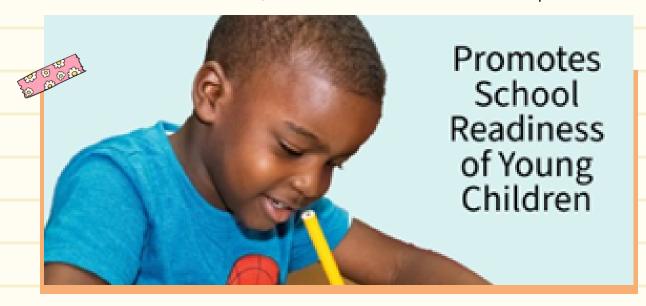


Parents



NEWSLETTER

Families and Students, Welcome back to a brand-new school year!



Highlight of the Month

We are thrilled to open our doors and hearts once again to familiar faces and new members of our school community. The energy, excitement, and potential that each student brings are what make our school a vibrant place of learning and growth.



Learning Focus



We're mastering the letters.



Our little scholars learn process of reading



Math: Counting

PARENTS INVOLVMENT

HELPS

Parent Involvement Ideas for a Thriving School Year

There are numerous meaningful ways parents can be involved in the school community beyond the occasional drop-off. Here's a mix of classic and creative ideas to spark some inspiration:

School and Classroom Support

Volunteer in the classroom or library for reading time, art projects, or special events.

Join the Policy Council or other parent committees to help organize initiatives and advocate for students.

Offer administrative help like preparing materials, decorating bulletin boards, or organizing classroom supplies.

Learning and Academic Engagement

Attend curriculum nights, parent-teacher conferences, or academic workshops.

Encourage learning at home with reading routines.

Share expertise—parents with unique jobs or hobbies can guest-speak or lead student activities.

At-Home Engagement

Stay informed through newsletters and school social media.

Communicate regularly with teachers to stay aligned on student progress.

Create a learning-friendly home environment with a dedicated workspace and positive routines.

Even a few hours a month can leave a lasting impact.

HEALTH & NUTRITION

Summer Safety Tips

Summer offers endless opportunities for children to explore and engage in outdoor learning activities. With careful planning, early childhood programs can ensure that kids enjoy these experiences safely throughout the season.

Tips for Safe Outdoor Play

Weather

The Child Care Weather Watch is an excellent resource that helps interpret weather forecasts and decide when it's safe for children to be outside. Along with local forecasts, this tool allows staff to keep an eye on temperature, humidity, and air quality.

To stay informed about weather conditions, consider these tips:

-**Monitor the Air Quality Index** and sign up for Enviro Flash. This service, offered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in partnership with state and local agencies, sends daily updates about local air quality via email. Poor air quality can be detrimental to children with asthma and other health issues.

Stay informed about the UV Index to minimize sun exposure during high levels.

- **Sign up for hourly weather updates** from the National Weather Service to ensure safety during outdoor activities.

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Insects and Insect Repellent

To protect children and adults from insect bites, be sure to check for and remove insect nests under slides, in bushes, and on the ground. Also, eliminate standing water in play areas where mosquitoes can breed. After outdoor play, check for ticks and remove any as soon as possible. To prevent insect bites, consult with your local health department, Health Services Advisory Committee, or a child care health consultant about using insect repellent on children, especially when local insect populations could carry diseases. Avoid using products containing more than 30% DEET, and never apply insect repellent to infants younger than 2 months.

Additional Summer Safety Tips for Families

- When possible, open windows from the top and use window guards at home. Remember, screens won't prevent children from falling out.
 - Take steps to prevent child heatstroke in cars. Never leave young children unattended in a vehicle, even with the windows down.
 - When grilling outdoors, keep children at least 3 feet away from the grill.
 - Always supervise children closely around fireworks. For more information, visit the CPSC's Fireworks Information Center.

Bookmark:

https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/health

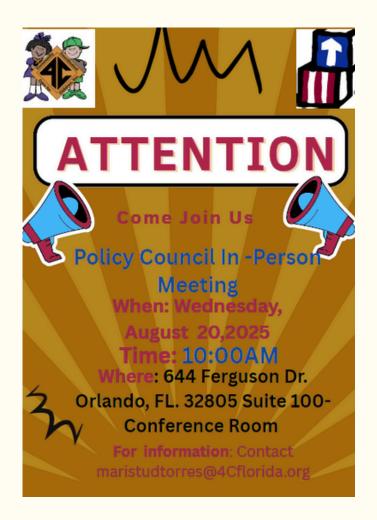








You are invited to join us





We are looking for dedicated parents to join our Policy Council a leadership group that helps guide and support the decisions that shape our program. As a representative, you will:

- · Represent your site/center and speak on behalf of other parents
- Share your input, ideas, and suggestions
 Support the program in making informed decisions
 Work alongside the management team to improve the quality of our services
- Be actively involved in Program Governance and leadership

If you decide to join, training will be provided on:

- Program Governance
 Policy Council Bylaws
- How to Call for a Motion and Participate in Council **Procedures**



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Become a Policy Council Representative for your child's

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