

# Policy Council (PC) Parent Chat

## Did you know?

Policy Council elected four community representatives in October. Welcome Brandy-Lee Ross, Dave Garrett, Tiffany Sanderson and Merisa Andrews. Brandy-Lee is a past Head Start parent from Lakewood Washington who wants to continue being a Head Start advocate for low-income children and families. Dave, Tiffany and Merisa are 2015-2016 Council members who wish to remain as a community member since their Head Start child transitioned to public school.

Other business decisions include approving hire recommendations, bylaw revisions and the amended extended school day grant application. The new six hour day option starts in the 2017-2018 school year.

## Holidays

HOLC does not endorse or promote any particular holiday. Education staff will not plan classroom wide religious or holiday themed celebrations.

Celebrations will be focused on sharing what was learned during the study and planned in collaboration with the children and families.

Celebrations may include families, others in the school and/or the wider community. HSOLC does participate in community sponsored events, like the Tree of Joy, Lunch with Santa, shopping sprees, etc. Parents must give permission for their child to participate.

Have questions? Contact the Head Teacher or Family Support Coordinator for answers and for a list of community resources.



### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chair: Bob Bowler

Vice: Gena Weishar

Secretary: Dasia Collins

Treasurer: Miranda Borgo

Historian: Tiffany Sanderson

Parliamentarian: Allison Quackenbush

### CALENDAR REVIEW

Policy Council meets the second Tuesday of the month from 6pm -9pm at Whiteaker Head Start Center, 21 North Grand, Eugene.

Policy Council meetings are open to the public. No childcare provided.

November Attendance Contest Month – JUMP into School, Don't Skip!

November 2-4 Oregon Head Start Association State Meeting

November 8 Policy Council meeting

November 11 Holiday. Closed

November 17 Policy Council Executive Meeting 5:30-6:30pm

November 24-25 Holiday. Closed

# Who Does Head Start Serve?

The Office of Head Start Program Information Report (PIR) provides comprehensive data on the services, staff, children, and families served by Head Start and Early Head Start programs nationwide. Below is a view of services given at the State and local level.

	Oregon	HSOLC
# of HS Programs	37	1
# of EHS Programs	21	1
Funded enrollment	12,813	1,138 (HS-1068 / EHS-70)
Accumulative Enrollment	15,006	1,317 (HS-1223 / EHS-94)
# of classes	667	66
# of Foster children	594	119
# of Homeless children	1,403	178
Income 100% below poverty	7,919	522



## Become a Volunteer

**S**omeone who cares  
**P**atiently working  
**E**njoyable  
**C**aring  
**I** appreciate you  
**A**lways there for kids  
**L**oving and Laughing

Head Start of Lane County volunteers help to build our organizational strength and enrich the sense of community ownership. Children benefit from volunteers being in the classroom by sharing personal stories, reading books, tending the gardens and sharing smiles and laughter.

Matching a volunteer's skills, interest and professional growth is important when matching volunteers to openings and needs. Volunteers receive two orientations: one administrative and one site level. Volunteers are asked to keep a regular schedule, with a 1-3 hour shift to optimize the benefits for children. Last year, over 60,000 hours were recorded by volunteers.

Volunteers are required to enroll in the central background registry before being placed in a classroom. There is a direct link to the central background registry on the Head Start web site under "support us/volunteers". Being a Head Start volunteer also looks great on resumes! Call 541-747-2425 and ask for the Volunteer Coordinator