 program year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing us to handle your social services needs.

The 2017-2018 program year has started on a positive note. The parent committee meetings have been conducted at all three Head Start sites. **HOW MANY HAVE YOU ATTENDED THUS FAR?** Please make every effort to attend your monthly meeting. If you can not attend due to work schedule issues please send a family member in your absence. The parent committee meetings are held in order for parents/guardians to plan and organize activities for their center.



Jackson-Steele Head Start

Joan Moorer-Robinson-President
 Latisha Johnson-Vice President
 Sonya Gresham-Secretary
 Kamron White-Assistant Secretary
 Ron Knight-Treasurer

Policy Council Representatives

1. Kamron White
2. Ron Knight

Alternate Policy Council Representatives Screening Committee

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Scheduled monthly parent committee meeting

1st Friday of the month at 8:30 a.m.

Central Head Start

Kquoneicya Davis-Lewis-President
Daniel Rudolph-Vice President
Angela Rudolph-Secretary
Janethia Howard-Assistant Secretary
Vacant-Treasurer

Policy Council Representatives

- 1. Angela Rudolph
- 2. Kamela Thicklin

Alternate Policy Council Representatives

- 1. Daniel Rudolph
- 2. Janethia Howard

Screening Committee

- 1. Daniel Rudolph
- 2. Janethia Howard

Scheduled monthly parent committee meeting
1st Monday of the month at 8:00 a.m.

Fort Deposit Head Start

Ashley Sellers-Baity- President
Aneta Moorer-Vice President
Debra Sellers-Treasurer
Kateisha Davison- Assistant Secretary
Sasha McMeans-Treasurer

Policy Council Representatives

- 1. Aneta Moorer
- 2. Ashley Sellers-Baity

Alternate Policy Council Representatives

- 1. Jendraya Carter
- 2. Vacant

Screening Committee

- 1. Ashley Sellers-Baity
- 2. Vacant

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1st Monday of the month at 8:00 a.m.

REMEMBER:

“If you believe that the Lowndes County Board of Education Head Start is needed in our community continue to volunteer and support the program”

Laura James-Hunter-Family & Community Partnership Manager LCBOEHS Central Office

Shirley A. Davis-Family Advocate Practitioner Merrie J. Peoples-Family Advocate Practitioner
Jackson-Steele Head Start/Fort Deposit Head Start Central Head Start

Lori A. Malisham-Family Advocate Practitioner
Fort Deposit Head Start/Central Head Start

Congratulations Mr. Corey Rudolph Sr.!!!
Alabama Head Start Association “Father of the Year 2017”



Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Angela B. Rudolph and Daniel Rudolph!!!

They accomplished all 7 Parent, Family, and Community Partnerships Goals in less than a month.



Healthy Recipe

Treat yourself to a fruity snow cone without any artificial flavors or coloring. You can substitute other fruits to suit your taste buds. Try peaches, pineapple or blueberries.

Ingredients

1 pound fresh strawberries
2 tablespoons agave nectar
Ice



Directions

1. In food processor or blender, blend strawberries with agave until smooth. Pour purée in plastic squeeze bottle.
2. Shave ice (use an inexpensive snow cone machine found at discount stores).
3. Serve strawberry purée on shaved ice.

Nutrition Information

Serving size: ¼ cup puree, 1 cup shaved ice
Serves 6

Calories: 45; Total Fat: 0g; Saturated Fat: 0g; Trans Fat: 0g; Cholesterol: 0mg; Sodium: 0mg; Total Carbohydrate: 11g; Dietary Fiber: 1g; Sugars: 9g; Protein: 1g; Vitamin C: 80%; Calcium: 2%; Iron: 2%.

<http://www.eatright.org>

Health Report



Oh, the places we'll go during LCBOE Head Start's 2017-2018 school year. Let's be healthy and go out and explore the world. Make this year your best year yet by being healthy and safe. Keep your child's medical records up to date at all times.

During the months of August and September the Head Start students were offered free vision and dental screenings through our partnership with Focus First/Impact Alabama and Sarrell Dental. If your child received a letter recommending follow up care, please follow up and provide Head Start with documentation.

~~~~~Let's journey to a healthy and safe school year! ~~~~~

Joan Moorer-Robinson  
Health/Mental Health Coordinator

**Oh the places you'll go,  
Today is your day!  
Your mountain is waiting,  
So ...get on your way!**

**--Dr. Seuss**

## Education Report

# Welcome Back to School!!

Welcome to an exciting school year!! Since its beginning, Head Start's central purpose is to prepare children for Kindergarten. Our goal is to help families understand the importance of early literacy and language development with their children and getting parents to understand they are their child's first and primary teacher. There will be many opportunities for you to become engaged in your child's learning experiences. Learning activities, events, parents meeting and committees are some of the ways you can involve yourself in the program and help through your child's Head Start journey.

Afshan McDonald

Education/Disabilities Manager

**Children enjoying classroom activities.**



**Central Head Start Pep Rally!**



## Central Head Start Center News

On September 18-22, 2017 Central Head Start celebrated Spirit Week. We began with lots of volunteers in each classroom, leading and assisting each effort.

On Monday the children wore their crazy socks.

On Tuesday they wore their creative and wacky hats.

On Wednesday the children dressed in their pajamas and watched a movie.

On Thursday the children were cool in their sunglasses and some wore their hats again.

On Friday each classroom wore different T-shirts .

Classroom 1 were cowboys and girls.

Classroom 2 were Buzzing Bees.

Classroom 3 were Tye dye Cheering Squad.

Classroom 4 were shining sunshine's.

Classroom 5 were Super Hero's.

We enjoyed The Central High Drumline and cheerleaders. We also enjoyed the Central Elementary Cubs. We all enjoyed and had a wonderful experience thanks to everyone for your support and your presence.

## Fort Deposit Head Start Center News

We are back for another great school year with our children and families.

The months of September and October has been months of learning and fun at Fort Deposit Head Start Classrooms. The month of September, we elaborated on the topic of family and friends. We discussed letters P, S, C, X, M, J, A and L. The children participated in many hand on activities which helped them make real life connections.

For the month of October, we will be discussing Giants. We are extending an open invitation to our parents to feel free to come and visit our classroom whenever time permits. We are looking forward to seeing you all soon.

## Jackson-Steele Head Start Center News

Greetings from Jackson-Steele Head Start

What a blessing it is to be back for another great school year with children and families. We would like to take this time to welcome Ms. Rosla Moore to our staff in classroom 1.

We are looking forward to celebrating Hispanic Heritage with a program for families on October 13<sup>th</sup> in the Jackson-Steele Cafeteria.

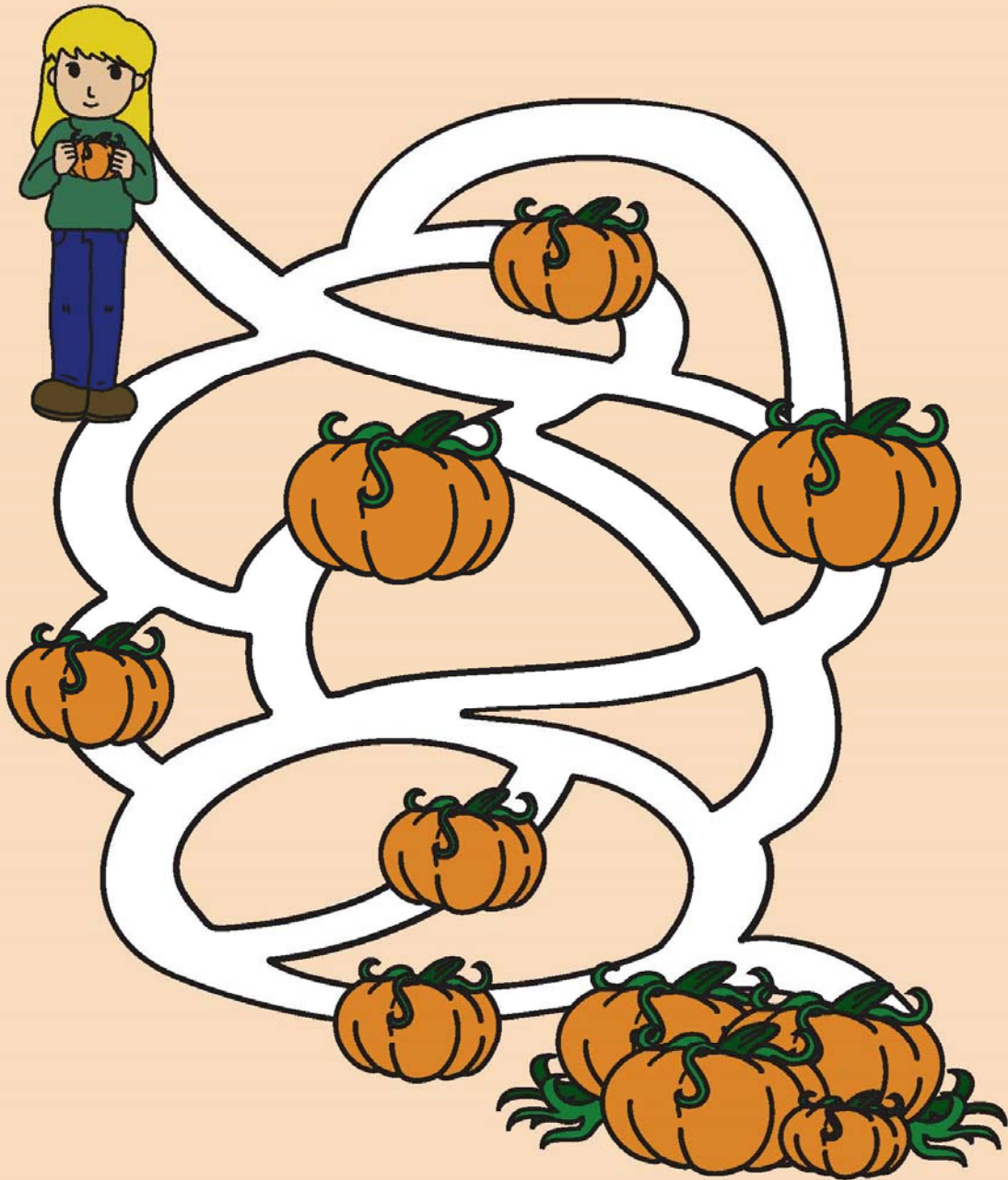
Parents we are requesting your services for volunteering in the classroom and hope to see you very soon. Let's come out and make this the BEST year possible!

Until next time, hasta luego (see you later)!!!!



# Fall Game

Collect the pumpkins and reach the pumpkin patch!



## Recruitment Information:

We are now taking applications for all sites for the 2017-2018 school year. If you know of any children that are three (3), and/or four (4) years old, **please call 334.548.2145 and 334.548.2511** for more information.

You must have the following:

Proof of age, Proof of Income, and current Immunization Record (Blue Slip).

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Birthdays wishes for everyone celebrating in the months of August, September, October and November.

Kaidyn King 08-01

D'Vonna Morgan 08-01

Ar'Riana McPherson 08-04

Ke'Marion Craig 08-07

Za'Mayah Banks 08-12

Gabriela Coleman 08-12

Christopher Coleman 08-15

Girrand Dorsey 08-15

Ja'Kayden Gordon 08-19

Miranda Denson 08-20

Jah'mere Pinnix 08-21

Medelin Martinez 08-24

Cayden Thigpen 08-27

Noah Scott-Herbert 08-28

Jayden Williams 08-30

Azell Champion 09-03

Paisli White 09-04

DreShawn Robinson 09-04

Erin Stokes 09-05

Marquis Brown 09-10

Camren Lewis 09-11

Kahlee Thigpen 09-11

Dexter Bailey 09-11

Jo'Mya Crenshaw 09-12

Symone Hinson 09-12

Londyn Latiker 09-12

Antwanizah Gipson 09-14

J'Kayden Harris 09-17

Paiton Ray 09-17

Autumn Pully 09-18

Roderious Johnson 09-21

Lenard Greenwood 09-22

King Flowers 09-23

Malia Green 10-01

Jayce Esco 10-02

Aaliyah Robinson 10-02

Jacob Howard 10-03

Joshua Fuller 10-04

Zy'Ranaisha Tolliver 10-06

Jacob Gordon 10-08

Karmen McCall 10-09

Landon Rivers 10-10

A'Ziyah Hale 10-10

Nehemiah Murphy 10-12

Jabraylen Rush 10-12

Braylen Logan 10-13

Tionna Hardy 10-17

Journey Gresham 10-17

Kamari Hardy 10-18

Al'Ziyah Rush 10-19

Keldin Hester 10-20

Kenzyiah Smith 10-24

Jezayia Harris 10-24

Deondre' Price 10-28

Xzayvean McWilliams 10-29

Jayden Searight 10-29

Aerron Booker 11-01

Jermichael McCall 11-02

Taylor Rudolph 11-03

Mariah Porterfield 11-04

Nigel Wallace 11-05

Fabian Lewis 11-11

Miracle McWilliams 11-11

Ty'Kieria Smith 11-12

Joslyn Hinson 11-16

Akeyla Howard 11-17

Jalayah Smith 11-17

Pearlaysia McDonald 11-19

Serenity Moorer 11-21

Ashton White 11-22

Mi'Kece Thompson 11-24

Brandon Rivers 11-25

Renika Sellers 11-26

Desmond Robinson 11-27

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

