Policy Council (PC) Parent Chat

Did you know?

We are going paperless!

Beginning next month (March) we will no longer distribute the newsletter to classrooms for individuals. It will be sent to each site to have displayed in a common area for parents and teachers to read.

You can also sign up to receive our newsletter by email! To do this, please send an email to:

HSOLC.PC.newsletter@gmail.com

With the subject note: "Sign me up"

In the email include your name and your site.

Thank you for helping Policy Council

"Go Green!"

Head Start Self-Assessment

Annually, Head Start conducts a self-assessment to ensure that the needs of all Head Start families are being met. The self-assessment is important to ensure quality services are being given and that the performance standards are being met. This will also assess internal policies and procedures as well as relevant rules and regulations. Many teams will be visiting classrooms, interviewing Head Start staff, and parents. How can you help? Contact Karla Snell at ksnell@hsolc.org if you would like to be interviewed!

This assessment takes place every year February-March. The final report and improvement plan will be given to Policy Council and the Board of Directors for approval.

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CALENDAR REVIEW

Policy Council meets the second Tuesday of the month from 6pm-9pm at Whiteaker Head Start Center, 21 North Grand, Eugene.

Policy Council meetings are open to the public. No childcare provided, but dinner is provided!

February 13 – Policy Council meeting

February 15 – PC Executive meeting

February 16 – Extended Day/Early HS/Full Day Closed-In Service Day

February 19 – President's Day –All Head Start locations closed

Meet your Policy Council Representatives!

Every month we will be highlighting a different Policy Council Representative for you to get to know. Policy Council is made up of parents from all Head Start of Lane County sites as well as community members. To find out if your site needs a representative, contact your child's teacher! Policy Council meets the second Tuesday of the month.

This month we present to you:
Amanda KeeKook:

"Hi my name is Amanda.
I have 3 kids and they all went through Head Start. This is my son's last year here at Head Start and it is sad [because we will miss Head Start]. He loves his teacher. I love Head Start because it has helped my kids so much. We love to read and watch movies and play games together. As a family every night we will choose one [activity to do together]."

November Attendance Contest Recap!

Success comes from attending! Policy Council has had attendance contests the last few years in November and February to help bring up our attendance percentages. Did you know that we are federally mandated to have our attendance at 85% or more every month? If we don't reach the 85% we have to report to our funders about what we are doing to correct it.

Policy Council held an attendance contest in November 2017! Our goal for this attendance contest was to give an extra incentive to parents to bring their child to school every day.

Unfortunately, the attendance as a whole did not improve in November. However, there were some individual successes such as one student who went from 29% attendance to 95%!

Parents were awarded for either most improved or perfect attendance in the form of gift cards with a value of $10-$25. All parents who won have been contacted.

Stay tuned for the next attendance contest in February 2019.

Success comes from Attending!

Remember to sign up for the Policy Council newsletter email every month!
See first page of this newsletter for details.