

# Policy Council (PC) Parent Chat

## Did you know?

The 2015-2016 Policy Council is seated until November 2016 when the new Policy Council will assume responsibility. The outgoing Council approved:

- ~ 6 budget related items (grants/budget adjustments)
- ~ 12 job descriptions (revised or new)
- ~ 161 new hire recommendations / reclassified staff
- ~ 20 policy revisions (or new)

Parents must be elected to the Policy Council. Ask a Teacher or Family Service Coordinator for more information. Training will take place on Thursday October 27 from 6-9pm at the Whiteaker Head Start Center, 21 North Grand, Eugene.

## JUMP into School Don't SKIP

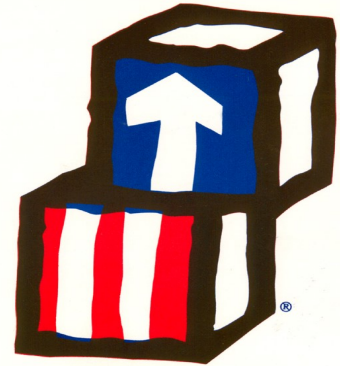
Policy Council is sponsoring the November Attendance Contest to help families establish a routine for school. Every day a child arrives to class, he/she will get a star to place on the attendance tracker. At the end of November, the classroom with the highest attendance average will get a jump rope for each child JUMPING into SCHOOL!

There are 365 days in a year

There are 130 Head Start school days in a year

There are 17 Head Start school days in November

November 2016						
Su	Mo	Tu	W	Th	Fri	Sa
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### 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.

October 13 Policy Council meeting, Whiteaker Head Start, 6:00 -9:00 (dinner provided)

October 27 Policy Council New Member Training, Whiteaker Head Start, 6-9pm. Dinner provided.

October 20-22 Parent/Teacher Conferences

# First Day of School



On the first day of school it seemed like the children had already been attending class for months and knew each other very well. At meal time children sat quietly, served and shared the family-style meal. Clean up was quick and easy as children picked up their plates and washed their hands. Transition time went smoothly with children moving from activities to standing in line to go outside. Parents were excited to see their child(ren) and eager to hear about the day: “what did you eat, did you make friends, did you have fun, what did you do...”

Senator Merkley’s Aide, Emilee Ohia, and a past Early Head Start parent, visited Fairfield and Whiteaker on the first day of school. Emilee will take back to Senator Merkley the success and challenges Head Start of Lane County faces. She is eager to attend a Policy Council meeting to hear firsthand from parent leaders how Head Start has helped them and what more is needed in our communities.

*Senator Merkley knows firsthand how important a strong public education system is to building strong families as well as a successful economy. He’s worked to increase investment in Head Start and K-12 education. He’s been a fierce advocate to lower student loan rates and make college more affordable for middle class families, cosponsoring a bill to allow refinancing of student loans and introducing innovative legislation based on Oregon’s “Pay It Forward” concept that would allow more students to attend college debt-free.*

*Excerpt taken from web site  
<https://www.merkley.senate.gov/about>*

