



Breckinridge-Grayson Programs, Inc.

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Director's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to our Head Start Program. We consider it an honor that you chose us to serve your family. We are a NAEYC accredited 4 STAR Program. These two ratings are as high as you can receive and should assure you of a quality education for your child.

Your child's teacher is very important to all of us. Head Start Teachers have a degree in Early Childhood and the majority of our Associate Teachers have either a CDA or Early Childhood Degree. The other Education Staff are working toward these qualifications.

Sometimes I bring my two dogs, Max and Jack, to the center. They love to be part of the Head Start action, but if your child has an allergy or you do not want the dogs around your child just let us know.

You will hear the word "Inkind" from our staff often. This is so very important to our center. Listen carefully to help us attain this non-federal share. Our Fiscal Administrator, Valeria Hicks, will give you more information on this.

Our doors are open to your complaints and compliments. Please don't hesitate to stop in our office.

Again, "Welcome" to our Head Start- Early Head Start Program.

*Sincerely,
Cathy Darst*

August/September

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Department

Upcoming Events and School Closings

August

- August 6- Back to School Night
- August 10- 1/2 HS Children Return
- August 11- 1/2 HS Children Return
- August 12- All Children Return
- August 13- Board Meeting
- August 19- Policy Council Meeting
- August 20- Family Picnic-Policy Council Elections
- August 26- Dad Volunteer Day

September

- September 7- Labor Day- No School
- September 10- Grandparent Appreciation Day

PROGRAM GOVERNANCE

Policy Council Elections will be held at the Family Picnic on August 20, 2009.

The Policy Council is made up of 10 members: 3 Community representatives appointed by the Board of Directors and 7 elected members, one representing each of the parent committees. Also an alternate is elected to represent each parent committee, if possible.

Some of the responsibilities of the Policy Council members include:

- Attending monthly meetings
- Working with the Board of Directors to govern program
- Review funding and grant applications
- Monitor spending of funds
- Uphold program policies and procedures
- Assist with annual program self-assessment
- Assist in planning and organizing parent activities
- Serve as a link between parents, staff, Board of Directors and community

Communication has become a priority with the Policy Council.

In the upcoming year the council members will be available at the Parent-Teacher Conferences to speak with parents. Each representative will also provide his/her email address to their parent committee members. This is to be used by parents to contact their representative with questions, concerns or suggestions. Parents will have computer access in the parent room of the Center.

If you are interested in running for Policy Council, please call your Family Advocate or Lisa Payton at 270-259-4054.

**Don't forget to attend the Family Picnic on
August 20, 2009 and vote for your new
2009-2010 Policy Council!**

