

## Logan Head Start / Early Head Start News April 2019

### Time for Transitions

April is a time for transitions. Most of us are glad to see winter leave and spring arrive. We're ready to transition from snow men to sand castles; from coats to flip flops and from hot chocolate to ice cream!

At Head Start and Early Head Start, it's also time for transitions. You can expect your teachers, home visitors and family support workers to talk to you about next year.

For children who will enter kindergarten, our staff have dates and times for kindergarten registration at your child's elementary school. Make sure you register your child and attend all the informational sessions and screening activities that are offered. If you need support in the transition, contact someone at Head Start. We want to do everything we can to make this a positive experience for you and your child.

For children who will return to Head Start, we are completing re-enrollment packets. Now is a good time to let us know what you are expecting next year. Some children switch options (such as home based to center based). Some need a different session (such AM to PM) and most families want to be sure their child has the same teacher! Some children will be making the big leap from Early Head Start to Head Start. Whatever your transition for next year entails, we are here to guide and assist you all the way.

**YOU ARE YOUR CHILD'S FIRST TEACHER**-you teach by interacting and engaging them in activities. They are learning all the time from you.

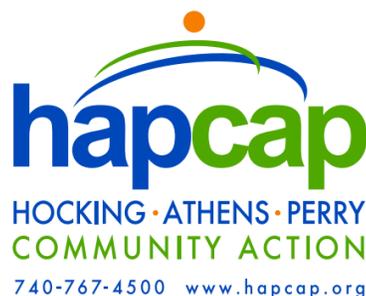
The Head Start Parent, Family, and Community Engagement Framework states that programs will support families in their

**Engagement in Transitions** Parents and families support and advocate for their child's learning and development as they transition to new learning environments, including EHS to HS, EHS/HS to other early learning environments, and HS to Kindergarten through Elementary School.

#### DID YOU KNOW???

The HAPCAP website has a variety of information about our agency. Check out your center's page where you can find menus.

Did you read last month **newsletter and work on the activity calendars.**



**Hocking Athens Perry Community Action**

**Head Start and Early Head Start**

Head Start is a federally funded, comprehensive school readiness program.

Our school readiness goals are aligned to the

Head Start Early Learning and Development

Framework, Ohio Early Learning Standards and

Local School Expectations.

Our school readiness plan includes children ready to learn, families as life-long educators and supportive communities.

**HELP!!!**

We need the Activity Calendars from you!!!

We need Reading Logs from all of you!

**PLEASE HELP OUR IN-KIND**

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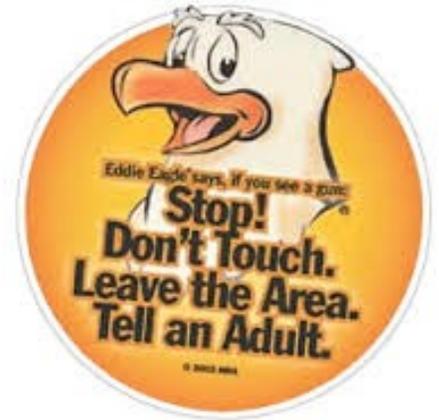
# Gun Safety

At HAPCAP, we teach children about gun safety through the Eddie Eagle Gun Safety curriculum. The children learn that if they see a gun they should: **STOP! DON'T TOUCH. LEAVE THE AREA. TELL AN ADULT.**

We encourage you to reinforce these ideas by repeating this message and discussing it with your child. If your home is like half of those in our nation, your home has a gun.

Here are some **simple rules** to follow at home with your guns:

1. Make sure that all guns can not be reached by a child and are under lock and key.
2. Keep your ammunition securely stored where your child can not reach it.
3. Talk to your child about guns, what they are used for, and that they are not a toy.
4. Teach your child that it is very difficult to tell a real gun from a toy gun. They should NEVER assume that a gun is not real.



# Thumb Print Pies



Use this simple recipe with your child to make thumb pies.

- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup plus 1 tablespoon shortening
- 2 tablespoons water

Help your child measure and mix the ingredients. Roll the dough into small balls. Then let your child press a thumbprint into each ball.

Bake the thumb pies at 350 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes. Fill the thumbprints with jelly or peanut butter.

Explain that each person's thumbprint is different from everyone else's. Children like knowing that no one else in the world can bake a thumb pie that is exactly the same as theirs.

Reading is picture reading or pointing out shapes and items in the story. Reading is making up your own stories and drawing pictures to go along with the words. Going through books with your child every day, even for a minute will help them grow to love learning. It will be one of the important skills for school readiness. We have books you can borrow!

# Cereal Box Book

You'll need the following: assortment of empty cereal boxes, safety scissors, paper hole punch, and yarn.

What to do: While you are eating breakfast or a snack, look at some cereal with your child. Point out letters they know or letters in your child's name. Show your child where to read the name of the cereal and other information of interest on the box. Cut the fronts off of cereal boxes as you empty them. Help your child to use a paper hole punch to make 2-3

holes in each box front, making sure that the holes line up with each other. Fasten them together with pieces of yarn. Take turns naming letters and pointing to them on the box fronts. Look for numbers on the boxes and talk about them as well. Compare the box fronts by color. Help your child decide which color is used most often on the boxes.

Have fun reading your book!



### **Parent Meeting**

The parent meeting will be April 3rd at 6:00 pm. The training topic will be kindergarten readiness and summer safety.

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

We will be having an Easter egg hunt on April 16th at 5:00. The family is invited to come to watch the children hunt eggs. We will be having popcorn and snow cones. This will be held here at the center. This is also the socialization for Early Head Start and Home Base children.

### **Family Event**

We will be having a Spring party for the children and families. We have lots of fun things planned. Everything is free. It is going to be April 30th from 5-7 pm at Head Start. This is this socialization for Early Head Start and Home Base children also. Come join the fun!

### **April 5th**

The morning children only will have school on this day. The afternoon class is closed for staff training.

### **Spring Break**

On April 17th AM class only has school. This is to make up for a snow day. April 18th, 19th, 22nd, and 23rd will be closed for spring break. The children will return to school on April 25th.

### **Last Day of School**

The children's last day of school will be May 7th. We will be having an end of the year party for the family to attend. That will be held at Head Start. Each classroom will have a different time to be announced soon.

### **Summer Camp**

Summer camp will be June 10th through July 3rd. This is Monday through Friday from 9:00 to 1:00. We will provide limited bussing. We are only having one classroom this summer with 18 children. If you are interested please return the form as soon as possible. If your child is selected, Cathy will make an appointment with you for the enrollment.

## Fall Enrollments

We are enrolling children for fall. If you know someone who has a child 3 to 5 years old, please have them call us at (740)385-1880 to set up an appointment for an enrollment.

## April Birthdays

Ethan B    Evan B    Israel R.    Breanna S.    Nevaeh S.    Lilly S.

**Happy Birthday!!!!**

## Perfect Attendance

Roy M    Christopher N.    Casen S.    Ava D.    Hayden D.    Jace L.  
Sophie R.    Ethan B.    Evan B.    Jeremiah S.    Kyle N.    Domanic S.  
Jayda D.    Elijah A.    Wayne F.    Davian M.    Carly H.    Angie A.    Sarah D.  
Jaydence L.    Landen L.    Mila M.    Evelyn R.    Ava R.    Willow D.    Riley H.  
Rilynn N.    Lacey G.    Jordan H.    Madison M.    Theresa N.

**Great Job!!!!**



# April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Parent Meeting	4	5 Am Class only	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Easter Egg Hunt	17 Am class only PPC Meeting	18 Closed	19 Closed	20
21 Happy Easter	22 Closed	23 Closed	24	25 Kiwanis book reading	26 Jane Thomlin presenting nutrition for the children	27
28	29	30 Family Event				