

Hancock County Head Start/Early Head Start & Pre-K



Director's Corner

Greetings! Wow, can you believe the holidays are upon us? Time flies when you are having fun! I have had the pleasure of visiting all the classrooms and the children and teachers were busy exploring and learning new things. So much has transpired since August: the annual "Roc Out Health Fair, Million Men School Day, election of Hancock County Head Start Policy Council, Thanksgiving dinner, and the annual Walk-A-Thon, just to name a few. 2016 will be an even more exciting year for Head Start. We are celebrat-

ing 50 years of giving children the head start they need to be successful! For fifty years Head Start has been the premier model for providing impoverished families an opportunity for their children's success in school and in life. Since the summer of 1965, more than 31 million children have benefited from Head Start's comprehensive services. These children have become business women and men, professors, teachers, lawyers, mayors, members of Congress, athletes, founda-

tion Presidents, Grammy-winning musicians, poets, and parents. Our children are our future - let us work toward giving them the best head start to be happy and productive citizens. Hancock County HeadStart congratulates Head Start for its longevity and excellence. We are happy to be a Head Start grantee and we look forward to many years of partnership as well as we all help children get the best start in their lives.

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- A Christmas Poem
- 10 Tips to Stay Stress Free During the Holidays



Special points of interest:

- Early Release Dec. 16-17, 2015 @ 1:00 pm
- Parent Meeting-Christmas Around the World, Dec. 15, 2015 @6:00 pm
- Pre-K Parent Teacher Conferences Dec. 16-17, 2015.

Parents may begin conferences starting Thursday. Call for your appointment.

10 Tips to Stay Stress Free During the Holidays

1. Plan Ahead and Start Early.
2. Stay Organized.
3. Shop Online.
4. Leave Your office Work in Office.
5. Walk Whenever possible.
6. Eat Healthy and breathe right.
7. Exercise , exercise, and exercise.
8. Do not over commit.
9. Stay Hydrated
10. Give and receive smiles.



If You would like to Participate in the Parent Chorus, Check yes or no.

____ Yes, I would like to Participate.

____ No, I would not like to Participate.

Parents will sing in the Christmas Around the World Program on December 15, 2015.

Parent Corner

We are calling all parents to participate in the Parent Meeting, "Christmas Around the World"!

Dear parents, we need your talent and participation. The Parent Meeting will take place on December 15, 2015, at 6:00 pm. We will have prizes, games, and lots of Christmas cheer. There will be a registration form at both sites for your participation. Thank you in advance!



Parents, we also need your participation in the Parent Café.

Please register at the Head Start & Early Head Start sites for Participation in the Parent Café.

Congratulations to Damien Woodson, Shanika Ruff and Angela Brown for Winning the 2nd Annual Walk-a-thon.

1st place-60.00 Hibbet Sport Gift Card

2nd place- 25.00 Wal-mart Gift Card

3rd place-beautiful watch

“The Quiet Corner”



Christmas time is a very special time for families and friends. As we hustle and bustle around shopping for that “just right gift” for that special child or children in our lives, consider a book. Think about it; they won't choke on it, it is not easily broken, it is fairly inexpensive, lastly, it promotes a love of reading. Without hesitation, add a book to your child's Christmas list. It will be a gift of a Life time!

Parent's when you drop off or pick up your children, please remember not to park in the handicap spaces or block the entrance where shipping and receiving takes place. As always, thank you kindly!

Just A Friendly reminder: Do not Forget to send an extra change of



Parent's if you or a community member is interested in submitting an inspirational article or your family accomplishment to the Hancock County Head Start News letter, please see your Family Advocates, Shontorial Gilbert, Delois Bell, or Gary Hill.



Christmas Is A Time For Love And Fun



Christmas is a time for love and fun,
A time to reshape souls and roots and skies,
A time to give your heart to everyone
Freely, like a rich and lavish sun,
Like a burning star to those whose lonely sighs
Show need of such a time for love and fun.

For children first, whose pain is never done,
Whose bright white fire of anguish never dies,
It's time to give your heart to every one,

That not one angel fall, to hatred won
For lack of ears to listen to her cries,
Or arms to carry him towards love and fun,

Or friends to care what happens on the run
To adult life, where joy or sadness lies.
It's time to give your heart to everyone,

For God loves all, and turns His back on none,
Good or twisted, ignorant or wise.
Christmas is a time for love and fun,
A time to give your heart to everyone.



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Holiday Hot Chocolate

Hot Chocolate is a simple recipe that kids and adults will love.

- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon [NESTLÉ® TOLL HOUSE® Baking Cocoa](#)
- 1 cup milk

1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract

STIR together sugar and cocoa in large, microwave-safe mug. Stir in a few table-
spoons milk to make a smooth paste; stir in remaining milk.

MICROWAVE on HIGH (100%) power for 1 minute; stir. Microwave for a few seconds longer or until hot. Stir
in vanilla extract.

Garnish with whip topping and a peppermint stick. Caution: Allow to cool before serving to children.

