

## Preschool Program Monthly Summary March 2024

### 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	125	127	127	126	126	127	125			
<b>*Head Start</b>	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80			
<b>NC PreK</b>	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91			
<b>*Other (Title I, Tuition, Exceptional Children)</b>	22	22	23	23	23	22	21	19			

\*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%	88%	89%	87%	87%	88%	87%	87%			
<b>Tryon Faltraco</b>	87%	87%	86%	77%	76%	86%	85%	84%			
<b>Tryon Roush</b>	94%	90%	91%	83%	81%	92%	93%	81%			
<b>Tryon Smith</b>	84%	96%	93%	95%	95%	96%	87%	86%			
<b>Tryon Eadus</b>	95%	86%	90%	90%	94%	91%	94%	90%			
<b>Polk Central Crowder</b>	95%	89%	85%	88%	85%	89%	88%	88%			
<b>Polk Central Conner</b>	89%	82%	81%	88%	88%	91%	89%	91%			
<b>Polk Central Burnett</b>	84%	84%	89%	91%	83%	82%	80%	90%			
<b>Sunny View Upton</b>	90%	92%	93%	85%	90%	87%	87%	90%			
<b>Saluda Freck</b>	89%	90%	91%	89%	94%	88%	81%	85%			

### All PreK Students Percentage in Attendance

	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
<b>All Classrooms</b>	92%	90%	89%	88%	87%	90%	88%	84%			
<b>Tryon Faltraco</b>	85%	79%	87%	77%	77%	88%	84%	77%			
<b>Tryon Roush</b>	96%	91%	88%	82%	86%	90%	91%	81%			
<b>Tryon Smith</b>	84%	94%	93%	94%	93%	97%	91%	87%			
<b>Tryon Eadus</b>	94%	86%	91%	93%	91%	94%	96%	85%			
<b>Polk Central Crowder</b>	96%	88%	86%	92%	86%	92%	89%	86%			
<b>Polk Central Conner</b>	90%	85%	85%	90%	86%	91%	90%	88%			
<b>Polk Central Burnett</b>	90%	89%	89%	87%	75%	85%	83%	87%			
<b>Sunny View Upton</b>	92%	93%	93%	89%	88%	89%	90%	85%			
<b>Saluda Freck</b>	94%	95%	90%	89%	94%	90%	84%	79%			

### Family Services

- Polk Central Elementary held a Career Day and Saluda Elementary had a Science Night. Amy Represented the preschool department at both of those events.
- Enrollment appointments continue and returning children's files are in the process of being updated.
- March attendance numbers and documentation was collected and entered in the databases.
- The March preschool staff meeting was held at Tryon and included a tour of the new building..
- Amy attended the Polk Community Resource Collaborative and Early Intervention Task Force monthly meetings.
- Amy prepared family services documents for NC PreK Desk Audit Review. Preparation for the NCPreK and Head Start portions of the next school district audit was completed in the area of family services.
- To recruit potential preschool families, Amy participated in the Columbus Recreation Dept. Fairy Festival.
- In preparation for the Week of the Young Child April 8-12, activities were delivered to all classrooms.

### Support Coach

- The Support Coach helped support child(ren) with behavioral or social emotional needs and attended MTSS meetings.
- Lisa is a representative on the WNC Source Policy Council and attended a meeting on March 21.

- Polk Central teachers Conner and Burnette held parent engagement activities with a focus on Spring Planting and Lisa assisted with this project.
- It is time for the children to explore butterflies!! We ordered butterfly larvae for delivery after spring break.
- Signs have been posted around the county to communicate that we are holding preschool enrollment at this time.
- The Support Coach had several opportunities to support teachers as they maintained ratios and oriented new substitute staff.

### Health and Safety

- Renee followed up on vision screen referrals, now 100% complaint.
- We continue to follow up and notify families of health assessments that are coming due.
- Letters were prepared with attached health assessments and immunization status of the child for both returning Pre-K students and rising Kindergarteners, so parents/guardians are aware of what will be needed prior to the start of the school year.
- Renee visited Pre-K Classrooms and provided any needed first aid supplies.
- Medication audits included assessment of any documents that needed to be updated. Documents were updated for new medications, emergency plans that included required signatures from the parent and the medical provider.
- Staff Training for new hires including: CPR & First Aid, Medication Administration and health and safety information was completed.
- Renee completed Hearing and Vision Screenings as needed for students being evaluated for IEPs.
- Renee attended meetings for referrals, eligibility and IEP 30 day follow ups and annual reviews.

### Education

- Submitted proposal with Jan Crump and Kathy Harding for the North Carolina Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development Young Child Conference. Proposal accepted–presentation occurs April 18, 2024. Topic: *Serious About School Readiness: Strategies for Preschool Program Planning*
- Winter 2024 TSG Data for Program can be found at this link:
  - [Winter TSG 2024 Data Analyses](#) (Click on Winter to see Winter Results)
- Based on our TSG Fall & Winter Data, all professional development sessions have been scheduled for the first half of next school year. Topics include:
  - August 6           New School Year Pre-K Kickoff Meeting (½ Day)
  - August 7           *Mathematics in the Creative Curriculum for Preschool*(Full Day)Trainer: Beth Peloquin from TSG
  - August 15         *Classroom Best Practices for Preschool Children Who are Neurodiverse–Autism Society of NC* (½ Day) Trainer: Dr. Louise Southern, Associate Clinical Director  
*Briefly review early signs of autism in young children; Identify core features of autism with emphasis on principles of person-centeredness, neurodiversity, and inclusion; Dispel misconceptions about challenging behavior; Outline developmentally sensitive positive behavior support strategies; Review evidence-based strategies to apply in early childcare and preschool settings; Outline strategies to promote positive communication and collaboration between school and families*
  - September 26     *School Readiness: Appropriate Indoor/Outdoor Learning Environments*
  - October 4         *Inspiring Interactions: Exploring the Teacher's Role in Interest Areas* (Full Day)  
Trainer: Beth Peloquin from TSG
- Conducted classroom visits.
- Attended meetings for referrals, eligibility and IEP 30-day follow-ups and annual reviews.
- Audit Prep for NC Pre-K.

### Program Management

- The finishing touches are being completed on the Tryon Pre K Wing!!!
- The 2024-2025 Head Start Continuation Grant was submitted before the April 1 deadline.
- Work is underway on the overall Pre K budget for 2024-2025. Staffing needs are being assessed in preparation for the next school year.

### Meals Served by Polk County Schools Department of Child Nutrition in March:

Due to Spring Break, March statistics will be included in the April report.