"To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake it is necessary to stand out in the cold."

Moore Community House Early Head Start

Monthly Newsletter

December 2018

Unit of Study

Theme: Winter, Snow and Gingerbread

Letters: D and Y

Number: 5

Vegetable: Cabbage

Opposites: Wet and Dry

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Important Dates:

December 11th:
Parent Meeting at 5:30 at the Nixon Building

December 18th:
Policy Council at 5:30 at the Nixon Building

December 21st:
Staff Development Day, Extended Care $10

December 24th–January 1st:
Center Closed for Winter Break resume

January 2nd.
Teacher of the Month

Carina Shelly-Davis

Nathalie Caraballo-Nichols
In-kind of the Month

**Davis:** $3,405/ 197 Hours  
**Nichols:** $10,184/ 97.5 Hours

Special thanks to Dr. Dillan Ott and Dr. Loose for checking our children’s vision, and South Mississippi Smiles for giving our children a thorough dental exam and Child Care TIPS for their donation of Child Development Associate Credentialing curriculum of six floater teachers

**Community volunteers:**  
Chyna Smith,  
Le’Annia Parker

**MCH-EHS Parents:**  
Mariam Burdine  
Monique Byrd  
Eternity Byrd  
Racquel Casey  
Mariah Green  
Brittany Hall
November

Perfect Attendance

Taylor
Natalie
Dalilah
Jabari
Ka*Mari
Alana
Amy
Jayceon
LeAna
JaMonie
Alieu
Nalani
Amir
Ace
Tyjonah
Aiden
Jonathan

Everyday attendance counts*
School success starts with attendance*
Door Decoration Contest

Parents, your classroom needs your help again! Please decorate your classroom door for the winter season in preparation for a chance to win first place in the Annual Door Decorating Contest.

You will have time to complete your door from December 3rd to December 14th by 3:30 pm.

The door must be decorated with the theme of the month, which is Winter/ Snow and Gingerbread (No Santa Claus, Christmas Tree, and Nativity Scenes).

The winning classroom from Nichols and Davis will be featured in January’s MCH-EHS Monthly Newsletter. Families and Staff will vote on their favorite door through MCH-EHS Facebook page and through written ballot. We will also have outside community members voting on the doors.

Voting will be December 17th until December 20th at 3:30 pm. Winners will be announced in the January's Newsletter.

GREAT IN-KIND HOURS
## I need to stay home if...

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<th>Condition</th>
<th>Specifics</th>
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<td>I have fever</td>
<td>I have a fever, vomiting, diarrhea, rash, eye infection</td>
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<td>I am vomiting</td>
<td>I am vomiting within the past 24 hours</td>
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<td>I have diarrhea</td>
<td>I have diarrhea within the past 24 hours</td>
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<tr>
<td>I have a rash</td>
<td>I have a rash body temperature of 100 degrees or higher, rash with itching or fever, head lice</td>
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<td>I have head lice</td>
<td>Itchy head and active head lice</td>
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<td>I have an eye infection</td>
<td>Redness, itching and pus draining from eye</td>
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<td>I have been in the hospital</td>
<td>Hospital stay and or emergency room visit</td>
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## I am ready to go back to school when I am...

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<td>Fever free</td>
<td>Fever free without the assistance of medication for 24 hours</td>
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<td>without the assistance of medication for 24 hours</td>
<td>Free from vomiting for 24 hours</td>
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<tr>
<td>Free from diarrhea for 24 hours</td>
<td>Free from diarrhea for 24 hours</td>
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<tr>
<td>Free from rash itching or fever</td>
<td>Free from rash itching or fever. I have been evaluated by my doctor if needed</td>
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<tr>
<td>Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home.</td>
<td>Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Free from drainage and or pus draining from eye</td>
<td>Free from drainage and or pus draining from eye</td>
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<tr>
<td>Released by my medical provider to return to school</td>
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If your child has strep throat or another bacterial infection, he/she should stay home until the antibiotic has been given for at least 24 hours and your health care provider has given permission for your child to return to school. We encourage you to seek medical attention when your child is sick and to follow your health care provider recommendations about returning to school or other activities.
Pediatricians Resource List

Gulf Coast ABC Pediatrics
Dr. Jennifer Grayson
1024 Tommy Munro Drive Suite A, Biloxi, Mississippi 39532
Phone: (228) 594-8000

Gulf Coast Child Clinic -
Obaid Siddiqui, M.D., Tijuana Freeman, M.D., Joanna Dupont, M.D., Fauzia Quddus, M.D, Kimberly Brown, M.D.
Trisha Sisodraker, M.D, Kelly Nation, M.D, Kendra Watts, CPNP, Cherish Campbell, CPNP
3650 GROVELAND ROAD, Ocean Springs, MS 39564
Phone: 228-875-0780
1720 A MEDICAL PARK DRIVE, Suite 200 Biloxi, MS 39532
Phone: 228-396-2726

Coastal Family Health
Dr. Wendy Williams and Angelica Trieu
735 Division St.
Biloxi, MS 39530
Adult and Pediatrics Phone 228-386-1190
Dr. Mitchell Gruich, MD
2356 Pass Rd, Biloxi, MS
(228) 385-1711

Lighthouse Pediatrics
Dr. Kathryn Sigurnjak, MD and Dr. Gerald Bristol, MD
925 Tommy Munro Dr Ste A
Biloxi, Mississippi
Call (228) 388-3993

Memorial Physician Clinics — Memorial Bruni Pediatric Clinic
Ronald Bruni, MD and Timothy Bruni, MD
9454 Three Rivers Rd | Suite A
Gulfport
(228) 575-2676 or 869-5437

The Children’s of Mississippi Gulf Coast Clinic
Children’s of Mississippi Gulf Coast
1721 Medical Park Drive, Suite 101
Biloxi, Mississippi 39532

Are just some of the awesome pediatricians serving children at MCH-EHS.
IMPORTANT NEWS*

PARENTING CLASS

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR PARENTING CLASS IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER*

CLASSES BEGIN IN JANUARY*
Engaging Fathers in Early Head Start

Parent involvement is very vital no matter the gender of the parent. In most situations, children are left to live without the presence of their father. Male role models play a significant role in the lives of children. Early Head Start has a long history of engaging male family members and father figures as important contributors to the school readiness of children. Sometimes absent fathers carry a negative perception that leave others feeling neglected. Engaging fathers in Early Head Start programs can have a deep impact on children, the well-being of their families, and the entire community. Fathers’ involvement is critical for children’s success and outcomes. For instance, it builds a lasting impact on fathers’ connection and involvement in their children’s development and learning, which leads to a larger impact on the family. Administration for Children and Families (ACF) encourages Head Start and Early Head Start programs to continue to engage fathers as advocates and lifelong educators of their children. To ensure continued success of young children, encourage positive male involvement in some capacity.