



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

What is Policy Council? How Can I Join?

Policy Council is a committee of parents and community representatives who meet monthly to review and approve budgets, policies, and strategies for our program.

Participants on this committee get an in depth view of operations at The Center, child care rules and regulations, and quality improvement plans and assessments.

Free childcare and dinner is provided.

Please see Lisa in the Family Resource Office for more information.

Family Fun Night

Come join us for an evening of Culture & Diversity

Wednesday March 25, 2020

The Center

5:30-7:00



March 2020 Events

March 4-Open Enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year starts!!

March 11-Evening Coffee Talk here at The Center 6:00-7:00 P.M.

March 16th—20th—Spring Break. No School, The Center is CLOSED

March 25-Family Fun Night here at The Center 5:30-7:00.



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



Know Your Car Seat's History

Buy a used car seat only if you know its full crash history. That means you must buy it from someone you know, not from a thrift store or over the internet. Once a car seat has been in a crash, it needs to be replaced.

If you need a car seat for your child, please stop by the Office and see Jenny. We have connections to some resources that can provide car seats to families who need them. If they have car seats available

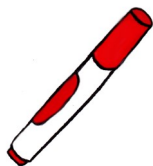
WATER BOTTLES

Parents,

Please remember to put your child's name on their water bottles when you bring them to class. If you need a teacher to do this, please ask them, or ask if you may have a piece of tape and marker.

As many of you know, we still have a lot of illness going around. Please take your child's water bottle home every weekend and clean them. This will help stop the spread of germs!!!!

Thanks, and if you have any questions, please feel free to ask Lizz our Health Manager in the Family Resource Office.



Counting Young Children in Census 2020

Think about the babies who will be born in 2020.

The first smiles. The first steps. The first words. In the years to come, some may need day care, after-school care, or school lunch programs. And all children will need safe communities in which to grow and thrive.

That's why it's so important that we count newborn babies and young children accurately. Responding to the 2020 Census can help shape resources for children and their communities over the next decade. This could include support for health insurance programs, hospitals, child care, food assistance, schools, and early childhood development programs.

If you have children in your home, make sure they are counted in the right place.

- The general rule is: Count children in the home where they live and sleep most of the time, even if their parents do not live there.
- If you've just had a baby, and your baby is still in the hospital on Census Day (April 1, 2020), then count your baby at the home where he or she will live and sleep most of the time.
- If children spend time in more than one home, count them where they stay most often. If their time is evenly divided, or if you do not know where they stay most often, count them where they are staying on April 1, 2020.

If you are helping to take care of a friend's or family member's child, and the child does not have a permanent place to live, count the child if he or she is staying with you on April 1, 2020—even if it's only temporary.

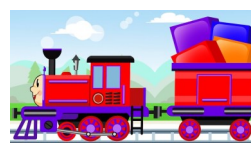
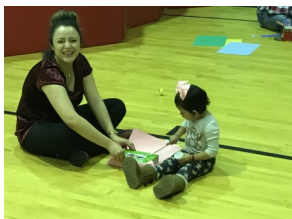
A complete count of young children is important, but difficult. Learn more by visiting Research on the Undercount of Young Children at <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/2020-census/research-testing/undercount-of-young-children.html>

This article and other information about Census 2020 are available at <https://2020census.gov/en/who-to-count/young-children.html>

FAMILY SPOTLIGHT

“Me and My Guy”

Thank you for joining us at Family Fun Night. We had a great time!!!



POLICY COUNCIL

The Center Early Childhood Programs – Policy Council Minutes – Meeting Date – February 12, 2020

Attending: Karen Brungardt, Elizabeth Saunders, Casey McGovern, Anahise Shoukas and Teresa Haynes

Not Attending: Fernando Luna, Olivia DeVargas, and Claudia Robles

Roll Call: Lisa called roll and determined that there was not a quorum present.

Approval of Agenda: Teresa made a motion to approve the agenda, and Anahise seconded. All were in favor with no one opposed.

Parent Activity Fund: The 2019-2020 Parent Activity Fund was looked over and has been spent down. The 2020-2021 Parent Activity Fund will start with \$1,500.00. Anahise made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Parent Activity Fund. Casey seconded with all in favor and no one opposed.

New Business: The Council was introduced to the Vacation and Holiday Pay Policy. The Council had the opportunity to ask questions. Casey made a motion to accept the Vacation and Holiday Pay Policy. Teresa seconded. All were in favor with no one opposed. We then reviewed the Head Start Parent Reimbursement Policy. Teresa made a motion to approve the Head Start Parent Reimbursement Policy. Casey seconded. All were in favor with no one opposed. We then reviewed the Internal Dispute Policy and Procedure. The council had a few questions. These were all answered. Teresa made a motion to approve the Internal Dispute Policy and Procedure. Casey seconded. All were in favor with no one opposed. The council finished the meeting by reviewing the Advocacy Policy. There was a lot of discussion and many council members had some new ideas addressing this Policy. They agreed to have more discussion before approval.

Training: Jackie Lujan the Assistant Director to Early Childhood Programs trained the Council on CLASS.

Unfinished Business: Karen Brungardt has volunteered to be the new Policy Council Chairperson. Anahise made a motion to approve Karen as the new Policy Council Chairperson. Teresa seconded. All were in favor and no one was opposed.

Announcements: February 3-Mail Month Begins, February 11 & 12th –Home Visits, The Center closes at 4:00, February 12-Valentine's Party in classrooms 12:30-1:30, February 13-Home visits 8:00-5:00, The Center is Closed. February 14-The Center is Closed, February 17-The Center is Closed. February 18-Home Visits 8:00-5:00, The Center is Closed, February 26-Family Fun Night 5:30-7:00, March 3-March regular Policy Council Meeting.

Adjournment: Karen adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Saunders – Policy Council Secretary

Free Family Counseling offered to Head Start Families
Provided by Solvista Health

Counseling is offered to families free of charge.

Please see Lisa in the Family Resource Office with questions, or a referral.



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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Lisa Roeder - Family and Community Partnership Manager
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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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