

The CONNECTION

Laurelville Head Start News for September 2018

MEET OUR ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Chris DeLamatre, Director

Chris is director of the Head Start / Early Head Start program. She administers our grant, ensures that we are in compliance with all regulations and represents the program in our communities. Chris supervises the specialized coordinators and ensures a well-run organization. Chris runs our Policy Council and represents our program on the HAPCAP board.



Contact Chris if you have questions about our funding, budget or the overall administration of Head Start and Early Head Start.

Community Action Promise

Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.



Debbie Lowery

Operations Coordinator

Debbie supervises the Center Coordinators at all 6 of our Head Start sites, handles personnel and oversees the ERSEA (enrollment, recruitment, selection, eligibility and attendance) component of our program. One other important part of her position is that she takes questions, concerns, and complaints from the parents. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact Debbie at any time. She will be glad to help you out or get the information you need.



Kathleen Bankes

Health and Nutrition Coordinator

School Readiness starts with health. Kathleen coordinates our health and nutrition programs. You may see her at your center doing health and safety checks or monitoring our food service. She tracks all the Head Start and Early Head Start medical requirements and ensures that children are developing physically in safe learning environments.



Contact Kathleen if you have questions about Head Start/ Early Head Start's standards to ensure children are healthy.

Kim Christensen

Family and Community Engagement Coordinator

Kim works with all home visiting staff. Our goal is to have families volunteer and come to all Family Events, Parent Meetings and Socialization for their children's school readiness growth. We would like to increase all families volunteering by completing their monthly Activities Calendars and Reading Logs. You may see Kim at your center during family events, home based socialization or during parent meetings.



Call Kim if you have questions how you can become more involved in family engagement activities.

Ruby Kilkeny

Education Coordinator

Ruby ensures that our educational services for children are implemented with fidelity. She oversees implementation of the HighScope Curriculum in Head Start center based classrooms and the Parents As Teachers Curriculum in our Head Start and Early Head Start home based services. She also coordinates disabilities and mental health service.



Laurelville Head Start

It is hard to believe that school has already been in session for three weeks! All the children are adapting well and are becoming used to the routine in the classroom. We have a great group of kiddos and we look forward to watching them grow and learn throughout the year.

Physicals & Dentals

The deadline for physicals and dentals is quickly approaching! If your child has not yet received their physical or dental (or had one within the last year), it is very important that you get these completed as soon as possible. If you have any questions about these requirements or need any assistance, please speak with Suzi.

Extra Clothes

If you have not sent in extra clothes for your child, please do so as soon as possible. Even if your child does not have toileting accidents, it is important for us to have extra clothes for each child. The children are working on their gross motor and fine motor skills during meal times, by using pitchers, tongs, and scoops to serve themselves. These skills are very new to many of the children, therefore we often have multiple spills throughout the day. If your child does have extra clothes at the center, please be sure to replace the extra clothes if they are used and worn home.

Activity Calendars & Reading Logs

As our first month has come to an end, it is time to turn in Activity Calendars and Reading Logs. As discussed during Orientation Visits, these two items are very important to our program. Completing the activities on the Activity Calendar help your child with the development of their school readiness goals and reading with your child at home (and documenting on the Reading Log) helps to promote early literacy skills, as well as a love and appreciation for reading. Completing and returning these items not only benefits your child's development, but it is also very important to our center and the program as a whole. Completed Activity Calendars and Reading Logs account for a significant portion of the In-Kind time that we need to acquire. Thank you in advance for your participation and help!

September Birthdays:

Violette- 4 years old

Ariel- 4 years old

Alec- 5 years old



Parent Meeting

Our first Parent Meeting will be held on Monday, September 10th at 4:00 P.M. At this meeting, we will be electing officers and discussing upcoming events. We will also be brainstorming for training ideas for Parent Meetings throughout the year. Snacks and beverages will be provided and there will be quiet activities for the kids. Your participation and input is very important to our program!

*As a result of the Parent Meeting Surveys filled out during your Orientation Visit, Parent Meetings will typically be held on the first Monday of each month at 4:00 P.M., however, since the first Monday of September is a holiday and the center is closed, we moved it back to the second Monday of the month.

If you have any questions or concerns, please address those directly to Suzi. We want to partner with you to create the most beneficial and positive educational experience possible for your child and your family as a whole. If something arises that you are unhappy with or do not understand, I would be more than happy to discuss that with you individually, to provide clarification or a resolution. We want each and every family to enjoy their experiences and interactions with us here at Laurelville Head Start! You may stop by Suzi's office before or after class, or you may call at anytime. If I am unable to answer the phone or out of the center, please leave a message and I will get in contact with you as soon as I can.

Important Dates:

September 3rd- **NO SCHOOL** (Labor Day)

September 10th- Parent Meeting @4:00 P.M.

September 28th- **NO SCHOOL** (Staff Work Day)

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