



The Center



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Early Childhood Programs of Lake County School District

Our mission is to serve and respect children and families by providing research-based early childhood services that promote the development of knowledge, life skills, and self-esteem



Please join your child's class for

Thanksgiving Lunch

Thursday, November 21—see your child's class schedule for time!

Watch your child's cubby for more information.

Reminder...

The Center will be **closed** for Fall Break

Monday, November 25 through Friday, November 29

The building will be completely closed with no preschool or child care services available.



**Please Remember
To VOTE by Tuesday
November 5!!**



November 2019 Events

November 1st-The Center is CLOSED for Professional Development Day
November 6th-Evening Coffee Talk. Here at The Center 6:00-7:00 in the Family Resource Office

November 21st-Thanksgiving Lunch! Please check your child's classroom for their lunch time!

November 25-29th-Fall Break. No School.



Parents' Voices

It is important for us to hear from you. We welcome your input to operate a program that meets the needs of the families we serve. To reach:

Holly DeBell 486-6921
Director of Early Childhood Programs

Policy Council 486-6888
extension 2190

Preschool Parents, this year our Resource Library is in the Family Resource Office!

Resources for Parents and Available for checkout:

- Books
- Recipes
- Videos
- Audio
- CDs
- DVDs



BACKPACK BAKING KITS:

- Jell-O Kit
- Pizza Kit
- Fruit/Veggies kit
- Pie kit



WINTER CHECKOUT:

- SNOWSHOES
- SKI'S
- TUBING
- ICE SKATES



BOARD GAMES FOR FAMILIES TO CHECK OUT AND PLAY AT HOME!

Brrrrr... Winter is here!!

Parents,

Please remember to bring your child's snow clothes and winter gear to school. We go outside everyday unless the temperature is below 10 degrees. If you do not have winter clothing, please see Ms. Lisa in the Family Resource Office.



The Center is looking for assistant and substitute teachers. All training would be provided and paid for by The Center. If you have Early Childhood experience or you are interested in joining a great teaching team, please come and get an application from the front office.



Early Head Start
Learning Begins at Birth

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!!!

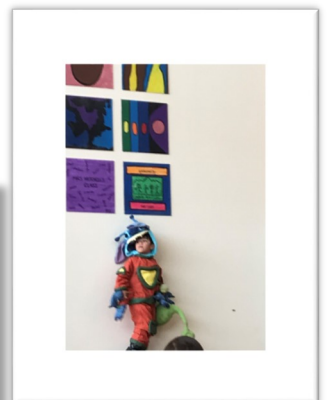
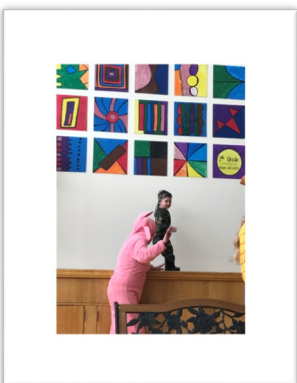
Early Head Start is a home visiting program designed to support expectant mothers and children 0-3. You are your child's first and most important teacher. Families are eligible for the Early Head Start program based on income eligibility.



Pick up an application at The Center or call 719-486-6928 for more information

FAMILY SPOTLIGHT

**Thanks for coming to our classroom celebrations!!!
We had so much FUN!!!!**



POLICY COUNCIL

The Center Early Childhood Programs – Policy Council Minutes – Meeting Date – October 14, 2019

Attending: Maria Perez, Karen Brungardt, Elizabeth Saunders, Teresa Haynes, Fernando Luna Lopez, and Anahise Shoukas

Not Attending: Casey McGovern and Kelly Callahan

Roll Call: Maria called roll and determined that a quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda: Karen made a motion to accept the agenda. Anahise seconded. All were in favor with no one opposed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: There were two meeting minute approvals. These minutes were September 17, 2019 and October 9, 2019, Anahise made a motion to accept the meeting minutes for September 17, 2019. Karen Seconded. All were in favor with no one opposed. Elizabeth made a motion to accept the October 9, 2019 meeting minutes. Karen seconded. All were in favor with no one opposed.

Parent Activity Fund: The Parent Activity has \$790.65. There will be a deduction next month of the 2 October dinners.

New Business: Mary Jelf came again as a visitor to the meeting to discuss the revised New Five-Year Grant. Mary informed the Counsel that all the changes were made after both the Policy Council and other District Staff gave her suggestion. There was time for discussion and final questions. Elizabeth made a motion to approve the New Five Year Grant. Fernando Seconded. All were in favor (5 votes) with no one opposed.

The council reviewed the Community Complaint Policy. Lisa explained what a complaint may look like and how a community member may file a complaint. There was discussion. Elizabeth made a motion to accept the Community Complaint Policy. Karen seconded. All were in favor (5 votes) with no one opposed. The council then looked over the Employee Handbook. They were given time to review it, and then there was time for discussion and questions. Elizabeth made a motion to approve the Employee Handbook. Teresa seconded. All were in favor (5 votes) with no one opposed.

Unfinished Business: Policy Council Bylaws.

Announcements: October 15 and 17th – Parent / Teacher Conferences. The Center closes at 4:00. October 18th – The Center is Closed. October 21st – The Center is Closed for Professional Development Day. October 23rd – Coffee Talk here at The Center 9:00-10:00, in the Family Resource Area. October 31st – Classroom Celebrations 12:30-1:30. November 5th – Regular November Policy Council Meeting.

Adjournment: Maria adjourned the meeting at 6:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Saunders – Policy Council Secretary

Dear Families,

We recently had our annual Head Start review. We did very well. You are always welcome to come to the front office, and ask Marissa to see this report. It is always available, and Marissa will answer any questions. One recommendation that was given to us by the State is to remind parents that we are mandated reporters. They also suggested that we add the Child Abuse hotline to our monthly newsletter, and also add it to our Parent Handbook, which has been updated.

Please let any of the mangers know if you have any questions!!!

Phone: 1-844-264-5437
<https://www.colorado.gov/cdhs>



HOW TO CONTACT THE CENTER

Please see your child's classroom calendar for your child's teachers email address and phone numbers.

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Mary Jelf- Business Manager
(719) 486-6927 mjelf@lakecountyschools.net

Jackie Lujan-Education Director
(719) 486-6927 jlujan@lakecountyschools.net

Jenny Mascarenaz-Transportation Manager
(719) 486-6920 jmascarenaz@lakecountyschools.net

Lizz Holm- Health Manager
(719) 486-6923 lholm@lakecountyschools.net

Lisa Roeder - Family and Community Partnership Manager
(719) 486-6928 lroeder@lakecountyschools.net

Kelly Horning- Early Childhood SPED & Child Find
(719) 486-4406 khorning@lakecountyschools.net

Lindsay Rapke- Speech Pathologist
(719) 486-4403 lrapke@lakecountyschools.net

**If you need to call after
3:30 P.M.**

Please call us at 486-6925

***This is the only phone line that s
staffed after 3:30p.m.***



You may leave a message at this number and it will be checked. If you call other numbers, or leave messages at other extensions, your message may not be heard until the following morning.

PARENTS

If you need to reach your child's teacher, please look at your class calendar and information sheet!!!

You may also call 486-6920 and the office will direct your

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