

## Preschool Program Monthly Summary August 2023

### 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>	125										
<b>*Head Start</b>	80										
<b>NC PreK</b>	91										
<b>*Other (Title I, Tuition, Exceptional Children)</b>	22										

\*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>	89%										
<b>Tryon Conner</b>	87%										
<b>Tryon Roush</b>	94%										
<b>Tryon Smith</b>	84%										
<b>Tryon Eadus</b>	95%										
<b>Polk Central Crowder</b>	95%										
<b>Polk Central Moore</b>	89%										
<b>Polk Central Burnett</b>	84%										
<b>Sunny View Upton</b>	90%										
<b>Saluda Freck</b>	89%										

### All PreK Students Percentage in Attendance

	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
<b>All Classrooms</b>	92%										
<b>Tryon Conner</b>	85%										
<b>Tryon Roush</b>	96%										
<b>Tryon Smith</b>	84%										
<b>Tryon Eadus</b>	94%										
<b>Polk Central Crowder</b>	96%										
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<b>Saluda Freck</b>	94%										

### Family Services

- All 125 enrolled children have complete and up-to-date classroom and County Office files with proof of income, proof of residency documents, Head Start and/or NCPREK eligibility verification.
- Teachers are communicating with families daily, weekly, and monthly via email, newsletters, photos, and our Teaching Strategies Gold app.
- Ready Rosie, another parent engagement tool, is now updated for the school year and teachers can begin sending parenting and educational information to enrolled families.
- Field trips to Strawberry Hill are in the planning stages and on the calendar!
- NCPREK Committee held the bi-annual meeting on August 17, 2023. New members were approved.
- The Head Start Policy Council will hold the first monthly meeting on September 13, 2023.
- On-going classroom organization and cleaning assistance for teachers.
- August attendance numbers and documentation collected.
- Attendance at a Polk Community Resource Collaborative. Currently researching the reactivation of a Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICCC) in Polk County to better serve children birth to 5 and their families.

## Support Coach

- Support given to classroom teachers in the form of coverage while they complete DIAL developmental screenings on children new to the program.
- Support given to Preschool teachers in classrooms with students struggling with transitions and routines in the form of hands-on modeling and assistance.
- Supplies have been ordered and delivered to each school. The expenditures book with copies of purchase orders and packing slips has been updated as needed.

## Health and Safety

- Pre-k Nurse has completed almost all of the hearing and vision screenings for the preschool children. She is sending home results to parents and calling those who need follow-up.
- Pre-k nurse has been reminding parents that have not turned in health assessments and immunizations to get them in or have a date for an upcoming appointment.
- Pre-k nurse has been helping with classrooms as needed and working with families to get proper medications at school with health conditions.
- Pre-k nurse is getting ready for the Blue Ridge dental bus to come and perform dental screenings on the preschool children. These permission slips were sent home at the end of August.

## Education

- The first three weeks of school have gone smoothly for children, families, and classrooms!
- 100% of classrooms received *weekly*, on-site visits from Health & Safety, Family Services, Support Coach, and Education Services. Support types included:
  - Classroom coaching and modeling on daily routines and classroom interactions
  - Cleaning and organizational assistance
  - Orientation support for new employees
  - Identification of classroom material needs and movement of materials within and across sites.
  - Training and assistance in DIAL (our screening tool) completion
- Of our 125 currently enrolled children, 119 families (95%) have received an initial interaction/home visit during the month of August, with only 6 remaining for currently enrolled students!
- We are implementing our new early childhood curriculum (*Creative Curriculum for Preschool, 7th Edition*) within and across our classrooms. All classrooms are implementing *Creative Curriculum's First Six Weeks: Building Your Classroom Community* lesson plans.
- Professional Development Update:
  - Preschool Education Specialist completed a two-day *Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) Preschool-Grade 3* training and received her *CLASS Reliability Certification for Preschool-Grade 3*, which is renewed annually.
  - Beth Archer, our program's Child Care Licensing Consultant, will provide a short training for all staff on September 28th, to review supervision best practices, share updates and answer any licensing questions our classroom and administrative staff may have.
  - Andrea Cureton, Training & Technical Assistance (Head Start) will provide a 1-hour training for all staff on the *Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS)* on October 16.

## Program Management

- The new preschool wing at Tryon Elementary continues to change daily with progress being made. The brick has arrived for the outside and the new metal roof will be in soon!! We are now in the phase of working on the playground details and will soon choose the interior color palatte.
- We had a teacher resignation and working on a plan to replace the position. We wish Mrs. Moore well as she looks forward to being home with her new little girl.