

Report to Board of Directors
Education Program Area
September 25, 2018
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1. New Personnel – 2018-2019 will bring a lot of changes to the Education Department. We are pleased that we are hiring new staff for open positions. New hires/changes in position are as follows:
 - a. Child Development and Education Supervisor: Meredith Slippey
 - b. Child Development and Education Behavioral Coaches: Tiffany Frederick and Madison Thureau
 - c. Teachers: Kristina Henderson (CB A) NEW, Devany Laratonda (GW G) NEW, Alexandra Gildea (WB) moving from CSS to Teacher position, Heather Hollern (TY C) moving from Teacher Assistant to Teacher, Summer Benton (MB) moving from part-time to full-time status
 - d. Teacher Assistant: Carol Benton (WJ 3) moving from CSS to Teacher Assistant, Courtney Cruse (HC) moving from CSS to Teacher Assistant
 - e. Classroom Support Staff: Sarah O'Dea (GW H) NEW, Misty Craig (GW K) NEW, Cindy Bennett (FOT) NEW, Misty Suhoney (TY A/B) New, Shelia Hainsey (GW A/B)

The Education Supervisors and myself are currently working on filling a few vacancies we currently have. We will be interviewing for Teacher positions.

2. Start Dates for classes:
 - ½ day classes for Claysburg, Hollidaysburg, and Tyrone 5 day sessions began on Thursday, August 23rd and Friday, August 24th. All children attended school on Monday, August 27th.
 - ½ day classes for Altoona, Martinsburg, and Williamsburg 5 day sessions began on Monday, August 27th and Tuesday, August 28th. All children attended school on Wednesday, August 29th.
 - ½ day classes for Federal 4 day sessions began on Tuesday, September 4th and Wednesday, September 5th. All children attended school on Thursday, September 7th.
 - The first week went very well and staff have done an excellent job with transitioning the children to school.
3. Lindsey, Krystal, and Casey, CDE Supervisors, have been around to all the classroom since teaching staff have return. They have completed Home Visit Observation Appraisals during the month of August.
 - Krystal has completed 10 Home Visit Observation Appraisals and 23 Mentoring Visits.
 - Casey has completed 9 Home Visit Observation Appraisals and 16 Mentoring Visits.
 - Casey Wilt has completed 7 Home Visits Observation Appraisals and 15 Mentoring Visits.
 - Meredith Slippey has completed 7 Home Visits Observation Appraisals and 15 Mentoring Visits.

4. Julie and Alison, CDE Coaches, have complete site visits to meet the staff. For the month of September and October, they will visit classrooms again to meet the children and observe the teacher's teaching style and methods.
 - Julie has been meeting the teaching staff and visiting their classrooms prior to the beginning of school. She has completed 19 visits.
 - Alison has been meeting the teaching staff and visiting their classrooms prior to the beginning of school. She has completed 19 visits.
5. We are planning to send staff to the Early Childhood Summit at Penn State on October 15th and 16th. There will be the three CDE Supervisors and three teachers attending the conference this year.
6. Substitute Training is being held on Tuesday, September 18th through Thursday, September 20th.
7. On Wednesday, September 26th, we are meeting with Sheri Prince, Early Childhood Specialist, HS Region III TTA. Sheri Prince will be reviewing our current School Readiness plan and providing recommendation on improvements.