



LCPS Early Childhood Programs Adventures in Preschool Program Highlights November 2021



A Special Note from Dr. Freeman...

Dear Policy Council,

For almost 4 years, I have been blessed to engage with the children, families, staff, and stakeholders of Las Cruces Public Schools Head Start. Together we have made a positive impact on families as well as the community that will last for years to come. The program has grown, and so has our impact.

The time has come for my family to embark on a new adventure in Guatemala. My time as director will come to an end on February 4, 2022. The Office of Head Start and Las Cruces Public Schools have been notified. In these transitional weeks, I will be working fervently to ensure continuity and a smooth transition. After my departure, Dr. Maria Artiaga will serve in an interim capacity until a new director is selected. I wish you all the best, and encourage you all to continue to passionately lead the way in ensuring what's best for the children and families of LCPS Early Childhood Programs. God bless you all, and I will never forget you.



Sincerely,

Christina Freeman, Ed.D

Director
LCPS Head Start

Administration

- **COVID-19 (Coronavirus):** Due to health and safety precautions, Las Cruces Public Schools will be implementing comprehensive safety guidelines. Children and families will continue to receive updates on a regular basis. Details about safety and applicable resources can be found here: www.lcps.net/.
- **Staff Vacancies:** Various preschool classes have classroom and program staff openings. Interested individuals may apply via the LCPS website>Human Resources>Applitrack.
- **Preschool Openings:** Applications are also taken over the phone by early childhood professionals who are able to assist both our English and Spanish-Speaking families. Online applications can be found at [Las Cruces Public Schools Early Childhood Application \(office.com\)](http://Las Cruces Public Schools Early Childhood Application (office.com))
- **November Dates & Happenings:**
 - November 1: Kimochis PD
 - November 3-4: Mindfulness Parent Engagement Opportunity
 - November 11: Veteran's Day (no school)
 - November 18: Family Social with Kindermusik "Taking Care"

Education

As a Preschool community, we aim to ensure that the safety, cognitive, and social-emotional needs of our students and their families are met through a variety of engagement initiatives. During the month of November, children were provided with “Go Bags.” The take home backpacks include English and Spanish learning materials and resources for children to use in case of a classroom closure. Additionally, families are able to engage in web-based resources 24 hours a day. Some of these include:

- Waterford
- Class Canvas Platform
- LCPS Early Childhood Platform <https://sites.google.com/view/lcps-early-childhood/home>

Parent, Family & Community Engagement

We know the holidays can be a challenge for some families. LCPS Early Childhood Programs is committed to providing families with a wide range of resources to provide comprehensive wrap around supports such as food baskets, weather resources, holiday donations, and more. Others include the following:

- **Family Link:** <https://forms.office.com/r/5wzeXfkif4>
 - Please click this link for ANY family who may need help for ANY reason.
 - Typical Referrals: attendance, homeless, medical assistance, access to resources, food, clothing, mental health, parenting, social services, etc.
- **Enrichment Opportunities:** We strive to provide families with information to various community events to promote Parent, Family and Community Engagement. Some of the events that families engaged in this month were Mindfulness, Taking Care with Kindermusik, and Circle of Security.

Health, Safety & Nutrition

- **Nutrition:** Classrooms are advised to please refrain from bringing in outside food for class celebrations. This is to protect the health and safety for all children, staff, and families.
- **Wash Your Hands:** According to the CDC, the single best way to prevent flu is to get a flu vaccine every year. Good health and hygiene, such as washing hands and covering a cough or sneeze, can also help prevent germs, including viruses like influenza, from spreading.



Eligibility, Recruitment, Selection, Enrollment, Attendance

Number of Children Enrolled (Accepted) by Program					
Preschool Programs	Head Start	Head Start	Title I	Title I	NM PreK
Age	3 year -olds	4 year-olds	3 year -olds	4 year-olds	4 year-olds
Elementary School Sites					
Alameda					18
B. T. Washington	29(2)	33	2	8	5
Cesar Chavez	26(2)	58 (1)	4	3	21
Conlee	15	0	3	0	0
Desert Hills	0	0	0	0	16
Doña Ana	0	19	0	0	16
East Picacho	0	0	0	0	0
Hermosa Heights	8	14	0	0	16
Highland	0	0	0	0	18
Hillrise	0	0	0	0	17(1)
Jornada	14	0	3	0	52(1)
Loma Heights	0	14(1)	0	0	0
MacArthur	7	10(1)	0	0	0
Mesilla	9	8	0	0	14
Mesilla Park	3	15	0	0	0
Monte Vista	0	0	0	0	0
Sonoma	0	0	0	0	0
Tombaugh	3	12	0	4	16
University Hills	13	18	0	0	0
Valley View	9	19	0	3	17(1)
White Sands	0	0	0	0	8
Total Enrolled	136	220	12	18	234
Total Accepted	4	3	12	18	3

Application and Status			
	Head Start 3Y	Head Start 4Y	NMPK 4Y
Pending Applications			
Pending or Incomplete	101	96	0
Not Applicable	0	0	30
Total	101	96	30
Reason Withdrawn from Program			
Covid-19	8	10	3
No Transportation	0	0	3
Day Care	2	12	5
Pre-K Program	2	10	33
Conflict with Schedules	0	1	0
Moved Out of Town	5	7	4
Parent Request	3	2	17
Unable to Contact	7	5	9
Absent	0	0	1
Total	27	47	75
Waitlist by Home School			
Alameda	0	0	8
Booker T. Washington	4	5	1
Cesar Chavez	4	3	0
<i>Columbia (Jornada)</i>	0	0	0
Conlee	2	2	0
Desert Hills	0	0	0
Doña Ana	2	9	1
East Picacho	0	0	0
Hermosa Heights	0	3	0
Highland	0	0	4
Hillrise	0	0	1
Jornada	11	5	0
Loma Heights	3	3	0
MacArthur	2	3	0
Mesilla	2	1	2
Mesilla Park	2	0	0
Monte Vista	0	0	0
Sonoma	0	0	0
Tombaugh	4	3	3
University Hills	2	2	0
Valley View	0	2	1
White Sands	0	0	6
Total	38	41	27
Over Income			

Under 30% of Poverty Income	7	2	
Over 30% of Poverty Income	2	3	
Total	39	5	
Total Applications	357	430	

Early Childhood Monthly Attendance Average

**Note: Due to factors related to COVID-19, attendance averages may vary.*

BTW 3A	82%
BTW 3B	82%
BTW 4A	82%
BTW 4B	93%
BTW 4C	90 %
BTW 4D	75 %
CC 3A	89 %
CC 3B	89 %
CC 4A	87 %
CC 4B	65 %
CC 4C	89 %
CC 4D	80 %
CC 4E	85 %
Conlee	80 %
Doña Ana	80 %
Hermosa Heights	66 %
Jornada	86 %
Loma Heights	89 %
MacArthur	90 %
Mesilla	79 %
Mesilla Park	90 %
Tombaugh	90 %
University Hills 3/4	83 %
University Hills 4	66 %
Valley View 3/4	85 %
Valley View 4	86 %

Head Start Nutrition Update: Meals and Snacks

Breakfast	Lunch	Snack
3,574	3,578	3,574

Head Start Fiscal Update: Financial Report

Budget	Function	Expense	Monthly Expenditures
Teacher Classroom Supplies	1000	General Supplies & Materials Field Trips	\$4,974. \$3,000.
Parent Engagement Assistants & Specialists	2100	General Supplies for PEAs and Specialists	\$157.

Office & Administration	2200	No Expenses	\$0.
Facilities & Maintenance	2600	Gas Credit Card Vehicle Maintenance	\$0. \$971.
			\$9,102.

Head Start Program Instructions and Memoranda

**The items listed below are the most recently posted and distributed to Head Start grantees.*

Program Instructions:

[Supporting the Wellness of All Staff in the Head Start Workforce](#)

Log Number: ACF-IM-HS-21-05 | **Issuance Date:** 09-27-2021

Information Memoranda:

[Terminology Changes](#)

Log Number: ACF-IM-HS-21-04 | **Issuance Date:** 07-28-2021

[Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2022 Monitoring Process for Head Start and Early Head Start Grantees](#)

Log Number: ACF-IM-HS-21-03 | **Issuance Date:** 07-27-2021

LCPS Preschool Photos and Snap Shots!



Nov. Family Social: Learning about Japanese Culture

Did you know... Nov. 3

KIDS CRAFT MAKE TIN CAN DRUMS

Materials Needed: Cylinder container (coffee or oatmeal can, popcorn can, or plastic cup), colored paper, stickers, markers, pencils or sticks, tape, tissue paper towels or tissue paper.

Japanese Children Playing Taiko and ...

Zoom Meeting Controls: Mute, Stop Video, Security, Participants (25), Chat, Polls, New Share, Pause Share, Associate, Remote Control, Apps, More. Host: Emma.

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