



# Wood County Head Start September 2021 Newsletter

## September Events

\*This is where our special events for the month will be listed. Please look to the right for the upcoming events to see what we have planned!

\*We are looking for representatives to be a part of our Policy Council for this school year. Information has been sent home, if you are interested or have more questions about this please call your child's FSW.

### Introducing the Head Start Staff:

Room #1-I/T: Melissa (teacher), Connie, and Britney.

Room #3-I/T: Danielle (teacher), Jaime, and Jerica.

Room #6-Full-day Preschool: Anna (teacher), Kaylee, Mackenzie, and Tammy.

Room #7-4K: Stephane (teacher) and Misty.

Room #8-Full-day Preschool: Cassie (teacher), Sandra, and Tiffany.

Family Service Worker: Emily

Bus Aides: Darlene, Tiffany, Misty, & Tammy.

### Upcoming Events:

- ☺ N.O.W food packs will be delivered on Fridays starting September 17th and will be sent home with the children that were signed up. Families can enroll or stop utilizing the program at anytime.
- ☺ Healthy Smiles will be applying Fluoride Varnish to any children signed up on Friday, September 17th. Children will be sent home with a new toothbrush, toothpaste, and sticker!
- ☺ We will have our Lions Vision Screening September 28th for students.

**Did you know we are on  
Facebook?**



## Classroom News for September

Each class will send home a weekly newsletter to keep parents informed of weekly lesson plans.

**\*Please remember to check your child's backpack and folder EVERY night.**

### Important Classroom Reminders:

\*Please send your child to school with a light jacket even on warm days. We do go outside in the early morning and it is still chilly!

\*\*Please do NOT send your child to school in flip-flops! It is not safe when they are playing on the outside equipment.

\*Head Start provides snacks and access to water cups all day, nothing is required for the students to bring. Please leave personal snacks and water bottle at home.

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# Important Head Start Reminders

## In-kind

In-kind, or parent involvement, is very important to our program. As a condition of our grant we are required to meet 25% of our grant back in in-kind hours. For every hour that a parent or community member spends volunteering time with our children we get 10.07 to go towards meeting our monthly goals.

### **Ways to earn in-kind:**

- filling out and returning weekly and monthly activity sheets
- helping out in the classroom or at lunch time
- attending special events and parent meetings

## Attendance Policy

Head Start requires that children keep an 85% average monthly attendance. Daily attendance is important so that a child can benefit the most from school and a child may be dropped from our program if this policy cannot be followed.

**We also ask that parents call or send a note if a child will be out of school.** If a child is out and we have not heard from a parent we will be calling to check on the child.

## Physicals and Dentals

ALL children are required by day-care licensing to have updated physicals and dentals on file. Physical and dental forms are due within 90 days of a child entering our program so forms **NEED** to be returned to Head Start **BEFORE** November 30th!

## Class Dojo

Classes will be utilizing Class Dojo for center and class updates; information has been sent home, please fill out and send back the forms as soon as possible so we can ensure best communication between parents and staff.



# Transportation News

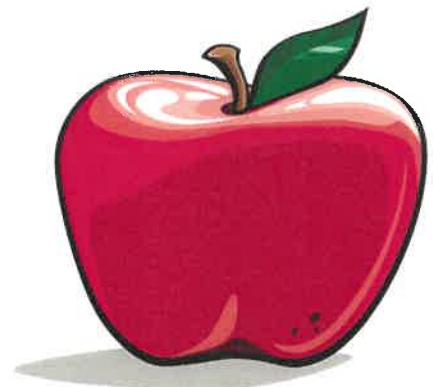
\*Please have your child ready and waiting for the bus at least 10 minutes before or after your child's usual bus pick-up and drop-off times. Changes in routes are common as there are days where we may not have as many children or children may be picked up or dropped off at a different location and this easily changes bus times!

\*Please also remember that **ONLY** those people on your child's emergency form are able to get your child off of the bus. If you need to add an emergency contact person to your child's list it needs to be done in writing with the person's first and last name, full address, and phone number. We will also ask to see a picture id for anyone we are unfamiliar with.

\*Please call with bussing changes on Mondays and leave a message if possible. If you are calling on the day of the change please call **BEFORE** 6am for the morning session and **BEFORE** 10am if your child is in the afternoon session.

## Head Start Bus Rules:

- \*Children **MUST** be buckled at all times
- \*Backpacks go under bus seats, not on laps
- \*Use inside voices
- \*Keep hands to own bodies
- \***NO** food, drinks, or toys on the bus
- \*Medications cannot be in backpacks
- \*Marshfield School District requires masks to be worn on the bus, this would include all 4K students that ride the bus.



## Policy Council

Policy Council is the parent board of directors. Each center has representatives to approve all policy changes, approve all new hires and terminations, as well as be aware of classroom and center operations.

If you are interested in becoming a representative please let Emily or your child's teacher know as soon as possible.



## How to Reach Us

### Family Service Workers

Emily's Office: 715-384-3552

Work Cell: 715-459-2847

8:00am-3:00pm Monday-Friday

### Classrooms

I/T: 715-996-1788

Preschool and 4K: 715-387-3223

Best times to call are:

7:45am-3:45pm on Mondays,

7:45-8am & 3-3:45pm Tues.-Fri. for Anna, Stephane, and Cassie

Transportation: 715-384-4698

Call before 6am for morning changes and before 10am for afternoon changes. Please leave a message.

Central Office in Wisconsin Rapids:

1-866-421-2066 (toll free)

## Community Resources

**United Way's First Call: 211**

Free and confidential information available 24 hours a day, everyday. Also available online: [www.uwfirstcall.org](http://www.uwfirstcall.org)

**North Central Community Action: 715-387-2626**

General assistance in counseling, housing, and employment

**WIC: 715-387-8646**

**Job Center: 715-387-6386**

Resume and cover letter writing, interviewing skills, Job Club and YES program

**Personal Development Center: 715-384-2971**

General assistance, including help with domestic abuse

**MSTC: 715-389-7056**

**Economic Support: 715-387-6374**

Housing, food, Badgercare, and childcare assistance

**MCHS-Community Connections Team: 715-858-4443**

[www.communityconnectionsteam.org](http://www.communityconnectionsteam.org)

Connecting resources in your community to meet needs including baby needs, caregiver support, childcare, clothing, dental, food, utility bills, job search, health insurance, housing, medication costs and transportation

## Family or Personal Issues

For information of support available please call your child's Family Service Worker, Emily (715-384-3552), or Valerie Bradley (Family Services Coordinator/Mental Health Consultant) 1-866-421-2066.



# September 2021

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5.	6. <i>Labor Day</i> 	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.
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26.	27.	28. <i>Lions Eye Screening</i> 	29.	30.		