



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

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all returning families and to welcome all our new families to the Lowndes County Head Start Program. All of the teaching staff are so excited for this year as we will provide more learning opportunities for your child to learn, grow and make memories. I believe that early learning is the root to a child's success and I believe that parents are their child's most important teacher.

All of the Lowndes County Head Start staff are here to assist parents in providing a good beginning for their children and working with each family to build and strengthen our partnerships in your child's education. Please take advantage of the FREE WORKSHOPS we have for parents. We want to provide information and resources needed to help reach your goals.

In addition, we need everyone's help

in the RECRUITMENT of children. If you know of any children in Lowndes County, who are Head Start age, please contact us or have their parents to come in and register them. We are working towards reaching our funded enrollment and if you believe Head Start is needed in our community, then we need your help.

I am very happy with the activities the parents have planned so far this year. ATTEND center meetings so you too, can be involved!

Once again, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you and your family to the 2016-2017 Head Start year and I am very pleased you have chosen our program for your early education needs.

Samita Jeter
Head Start Director



Region IV Head Start (Advocacy)

Now, more than ever, the voice of early care and education is critical not only in Washington, D.C but also in capital cities and communities across the southeast. RIVHSA represents the unified voice of the regional Head Start community to legislators in support of policies, initiatives and partnerships that positively impact our regional HS/EHS community.

CHILD ADVOCACY FUND CAMPAIGN

Fundraising is fundamental to our advocacy work, and we need your help. RIVHSA's Child Advocacy Fund (CAF) campaign supports advocacy activities designed to move forward public policy agendas at the state and national level through public campaigns, civic education, informational materials, outreach and other exercises. All campaign proceeds are used to support advocacy activities not association operating budgets. Our regional campaign goal is to raise one dollar for every funded enrollment slot in Region IV, and RIVHSA engages the active participation of its affiliates in the annual campaign drive. **Get involved today!**



Fiscal News

What You Can Do.....

There are many ways you can support your child in his/her Head Start journey toward Kindergarten. Being a part of that journey is the most important. It means so much to a child when his/her Mom, Dad, or other family member takes part in school activities.

The Federal government requires Head Start programs to demonstrate the community's support by documenting donations of time and/or goods for which the program would otherwise have to pay. This is known as our Non-Federal Share, more commonly referred to as In - Kind. It is mandatory that we reach a goal equivalent to roughly a quarter of our annual funding amount.

When a Head Start parent helps out by doing something for which we would normally pay a staff person, we can convert the donated time into dollars by applying an amount equal to what we pay particular employees, plus fringe benefits, per hour. Time donated by volunteers on Policy Council and Board Members is counted at a higher rate because they are actively involved in the administration of the program. A person who volunteers in a professional capacity, such as a carpenter, painter, or a secretary can be counted at his/her professional rate if those skills are being used to benefit Head Start.

Of course, there are severe requirements for documenting all donations. We have what we hope are user friendly forms to meet the regulations. Any staff member can help you find and use those forms. We even have a form to record time spent on an at home activity. You can also donate goods to the program. Talk to your child's Teacher or your Family Advocate if you have items you would like to donate for use within the program.

These are a few of the many things you can do to support our Head Start program. We need and appreciate your help. What's really great though is what you will get in return. Your child will be so proud of you and pleased that you are taking part in his/her school experience and you might just find yourself enjoying the experience like you were a child again!

Lashica Mason, Fiscal Manager

Family & Community Services Report

The Family & Community Partnership department would like to welcome all parents and guardians to the 2016-2017 program year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing us to handle your social services needs.

The 2016-2017 program year has started on an encouraging note. According to the sign-in sheets for events that have been held thus far, Parent Involvement is at an all time HIGH!!! We thank you for actively participating. We encourage you to continue to embrace all that is offered from your Head Start program.

Two Parent Convention meetings have been conducted so far at each school site. **HOW MANY HAVE YOU ATTENDED?** Please make every effort to attend your monthly meeting. If you can not attend please send a family member in your absence.

Regular Attendance is the Key to Academic Success!

Lowndes County Board of Education Head Start would like to recognize the following students for having perfect attendance for the months of August 2016 and September 2016:



Classroom 1: Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Hardy

Jaycee Adams **S**
 Curtis Beard Jr. **S**
 Malia Green **A**
 Tionna Hardy **AS**
 MaKayla Jenkins **S**
 Zachary Lewis **S**
 Jaxton Shuford **S**

Classroom 2: Mrs. A. Patter-son and Mrs. Williams

Madison Brown **AS**
 Xzayvean Burke **AS**
 Ja'Marion Logan **AS**
 Jeremiah Means **AS**

Classroom 3: Ms. Ray and Ms. Thomas

Taylor Brown **S**
 Mariah Porterfield **S**
 Paisli White **S**

Classroom 4: Ms. Wright and Ms. Walker

Peyton Martin **S**
 Karmen McCall **A**
 Corey Rudolph Jr. **A**
 Tristan Warren **AS**

Classroom 5: Mrs. Banks and Mrs. Miles

Marquis Brown Jr. **A**
 Uwana Gregory Jr. **A**
 Xaiver Nelson **A**
 Edwin Purifoy Jr. **S**
 Martez Rush Jr. **AS**
 Erin Stokes **AS**

Classroom 6: Mrs. Maye and Ms. Moore

Kalayah Doss **A**
 Kar'Layshia Hill **A**
 Ja'Vean McGhee **A**
 A'meria Moncrief **A**
 Jaden Smith **A**

Classroom 1: Mrs. Cain and Mrs. Powell

Eddie Champion III **A**
 Olivia Robertson **AS**
 Pryceless Wilson **A**

Classroom 2: Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Tol-liver

Zailyn Swanson **A**
 Tracyara Wilson **A**

Classroom 3: Ms. String-er

Kamari Hardy **AS**
 Kenyarra Jenkins **A**
 Dominick McMeans **AS**
 D'Vonna Morgan **S**
 CheKendria Simmons **S**
 Jayden Williams **A**

Classroom 4: Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Davis

Aerron Booker **A**
 Azell Champion **S**
 Jacob Gordon **A**
 Taveon Lewis **S**
 Milnya McMeans **S**
 Michael Ray III **AS**
 McKinsley Sellers **A**

Classroom 5: Ms. Scott and Mrs. Lambert

Shantasia Brown **A**
 Aubrelle Chambers **A**
 Paris Jenkins **A**
 De'Nyejah Jones **AS**
 A'Veon Lundy **A**
 Bryson Martin **S**
 Blake McCall **S**
 Cheniyah Simmons **S**
 Carmelo Tolliver **S**

Classroom 1: Mrs. Perryman

Avery Gordon **AS**
 Jakiya Harris **A**
 Malorie Jackson Broadnax **AS**
 Kaidyn King **A**
 James McBride III **A**
 Raymarion Mitchell **A**
 Joydan Moorer-Robinson **S**
 Jaliyah Smith **A**

Classroom 2: Mrs. Struggs and Ms. K. Patterson

J'Quan Barganier **S**
 I'Kerria Butler **A**
 Rodricious Coley Jr. **A**
 Atravious Gresham **A**
 Christian Harris **AS**
 Eri'Yunna McCray **A**
 Gary Rocha-Bamaca **S**
 Jabraylen Rush **A**
 Leslie Thicklin **A**
 JaMiracle Whatley **AS**



The LCBOEHS commends the parents/guardians for assisting their children in attending school each day so they will be prepared to transition into the Lowndes County Public School system.

It is important that our Head Start students attend school daily. If the monthly average daily attendance rate in a center-based program falls below 85 percent, our Head Start program must analyze the causes of absenteeism. The analysis must include a study of the pattern of absences for each child, including the reasons for absences as well as the number of absences that occur on consecutive days. The results must be reported to the Office of Head Start monthly.

One of the most important things a child can do to achieve academic success is also one of the most basic: going to school every day. In fact, research has shown that a child's attendance record may be the biggest factor influencing their academic success.

So, if you believe Lowndes County Board of Education Head Start is needed in Lowndes County, please send your child to school daily. If your child is ill it will be regarded as an excused absence.

There has been a total of \$ 18,791.88 generated in classroom in-kind hours for the month of August 2016:

Central Head Start

Classroom 1 \$ 5,662.48
 Classroom 2 \$ 916.37
 Classroom 3 \$ 1,322.69
 Classroom 4 \$ 605.15
 Classroom 5 \$ 1,564.75
 Classroom 6 \$ 2,740.47
 \$12,775.91

Fort Deposit Head Start

Classroom 1 \$ 3,632.91
 Classroom 2 \$ 17.29
 Classroom 3 \$ 0.00
 Classroom 4 \$ 177.22
 Classroom 5 \$ 34.58
 \$ 669.99

Jackson-Steele Head Start

Classroom 1 \$ 3,632.91
 Classroom 2 \$ 1,713.07
 \$ 5,345.98

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

Shirley A. Davis-Family Advocate Practitioner Merrie J. Peoples-Family Advocate Practitioner
 Jackson-Steele Head Start/Fort Deposit Head Start Central Head Start

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

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”

Health Report



Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year at the “Greatest Program of All”. We have enjoyed an amazing start to the school year. Let’s keep the fun and excitement going and make this year a healthy and safe year. Keep your child’s medical records up-to-date at all times.

During the month of August, Head Start offered free vision screenings through our partnership with Focus First/Impact Alabama. If your child received a letter recommending follow up care, please follow up and provide the necessary documentation. In September, the children were given growth assessments to monitor their height/weight ratio. Dental screenings were provided by Sarrell Dental during the month of October.

Promote healthy habits now, so your child will grow up to be a healthy adult.

Have a healthy and safe school year!!!

Joan Moorer-Robinson
 Health/Mental Health Coordinator



Education Report

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all our returning and new children and families. We are really enjoying getting to know you and your children and we look forward to what this school year brings. Please feel free to come in and share your time and talents with us. Please be aware in order to share your time with us, you must submit a TB skin test.

We have been learning a bit about each other and are becoming familiar with the rules and routines of school. Having a daily routine is very important for you and your child. We all know some days this is a difficult goal to keep. However, on those days when we still keep our routines, we feel less stressed and our children know what is expected of them, and they are prepared for their day. We will continue to do this, as well as teaching the fundamental skills needed to be prepared for Kindergarten.

Afshan McDonald, Education/Disabilities Manager



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November Words



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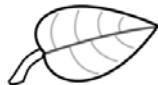
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Brown



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New Performance Standards for Head Start

The new Head Start Performance Standards are now available. Here is some key additions to the new performance standards that pertains to Volunteers.

1302.94 Volunteers.

- (a) **A program must ensure regular volunteers have been screened for appropriate communicable diseases in accordance with state, tribal or local laws. In the absence of state, tribal or local law, the Health Services Advisory Committee must be consulted regarding the need for such screenings.**
- (b) **A program must ensure children are never left alone with volunteers.**

Center News

On 9/23/16 Central Head Start celebrated Back to School Rally. Each classroom dressed in their classroom theme. We invited the drum line, cheerleaders, and the dance team to celebrate this event with us. They did an awesome job.

The activity was a success we enjoyed and appreciate our parents for all of their hard work and participation they showed during the entire week.

Central Head Start Parents are Terrific and Are There When We Need Their Help
Thanks Central Start Parents !!!!!!!!!

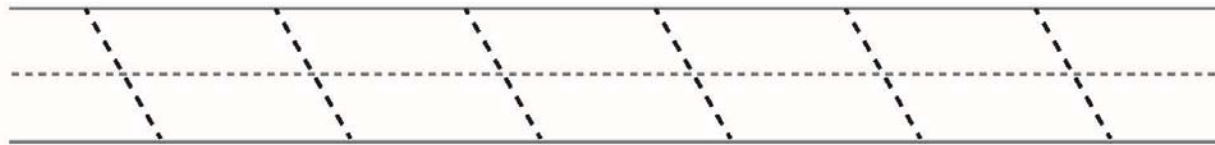
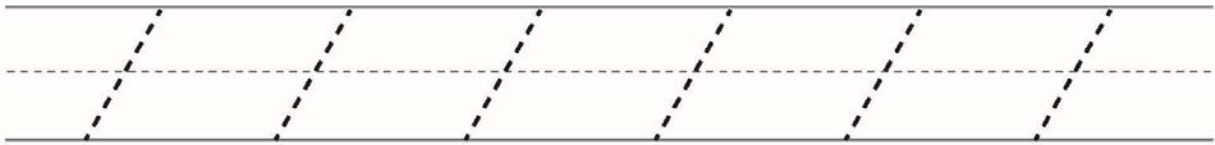
Together We Are A T.E.A.M.
Terrific
Enthusiastic
Awesome
Motivated

October is Head Start Awareness Month!

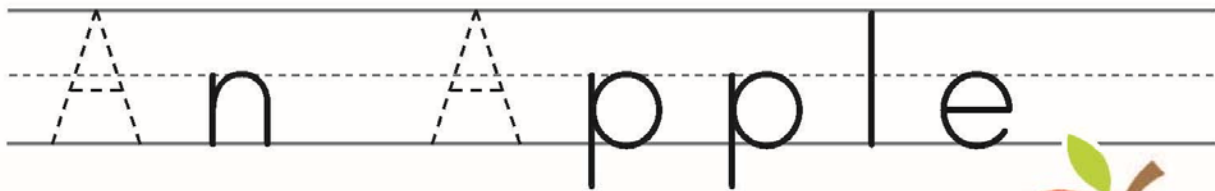
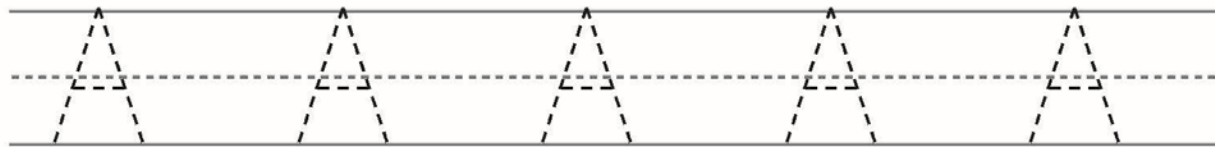


The Letter A

First practice tracing these diagonal lines.



Then, trace the letter A.



Recruitment Information:

We are now taking applications for all sites for the 2016-2017 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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Birthdays wishes for everyone celebrating in the months of August, September, October and November.

Kaidyn King 08-01	Karma Sims 09-12	Taylor Thicklin 10-11
D'Vonna Morgan 08-01	Jo'Mya Crenshaw 09-12	Nehemiah Murphy 10-12
Londan Quinn 08-07	Blake McCall 09-12	Jabraylen Rush 2 10-12
Jeremiah Murphy 08-08	Antwanizah Gipson 09-14	Tionna Hardy 10-17
Ja'Kanyion Simmons 08-13	Paris Jenkins 09-14	Journey Gresham 10-17
Elgin Brazil 08-14	Jaden Smith 09-16	Kamari Hardy 10-18
Girrand Dorsey 08-15	Ja'Khari Means 09-17	Xaiver Nelson 10-27
Carmelo Tolliver 08-17	Paiton Ray 09-17	Senalia Reid 10-28
Zy'Darrius Mason 08-21	Ayden Davis 09-18	Jayden Searight 10-29
Messiah Coleman 08-21	Ayanna Ray 09-20	Aerron Booker 11-01
Ma'Riyah Jackson 08-26	Roderious Johnson 09-21	Jermichael McCall 11-02
Jayden Williams 08-30	Dominick McMeans 09-24	Mariah Porterfield 11-04
Artravious Gresham 08-31	Leslie Thicklin 09-26	Eddie Champion 11-08
Azell Champion 09-03	A'meria Moncrief 09-29	Symiah Middleton 11-12
Maliq Burks 09-03	Malia Green 10-01	Kenyarra Jenkins 11-14
Paisli White 09-04	Gaberille Carter 10-03	Jaliyah Smith 11-17
Erin Stokes 09-05	Jordan Lawrence 10-04	Akeyla Howard 11-17
Jayden Huddleton 09-09	Khassidi Webb 10-04	Marissa Rush 11-19
Marquis Brown 09-10	Joshua Fuller 10-04	JaCorian Hardy 11-21
Ni'Keyaria Lewis 09-10	Zy'Ranaisha Tolliver 10-06	Cheniyah Simmons 11-22
Kahlee Thigpen 09-11	Pryceless Wilson 10-08	Victoria Middleton 11-25
Dexter Bailey 09-11	Jacob Gordon 10-08	Ja'Vean McGhee 11-26
	Ja'Kaiya Porterfield 10-09	Renika Sellers 11-26
	Karmen McCall 10-09	Desmond Robinson 11-27
	A'Ziyah Hale 10-10	
	Landon Rivers 10-10	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!