



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

As we are fast approaching the end of the school year, I am wondering how we ended up going through the year so quickly since it still feels like we just began our new school year. It is difficult to accept that soon we will have to say our goodbyes to you all. In the fall, some will return to Head Start and some will start an exciting new journey in Kindergarten. We will miss you greatly no doubt about it, but as you have been hearing from us all this time, we are committed to partner with our families and will do our best to ensure that these transition experiences from Head Start to Kindergarten are a positive one for everyone so you feel at ease

about the next chapter of your child's schooling come next fall.

Although Head Start's transition activities begin in the fall and are ongoing throughout the year, major activities take place in April and May because of simply the timing in the year. During the month, all centers work diligently to provide variety of enriching and engaging opportunities to ensure smooth and successful transitions for our Kindergarten eligible children and families from Head Start into Public Schools. These transition activities include support provided for registration and visits to the Kindergarten classrooms as well as



scheduling Kindergarten Roundups that bring together our children, families, and school partners though variety of ways. Each center will announce those special dates and invite their families to participate.

As we begin looking at next year, changes will take place in our program. Please make sure you register your child early. We are aiming for 80% of our enrollment for next year by June 15th.

Sincerely,
Samita L. Jeter, Director

Alabama Head Start Association

Lowndes County Board Education Head Start staff sincerely exemplifies the meaning of "Stakeholders". Laura James-Hunter-Family and Community Partnerships Manager was elated to report our agency had 100% participation for the Alabama Head Start Association membership drive. Our agency was the only one in Region IV to achieve this milestone. The announcement was made during the Alabama Head Start Association board meeting on March 9, 2018.

The 100% participation became a reality once the following staff members joined this most prestigious organization:

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| <u>Central HS</u> | <u>Fort Deposit HS</u> | <u>Jackson-Steele HS</u> | <u>Central Office</u> |
| Pamela Miles | Margie Harrison | Sharon Albritton | Samita L. Jeter |
| Latisha Walker | Lori Malisham | Kaitlyn Patterson | Afshan McDonald |
| | Melinda Tolliver | Josie Struggs | Threddie Stewart |
| | Sandra Taylor | | |

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HEAD START ASSOCIATION

Membership dues are:
Parent: \$3.00
Staff: \$5.00



Fiscal News

Children and Money

Did you know that children start forming attitudes, beliefs and behaviors about money before they even start school? Early lessons around money help set the stage for lifelong money habits.

Learning starts at home

Parents are the first and most important teacher in a child's life. A recent study found that about half of the people interviewed said their parents talked to them about money as they were growing up. People whose parents talked to them about money did better on a financial quiz than people who didn't have money talks at home as children.

Fun Money Activities

Make a Piggy Bank. Your child can make their own piggy bank using a clean empty food tub or plastic jar. Use craft items and scrap materials from around

the house to decorate it. Let your child find a special place to keep their new bank.

Have a Scavenger Hunt. Hide a few coins in your home and let your child look for them. As your child finds money, you can tell them the name of each coin and let them add the coins to their new bank. Young children can learn to sort the coins into patterns, such as all pennies or nickels, or all brown and silver coins. Children older than 5 years start to learn that each coin is worth a different amount of money and can practice adding up their coins.

Make a Savings Chart. Making a chart will help your child think about and keep track of something he or she wants. It might cost money or it could also be for a special treat, like having a friend over. To make a chart, draw as many boxes as your child would need to earn in coins or stickers for special chores to reach the goal. Your child can color in the boxes as they add coins to their bank, or add stickers to the boxes as they are earned. When the boxes are full, celebrate reaching the goal!

Lashica Mason, Fiscal Manager

Family & Community Services Report

PARENTS/VOLUNTEERS 50

CLASSROOM HOURS OR MORE...

Fort Deposit

Earnestine Little-Brown	251	hours
Aneta Moorer	82.50	hours
Debra Sellers	55	hours
Ashley Sellers-Baity	122.50	hours

Jackson-Steele

Sonya Gresham	123	hours
Linda Hyde	119	hours
Carmen Rocha-Bamaca Ajcu	140	hours

Central

Angela Braxton-Rudolph	144.50	hours
Kquoneicya Davis-Lewis	96	hours
Gloria Howard	935	hours
Janethia Howard	51	hours
Dominique Moore	88.50	hours
Braxton Perryman Sr.	79	hours
Daniel Rudolph	111.75	hours
Natalie Rush	57	hours
Melissa Sharpe	156.50	hours
Nikki Smith	80.25	hours
Diamonel Smith-Manigault	59	hours
Laura Stringer	613	hours
Jacqueline Wright	538	hours

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"

**Lowndes County BOE Head Start
Program Trophies**

1st Place Winners:

Jacqueline Wright	Central	538 hours
Earnestine Little-Brown	Fort Deposit	251 hours
Carmen Bamaca-Ajcu	Jackson-Steele	140 hours

2nd Place Winners:

Daniel Rudolph	Central	111.75 hours
Ashley Sellers-Baity	Fort Deposit	122.50 hours
Sonya Gresham	Jackson-Steele	123 hours

3rd Place Winners:

Kquoneicya Davis-Lewis	Central	96 hours
Aneta Moorner	Fort Deposit	82.50 hours
Linda Hyde	Jackson-Steele	119 hours

“Special Recognition Awards”

L.D. Flowers Memorial Award

Gloria Howard	(Central)	935 hours
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Volunteer of the Year

Laura Stringer	(Central)	613 hours
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Annie B. McCall Memorial Award

Melissa Sharpe	(Central)	156.50 hours
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Parent of the Year

Angela Braxton-Rudolph	(Central)	144.50 hours
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Father of the Year

1st Place

Daniel Rudolph	(Central)	111.75 hours
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2nd Place

Earnest Robinson	(Jackson-Steele)	34.50 hours
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3rd Place

Jakelsius Scott	(Fort Deposit)	19.50 hours
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Community Partner of the Year

Lowndes County Commissioners

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

Shirley A. Davis-Family Advocate Practitioner
Jackson-Steele Head Start/Fort Deposit Head Start

Merrie J. Peoples-Family Advocate Practitioner
Central Head Start

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

Center News

In the month of March Central Head Start students were read to by retired volunteers during the week of Dr. Seuss. Classroom 1 was read to by Mrs. Marion McDay, classroom 2 read to by Mrs. Leola Bell, classroom 3 was read to by Mrs. Betty Whiting, Classroom 4 was read to by, Mrs. Mary Yelder, and Classroom 5 was read to by Mrs. Alice Logan.

Central Head Start children celebrated the week of the young child on April 16-20 2018 by wearing their cool sunglasses on Monday, their fancy Pj's on Tuesday, They expressed themselves as their favorite superhero's on Wednesday and on Friday they cooled off with ice cream and Popsicle.

- Central Head Start Transition Program and End of the year activities will take place on May 15, 2018 @9:00 a.m.
- Central Head Start children gave a Stella performance during their musical recital on 4/27/2018.
- Central Head Start will participate in the gardening 101 on 5/9/2018.
- Fort Deposit promotional ceremony and Kindergarten transition will be held in May.



Spotlight on Head Start Parents

Central Head Start

Adrian Dunklin-Howard is graduating May 12, 2018 from JES Health Services with certification in Medical billing and coding.

Denise Griggs-Gordon received her High School Diploma and will be enrolling at Wallace Community College in the Fall.

Fort Deposit Head Start

Hanna Thrower graduated from Faulkner University on May 4, 2018.

Lowndes County BOE Head Start Annual Fishing Trip Trophy Winners!

Largest Fish: Quinn'Marcus Rudolph Fort Deposit Head Start

Most Fish: Quinn'Marcus Rudolph Fort Deposit Head Start

Smallest Fish: D'Vonna Morgan Fort Deposit Head Start

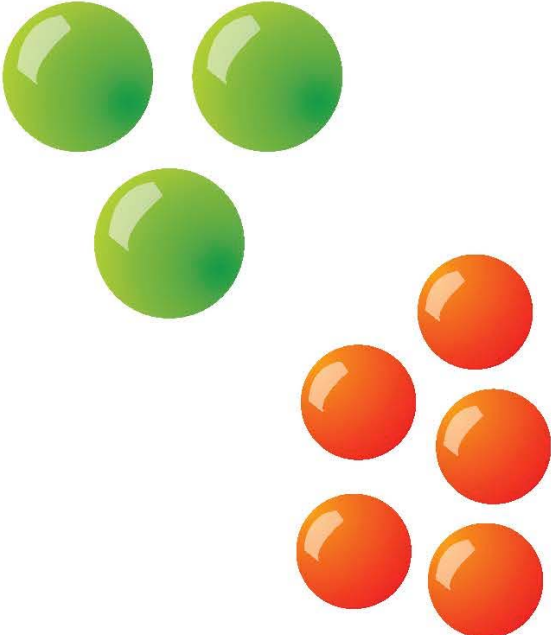
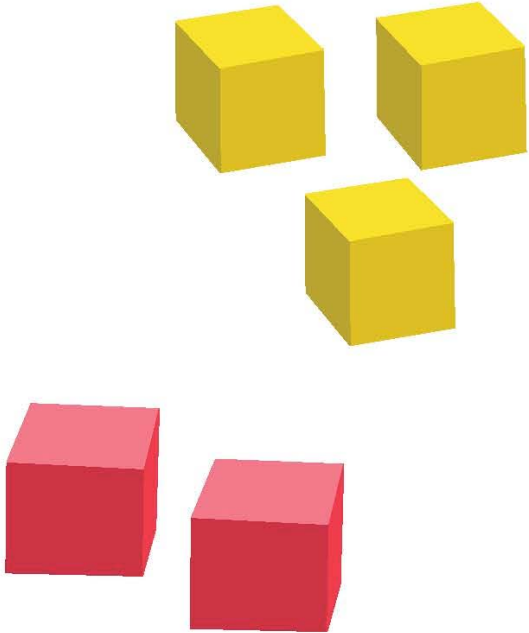
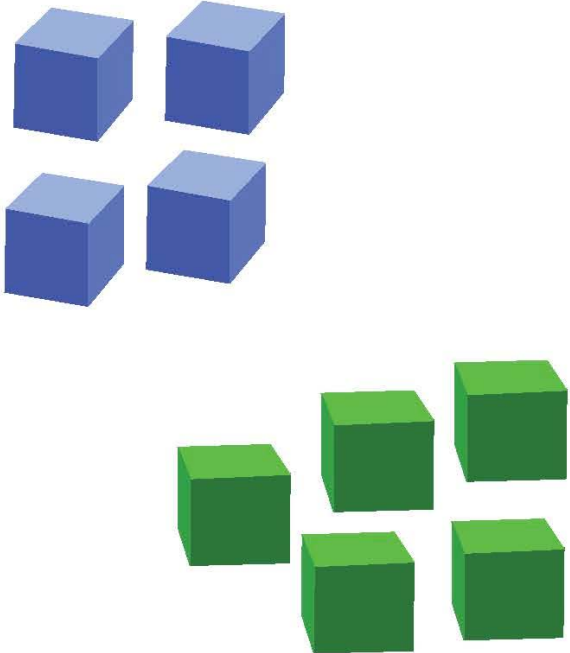
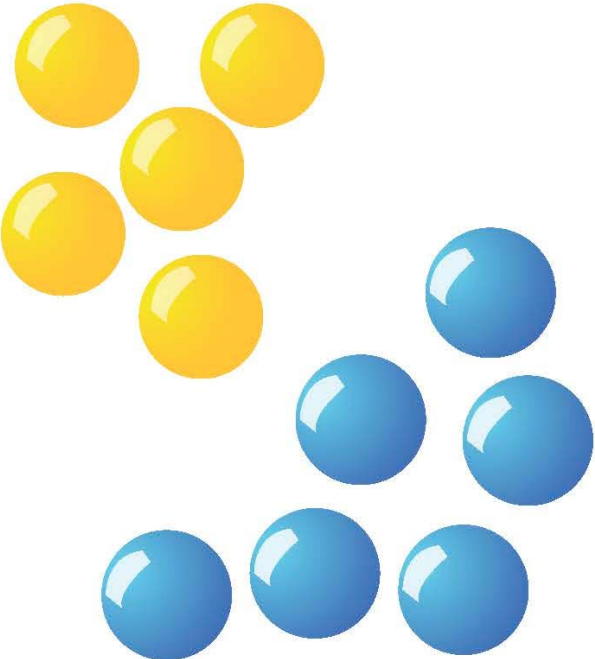
Most Family Participation: The Sellers Family

Center with the Most Participation: Fort Deposit Head Start



More or Less?

Look at the shapes in each box, and circle the group that has more.

Health Report

Well, we have come to the end of the school year. Oh boy, this school year has flown by so fast. We have accomplished so much and are pleased to see the growth and development in each and every child. We will miss all families who will be taking the next step onto Kindergarten, but look forward to working with returning families next year.

As we enter summer break, keep your children on a healthy path by encouraging healthy habits. Utilize this break from school to update your child's physical, dental, and immunization records. By now, you should have received your child's end of the year health summary, contact Head Start to set up an appointment to update your child's records.

In closing, I wish you all a fun, healthy, and relaxing summer break!

~Nurse Robinson



Education Report

Feels Like the End Is Often the Beginning

We cannot believe it is the end of the school year. This school year has flown by. We have accomplished so much with your child and are pleased to see growth in each and every one of them. We thank you for entrusting your child to us this year. We have enjoyed working with all of the them. We will miss all families who will be taking the next step onto Kindergarten but look forward to working with returning families' next school year. In closing, we wish you all a fun, warm and relaxing summer break!

"Creativity is Intelligence Having Fun"

Albert Einstein

The children have performed their final recital for the year. With the assistance of the dance instructor, Ms. Littleton, Jackson-Steele and Fort Deposit executed an outstanding dance recital from "Troll-Land". While Central Head Start children performed various compositions for the music recital under the instruction of Ms. Diana Gray.





“Oh the Places You’ll Go”

Dr. Seuss

Lowndes County Head Start went on their final field trip to the Montgomery Zoo to correlate with the theme in the curriculum of animals.



“It’s not about what it is, it’s about what it can become.”

Dr. Seuss

Lowndes County Head Stat children celebrating Read Across America by inviting guest speakers and wearing attire of characters from various Dr. Seuss stories.



Thank you for sharing your children in our care and we have seen growth, development and skill acquisition in all of the boys and girls. We have also witnessed how the children have grown in the way they deal with frustration and the care and concern they express for one another. We are really impressed with the extended attention spans of these little ones.

While many of our children are returning, some are moving on. To EVERYONE, regardless, we wish the best of summer and the best in the years ahead! We sincerely hope your time at Lowndes County Head Start was happy and productive.

Have a fun filled, wonderful summer!!

Afshan McDonald,
Education/Disabilities Manager



Recruitment Information:

We are now taking applications for all sites for the 2018-2019 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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Birthday wishes for everyone
celebrating in the months of
March, April and May.

Ke'ondrick Kinnion 03-01
Tino Taylor 03-03
Malayshia Hinson 03-05
Ke'Anna Smith 03-06
Mahalia Pugh 03-07
Braxton Perryman 03-11
Christian Harris 03-11
Lacarious Surles 03-12
JaMyron Hunter 03-13
Antwan Hicks 03-14
Keldon Wright 03-16
Ron'Darius Means 03-19
Kyleigh Hyde 03-20
Camdyn Gilliam 03-25
Taylor Brown 03-25
Joydan Moorer-Robinson 03-27
Maggie Mason 03-27
Ja'Zyriun Williams 03-28
MaKenzie Goodwyn 03-29
Braylen McConnico 03-31
Tylan Means Central 04-01
Elizabeth Turley Fort 04-01
Uwana Gregory 04-04
Jordeon Steele 04-04

Aryanna Bennett 04-08
Kaleb Lindsey 04-08
Dre'den Howard 04-10
CheKendria Simmons 04-11
Preston Means 04-11
Marcus Spivey 04-15
Dankennis Rudolph 04-17
Kaden Gordon 04-22
Martez Rush 04-22
Jo'Nya Searight 04-24
Angel Thigpen 04-26
Kar'Layshia Hill 04-29
Sy'Niah Johnson 05-01
Ty'Marion Young 05-02
Jerome Cook 05-12
Delontae McCall 05-16
Tristan Warren 05-19
Xaden Manigault 05-20
Eri'Aunna Brown 05-20
Mary Cottrell 05-20
Zantonio Smith 05-21
Camareya Goldsmith 05-23
Karif Jones 05-24
Mya Jordan 05-28
Haleigh Jones 05-30

Dial 211 for
information on
ways to help
your children
succeed in
school.



Happy Birthday!!