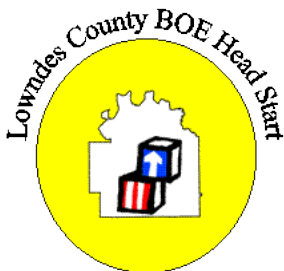


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From the Director's Desk

I would like to give a huge thank you to all of the Lowndes County BOE Head Start community. A thank you to our teachers who have been working tirelessly trying to adjust to a new normal on the fly. We are asking them to completely rethink the way they have always taught and they've done a marvelous job! I also want to thank our staff. Between new procedures, dealing with health and safety changes, enrolling new students, and making sure our students have everything they need to be successful virtually, they've done an amazing job!

I am also so grateful for our families. I know many of you have had to make extremely hard decisions when it comes to your children's education this year. With new procedures to virtual instruction, our families have adapted somewhat, exhibited patience, and have supported us through the start of the year.



Please continue to participate in:

1. Attending virtual meetings (classroom, parent, conference, mental health)
2. Viewing pre-recorded lessons with your child
3. Keeping set appointments (vision, dental, assessment)
4. Completing teacher assignments
5. Posting pictures on our private Facebook page

I am excited to see what the rest of this year will bring. If there is anything we at Head Start can do for your family, do not hesitate to call us. Thank you all once again, for trusting us with educating your children and allowing us to watch them grow.

Sincerely,
Samita Jeter, Director

Family & Community Partnership Report

The Family & Community Partnership department would like to welcome all parents and guardians to the 2020-2021 program year. We would like to thank you for allowing us to assist you with your Comprehensive Service needs. Although COVID-19 has caused a barrier for the

classroom setting and face-to-face activities. Lowndes County Board of Education Head Start is committed to providing continuous service to our Head Start families.

Thus, the parent committee meetings have been conducted at all three Head Start sites. Please make every effort to

attend your virtual monthly meeting. If you can not attend due to work schedule issues please ask a family member or friend to call in. The meetings are held in order to plan and organize activities for your center.



Central Head Start

Ms. Lexus McGhee gained employment with Lowndes County Board of Education Head Start in the position of Teacher Assistant.

Ms. Quionique McCall graduated from the Hope Inspired Ministries Program on October 15, 2020.

Fort Deposit Head Start

Mrs. Rhatonda Scott is currently pursuing a degree in nursing.

Mrs. Aundrey Grant-Fountain gained employment with Lowndes County Board of Education Head Start in the position of Teacher Assistant.

Jackson-Steele Head Start

Ms. Katlyn Patterson is currently attending Trenholm State Community College and plans to transfer to Alabama State University. She is pursuing a degree in Business Administration.

Ms. Loytasha Tucker is currently attending American InterContinental University. She is pursuing a degree in Business Administration.

Ms. Latricia Robinson is currently attending Southern New Hampshire University. She is pursuing a degree in Accounting.

Congratulations to **Mr. and Mrs. James and Kendra Sprott-Gray** on the birth of their daughter Sylvia Marie Gray!!!

Congratulations to **Ms. Sonya Gresham and Mr. Charlie Grant** on the birth of their daughter Aria Grant!!!

Congratulations to **Mr. and Mrs. Joshua and Skylar Glover** on the birth of her daughter Bella Ruth Glover!!!

Central Head Start

Terrell Means-President
Michael Burke-Vice President
Johnny Corner, Jr.-Secretary
Sharonda Coleman-Assistant Secretary
Mautree Burke-Clark-Treasurer

Policy Council Representatives

Michael Burke
Terrell Means

Alternate Policy Council Representatives

Brittany Brooks
Johnny Corner, Jr.

Screen Committee

Terrell Means
Charles Sigler

Scheduled monthly parent committee meeting
2nd Monday of the month at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Fort Deposit Head Start

Cenequia Davison- President
John Woods-Vice President
Tamiyah Taylor-Secretary
Vacant- Assistant Secretary
Robin Woods-Treasurer

Policy Council Representatives

Cenequia Davison
John Woods

Alternate Policy Council Representatives

Vacant
Vacant

Screen Committee

Cenequia Davison
Tamiyah Taylor

Scheduled monthly parent committee meeting
2nd Tuesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Jackson-Steele Head Start

Katlyn Patterson-President
Jameka Blake-Vice President
Vacant-Secretary
Vacant-Assistant Secretary
Loytasha Tucker-Treasurer

Policy Council Representatives

Jameka Blake
Lashunda Brown

Alternate Policy Council Representatives

Susan Bridges
Vacant

Screen Committee

Priscilla Thompson
Vacant

Scheduled monthly parent committee meeting
1st Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

REMEMBER:

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

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

Shirley A. Davis-Family Advocate Practitioner
Central Head Start

Creshenda Edwards-Family Advocate Practitioner
Jackson-Steele Head Start/Fort Deposit Head Start

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

Center News

Greetings Everyone,

Even though we are going through some trying times, we at JSHS, CHS and FDHS are still making sure our families are receiving the upmost of quality learning. We get so excited when delivery day comes just so we can see all those beautiful smiling faces standing in the doorways waving their hearts out or playing in the yard and running to the van when they know it's their teachers.

During the month of September, we were busy on the phones scheduling those Denver

Screener appointments. On the day of the screening, the children were able to give their weight and height and the four year olds even shared some knowledge with Mrs. McDonald. We would like to say “Thank You” to the parents for making sure the screenings were done!

For the month of October, we had our parents and children back at the center for those vision screenings with Focus 1st. Again parents, all “Thanks” go to you guys. Parenting Day was great. Thanks to those parents who took the time out of their busy schedule and joined

in to share with us in some fun as well as knowledge. We have also enjoyed seeing all the beautiful cupcakes that have been decorated by our future cake decorators.

We are looking forward to seeing the families come out to share in our very 1st Movie Drive-In. Again, thank You Parents for being so understanding in these different times. From our hearts to you guys hearts... We love you and can't wait to have you all back in the classroom.

Head Start Center Staff



Pre-Schoolers and Money Management

If you don't teach your kids how to manage money, somebody else will. And that's not a risk you want to take! We'll show you how to give your kids the head start you wish you had and set them up to win with money at any age.

How to Teach Pre-Schoolers

1. Use a clear jar to save. The piggy bank is a great idea, but it doesn't give kids a visual. When you use a clear jar, they see the money growing. Yesterday, they had a dollar bill and five dimes. Today, they have a dollar bill, five dimes, and a quarter! Talk through this with them and

make a big deal about it growing!

2. Set an example. Money habits in children are formed by the time they're 7 years old. Little eyes are watching you. If you're slapping down plastic every time you go out to dinner or the grocery store, they'll eventually notice. Or if you and your spouse are arguing about money, they'll notice that too. Set a healthy example for them and they'll be much more likely to follow it when they get older.

3. Show them that stuff costs money. You've got to do more than just say, "That pack of toy cars costs \$5, son." Help them

grab a few dollars out of their jar, take it with them to the store, and physically hand the money to the cashier. This simple action will have more impact than a five-minute lecture.

Teaching your children about money at any stage is going to take time on your part. It won't always be easy. But if you want your children to know how to successfully manage their money when they get older, taking the time now will be worth it.

Lashica Mason
Fiscal Manager



Virtual Learning

Welcome to the Lowndes County Head Start Program. We look forward to working together with our new and veteran families to ensure the health, safety, and education for everyone. Like many aspects of our lives in the last 7 months, our program has had to make some necessary changes, so it will look different - to us also! Please review our Lowndes County Head Start Handbook to be familiar with the procedures so that you are prepared for additional measures during this era of Covid-19, such as wearing a mask, washing your hands for 20 seconds and maintaining a social distance.

As you know, the Lowndes County Public School System as well as the Lowndes County Head Start Program will conduct instruction virtually for the first and second nine weeks. As an early childhood development program, we understand children ages 3-5 will not sit in front of a computer for 4 hours. Therefore, the Head Start teachers are

creating instructional videos for the children to watch in smaller increments of time. In addition to the instructional videos, teachers also assemble take-home activity packets for the children to reinforce skills taught on the instructional videos. Make sure your children are logging in to class everyday either by the attendance form, or making comments, or by clicking on the "done" box when finished watching the video. I would also like to emphasize to parents that children perform better when a routine or schedule has been established, such as the one that they have in school.

Lowndes County Head Start has conducted Denver and vision screenings and also 4-year-old assessments. **If your child has not completed his/her screenings, contact your child's teacher to make an appointment to ensure he/she will receive any services he/she may need.**

Lowndes County Head Start is transitioning towards more electronic communication with parents.

Not only does this help to conserve paper, it also allows us to reach parents through various electronic avenues. These include Facebook, google classroom, email, zoom meetings and text messaging. We will still be sending home hard copies of various information throughout the school year as well. This will be a work in progress during the upcoming school year, so your patience as we train staff and explore new ways to communicate is appreciated.

Afshan McDonald,
Education/Disabilities Manager



Stay Healthy



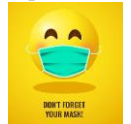
Welcome Back! It has been a roller coaster ride since we closed our doors in mid-March due the COVID-19 Pandemic. We want you to know that we are still here and we are still focusing on the physical and emotional safety for our students and staff.

The health and safety of our children, families, and staff is at the forefront of all we do. Several new safety protocols have been put in place to provide a safe environment for all. All staff, children, and screeners entering any of our Head Start buildings will have a temperature check and be asked to complete a COVID-19 related health questionnaire. Handwashing/hygiene and sanitization have always been priorities and will continue to be essential moving into this year. A big “THANK YOU” to all of our families and staff for following all of the COVID health and safety procedures.

While we face our new “normal”, we are still providing FREE health screenings to all Head Start students. During the months of August, September, and October the Head Start students were offered free vision and dental screenings through our partnership with Focus First/Impact Alabama and Health Services Inc. All precautions were followed so that safety was always at the forefront.

Parents, be reminded that your child must have an up-to-date shot record on file at the school at all times. Also, remember that your child will need to receive a complete physical every 12 months and a dental exam every 6 months.

The flu season is upon us; schedule your child an appointment to get his/her flu vaccination. Keep yourself and others well.



Recruitment Information:

We are now taking applications for all sites for the 2020-2021 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:

HEAD START SERVES CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES/SEVERE DISABILITIES

Proof of age, Proof of Income, and current Immunization Record.

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- DeVonte Maull 08-03
- Blakleigh Taylor 08-08
- Jonas McBride 08-09
- Knox Matthews 08-15
- KingSiah McDaniel 08-15
- Hermaysha Wilkerson 08-22
- Tywan McCall 08-23
- McKylee Warren 08-24
- Kyrie Coleman 08-25
- Elijah McCray 08-27
- Malachi Clark 08-29
- Jordan McCall 08-29
- Kaitlyn Kinnion 08-30
- A'kira Smith 09-04
- Kendarrious Rivers 09-09
- Cassidi Maull 09-10
- JaKayden Young 09-10
- Annie Grant 09-11
- Khloe McMeans 09-20
- Tristan Johnson 09-20
- Amir Hayes 09-21
- Preston Davison 09-22
- Katie Heard 09-25
- Aiden Perkins 09-26

- Taylor Davison 09-27
- Breasia Brown 09-29
- Morgan Fountain 10-05
- Christopher Cushenberry 10-06
- Kailia Matthews 10-06
- Rayah Hyde 10-08
- Ariyah Hyde 10-08
- Tony Young 10-09
- DeVante Coleman 10-09
- ZaKaiden Knight 10-10
- Princeton McBride 10-12
- Brayden McWilliams 10-13
- Chase Glover 10-21
- Xavier Deberry 10-21
- De'Mireyah Thigpen 10-22
- McKenzie Warren 10-22
- Tyree Taylor 10-22
- A'Lyssa Brooks 10-23
- Cassadee Davison 10-24
- Adalynn Gray 10-26
- Markey Similton 10-28
- Demani McCray 10-30
- Martavia Brown 11-02

- Paisley McLean 11-04
- Kyra Henry 11-04
- Andreana Lewis 11-04
- Mon'Jayvian McCall 11-08
- Heavenly Knight 11-08
- EveVah Shabazz 11-09
- Ava Brown 11-09
- Ashton Roberts 11-10
- Shamerian Thigpen 11-15
- Jalaya Patterson 11-15
- Eri'Yonna Porterfield 11-15
- Jaliyah Mason 11-16
- Za'Riyah Thigpen 11-25
- NaTaeshia West 11-27
- Juston Thompson 11-28
- Malik Howard 11-29
- Chayse Coleman 11-30

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