

## Preschool Program Monthly Summary January 2023

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### Enrollment

	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
<b>Classrooms</b>	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
<b>Total Children Enrolled</b>	103	109	113	116	118	120					
<b>*Head Start</b>	64	77	79	80	78	80					
<b>NC PreK</b>	80	82	87	87	88	89					
<b>*Other (Title I, Tuition, Exceptional Children)</b>	15	15	13	15	20	20					

\*Children may be counted in more than one category

### Head Start Percentage in Attendance

	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
<b>All Classrooms</b>	99%	93%	84%	84%	88.97%	87%					
<b>Tryon Howald</b>	100%	95%	87%	89%	91%	92%					
<b>Tryon Roush</b>	96%	94%	90%	83%	93%	89%					
<b>Tryon Smith</b>	100%	96%	96%	96%	96%	96%					
<b>Tryon, Scott</b>	100%	86%	83%	92%	78%	91%					
<b>Polk Central Crowder</b>	100%	92%	87%	72%	85%	78%					
<b>Polk Central Conner</b>	100%	98%	83%	84%	88%	84%					
<b>Polk Central Burnett</b>	96%	96%	82%	87%	92%	90%					
<b>Sunny View Upton</b>	100%	93%	75%	84%	91%	89%					
<b>Saluda Freck</b>	100%	89%	84%	85%	80%	77%					

### All PreK Students Percentage in Attendance

	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
<b>All Classrooms</b>	99%	94%	85%	84%	89%	89%					
<b>Tryon Howald</b>	100%	96%	89%	88%	90%	91%					
<b>Tryon Roush</b>	97%	91%	91%	90%	92%	90%					
<b>Tryon Smith</b>	97%	97%	88%	87%	90%	94%					
<b>Tryon, Scott</b>	100%	90%	89%	88%	88%	92%					
<b>Polk Central Crowder</b>	100%	93%	85%	84%	86%	81%					
<b>Polk Central Conner</b>	100%	98%	83%	82%	84%	87%					
<b>Polk Central Burnett</b>	97%	97%	82%	80%	90%	90%					
<b>Sunny View Upton</b>	100%	92%	75%	73%	92%	89%					
<b>Saluda Freck</b>	100%	90%	85%	84%	82%	85%					

### Family Services

- We have enrolled 2 more children during January. We now have 89 NC Prek and 80 Head Start students.
- Training took place for us at the county office with GoEngage, our new software program. We are still learning the program and working out the kinks.
- Applications will be available for families online and at each school by mid February. We have been fielding calls about the applications and program frequently this month. There are 30 children that have been on a waiting list this year that will be eligible this year for the fall. The wait list is for three old children.
- We are very grateful for The Hope Chest and their generous donation of clothing for some of our students this past month. They are always willing to help our kids in need. We thank them!

## **Support Coach**

- The month has been busy with assisting with ECERS assessment at all the schools. Mrs. Morse and myself go into classrooms to spot check to make sure that the classroom is meeting the highest scores possible in each area of observation and then help give suggestions to improve their score. Mrs. Morse and myself have also been organizing closets at Polk Central to help teachers be able to know what materials are available and accessible for their classrooms.
- Also, I participated in the GoEngage software 2 day training at the Central Office. GoEngage is replacing ChildPlus as our program that we use for our program.
- Lastly, I delivered and ordered supplies for the classrooms to make sure that teachers have what they need to make their day run as smoothly as possible.

## **Health and Safety**

- The pre-k nurse has been attending IEP meetings and care team meetings for pre-k students and children transitioning to the school system from CDSA.
- The pre-k nurse continues to do hearing and vision exams on newly enrolled children. We continue to assist families with resources to follow up on concerns identified during the exams.
- The pre-k nurse continues to keep families informed about upcoming appointments for children to keep them on track for yearly well-child visits and every 6 months dental visits.
- The pre-k nurse is currently receiving dental consent forms for Blue Ridge Dental Bus to return for exams in February for any pre-k children in need. We currently have 72 pre-k children to be seen in February.
- The pre-k nurse took part in the 2 day training for the new software GoEngage in January.

## **Education**

- ECERS “spot checks” were completed in classrooms. The Education Manager and the Support Coach used 2 sections of the ECERS assessment to check classroom arrangement, materials and furnishings. Feedback will be shared individually and during the February PreK teacher meeting. This information is also being used as part of the program’s self-assessment process for the Head Start grant application.
- As a result of the ECERS spot checks, the Education Manager and the Support Coach began helping teaching staff clean and organize common storage areas. This enabled an overview of available materials that could be shared and utilized across the program’s classrooms and helped clarify material needs for future purchase.
- The Education Manager participated with other PreK Office staff in the two day training for the program’s new software system.
- Support was provided by the Education Manager to two teacher assistants who are completing their CDA certification online via the MyTeachingStrategies platform.
- The Education Manager attended, as needed, Care Team meetings for EC referrals and visiting EC students.
- The Education Manager facilitated opportunities for two new PreK teachers to visit other classrooms of veteran PreK teachers to observe and gain a better understanding of curriculum implementation and developmentally appropriate practice.
- One teacher requested assistance in developing a plan for a newly acquired additional outdoor learning area. The Education Manager, Support Coach, and Family Services Specialist met with this teacher to discuss possible ideas and material needs for this space.

## **Program Management**

- We are busy working on our Head Start Year 4 Continuation Grant that is due April 1. The budget is being analyzed , self assessment work, and the community assessment are the current focuses.
- Head Start requires programs to use software to track program services and outcomes. We changed to a more user friendly and cost effective system and we have been training for implementation.
- Progress for our new preschool wing at Tryon Elementary continues. On February 14th we will open bids for the construction of the facility.