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Head Start Notes

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Reminders:

- All centers will be having their first Parent Meeting in September to elect Parent Committee members, Policy Council Representatives and Alternates. The meeting will be held at each center. Look for the notification from your local center. See the Center Supervisor or Family Engagement Staff for more information.
- During the 1st Parent Meeting, parents will vote on their center's Parent Activity Fund project for the year.
- September 2nd: Closed: Labor Day



L.B.J. & C. would like to welcome each child, each family, and every community member to Head Start!



HEAD START HOURS

8:00 AM - 2:30 PM

DOORS OPEN AT 8:00 AM
SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:00 AM

BREAKFAST : 8:30 AM
LUNCH : 11:30 AM
SNACK : 2:00 PM
CLOSES : 2:30 PM

Transitions: Helping Your Child Adjust to Head Start

- **Prepare yourself for leaving your child at preschool**
 - Remain calm and confident, children can pick up on non-verbal queues.
- **Create a consistent routine**
 - Children thrive on consistent routines.
- **Make a speedy departure**
 - After the first few days of school, they are now used to the routine of drop off, say a prompt goodbye.
 - Assure your child that you will return and that they will have a good day and then promptly leave.
- **Don't sneak out**
 - Always say goodbye to your child, don't sneak out without letting them know you're leaving.
- **Involve the teacher or staff**
 - Make sure we are aware of what is going on.
 - Example: "They had a rough night with nightmares" or "He didn't eat breakfast this morning"

Source by: Ayse Mitchell, Behavioral Specialist and Nadja Smith, Education Specialist

Activity Challenge

Less than one-quarter (24%) of children 6 to 17 years of age participate in 60 minutes of physical activity every day.

Ways to increase physical activity for the family;

- Host a family Dance Party
- Conduct a scavenger hunt in your backyard
- Plant a garden
- Play tag
- Swim

Source provided by Melony Pryor , PFCE Specialist:

<https://www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/physicalactivity/guidelines.htm>



Khan Academy Kids is a free, fun, educational program designed to inspire young children to become learners for life.

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