



THE WEEKLY MEMO

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Mission Statement

Southern Oregon Head Start prepares all children and their families for success in school and throughout life.

Fun & Random Holidays in May

May 1st-
National Lemonade Day



May 3rd-
National Teacher
Appreciation Day



May 5th-
Cinco de Mayo



May 8th-
Mother's Day



May 15th-
National Chocolate
Chip Day



May 20th-
National Pizza
Party Day



May 27th-
National Road
Trip Day



May 30th-
National Creativity Day



Weekly Memo Submission

Please send your PDF's, jpecs, and text to

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By Wednesday @ 12 p.m.

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Meetings and Trainings

May 2 — Monday

- 9:00-10:00 PFCE Weekly Team Meeting, Virtual
- 9:00-12:00 Education Department Meeting, Blue Building Conf. Rm.
- 10:00-11:30 Ed Department Meeting, TEAMS

May 3 — Tuesday

- 10:00-10:45 Parenting Education Sessions, Virtual

May 4 — Wednesday

- 9:00-10:30 Department Directors Meeting, MO Blue Conf. Rm.
- 1:00-2:00 Onboarding Updates, TEAMS
- 3:00-4:30 Head Teacher Cohort, Virtual
- 3:00-4:00 LISTO Prep, Blue Building Conf. Rm.

May 5 — Thursday

- 9:00-10:00 PFCE Dept. Mtg, TEAMS
- 12:00-1:00 Parenting Education Sessions, Virtual

May 6 — Friday

- 8:00-10:00 Education Planning
- 10:00-11:30 Center Meeting, TEAMS
- 10:00-12:00 Cohort 4— HT, VIRTUAL
- 1:00-2:30 CPR— Hands on Training, Blue Building Conf. Rm.

May 9 — Monday

- 9:00-10:00 PFCE Weekly Team Meetings, VIRTUAL
- 10:00-11:30 ED Dept. Meeting, TEAMS

May 10 — Tuesday

- 9:00-11:00 Directors' Meeting, Blue Building Conf. Room
- 10:00-10:45 Parenting Education Sessions, VIRTUAL

May 11 — Wednesday

- 1:00-2:00 Onboarding Updates

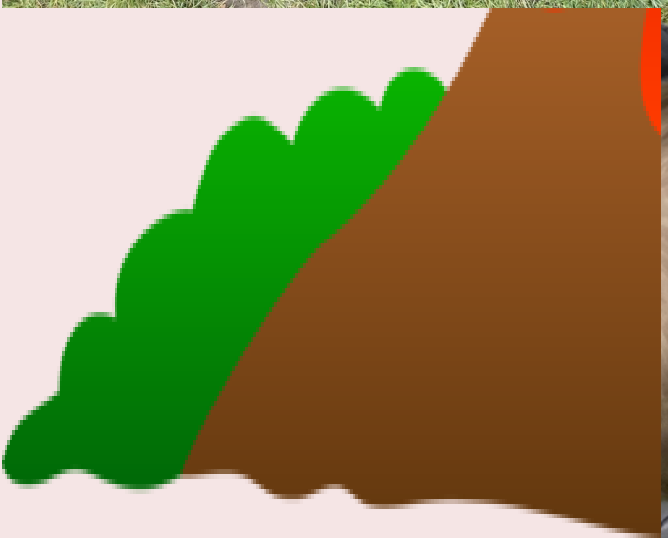
May 12 — Thursday

- 9:00-10:00 PFCE Dept. Meeting, TEAMS
- 12:00-1:00 Parenting Education Sessions, VIRTUAL

May 13 — Friday

- 8:00-12:00 Union Negotiations, Blue Building Conf. Rm./ Library
- 8:00-10:00 Education Planning

The kids at South were making glitter volcanos. They were learning about chemical reactions, mathematic measurements, etc.



THE CHILDREN AT SOUTH WERE PLANTING
SPROUT SEEDS. THEY WERE LEARNING HOW TO
MEASURE MATERIALS AND GROW A GARDEN.



TEACHING STAFF; CINDY FRANCE (TEACHER), WALAA ALZEIN,
ARACELY CASTRO AND CHRISTOPHER WISELY

5/2/22

Why We Do What We Do

Written By: Ciara Hunt

Edited/ Submitted by :Kathryn Evans



At the end of the day when the paperwork is through, we ask ourselves why we do what we do. Then we think of the little hands that we hold in our palms and the sweet little voices that sing silly songs. We wonder why we endure the hitting and spitting.

We think of the child and family goals we have written and then realize it's not just the children and families who have succeeded when we check the box completed. When we want to cry because we don't feel so sure, we realize it's us that make the children feel secure.

When checkpoints are done we think of the children having fun and when the paperwork piles to the ceiling above, we think of the smiles on the faces of the families we love. We think about how they have grown, thanks to our care. How we've helped some find a place to live, where they don't feel so scared and children move from diapers to big kid underwear. Although at times we feel scattered and unprepared, it's us who've let them know that someone will always be there. When checkpoints are turned in and lesson plans too.

We think of what some of the families have been through and we ask ourselves why we do what we do. Then we think of the thank you card we got yesterday from the mom graduating in May or the drawing you received the other day. And despite all the OCC rules and the fact that we have enough P&P's to fill pools.

We know the importance of preparing children for school and take pride in the fact that what we do is pretty cool. It's not about all the paperwork that's due. It's about the indescribable work that we do. The work that isn't turned in on a form, but the kind that changes lives every morn. In so many different and wonderful ways it is true! We are making the world a better place too! This is why we do what we do!

Hello everyone!

Here is a reminder about some financial assistance we have available for our families.

Hope Chest (Josephine County Only):

HOPE (Helping Out People Every Day) Chest is an emergency assistance fund established by United Way and administered in Josephine County by Southern Oregon Head Start. It helps people referred by case managers or social workers once a year to a maximum of \$350. We cover everything from utilities or medicine to surgical stockings, veterinary care for service dogs and mental health appointments.

Hughes Lumber Co. (Jackson County Only):

Hughes Lumber Co. has generously donated \$5,000 to be used to support children and their families with personal needs that would remove barriers and help the families to better participate in Head Start services. Funds can be used to cover a variety of costs associated with barriers to a family's overall well-being, health, and wellness, in order to encourage attendance and participation. Families are limited to \$300.

There are some limitations for each of these grants, which are listed in their descriptions at the top of their respective applications, which can be found on the PFCE SharePoint page. If you have additional questions about these grants, please connect with PFCE.

DEPARTMENTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Take a LOOK at who is in the FOLLOWING
DEPARTMENTS!



The Family
Connection





The Family Connection



Hi, I'm Diana, on the left.

I have worked with families since I was 18 years old. My first job was at a local daycare center and I have worked at most of the larger ones in the valley in my 15 years as an early learning professional holding many job titles: TA, Head Teacher, Building Supervisor, etc. I graduated from Southern Oregon University with a Political Science and History Interdisciplinary degree in 2006 but never pursued a career in the local court system. Instead, I had a long career serving as a teaching professional and then transitioned to a non-profit professional and have been at The Family Connection (your region's local Oregon Parenting Education Collaborative Parenting Hub) for 6 years doing much of the behind the scenes work that makes it successful and easy to access for parents. The work is meaningful and important, it supplements so many other key organizations (like Early Head Start and Head Start) that are doing family stability work. Check us out at thefamilyconnect.org!

Hello, I am Bethanee, on the right. Diana and I are co-coordinators for The Family Connection, meaning we hold equal responsibility for the program but serve in different ways.

My responsibilities include parent educator training, series implementation and community presentations. I often say that this work found me! When life allowed me to make a career shift from a decade in retail management, I was lead to a position as a family advocate and outreach specialist in Coos County. I wore many hats in this role including providing life skills workshops and parenting education series to families receiving TANF, home visiting with EHS families and assisting individuals in applying for Oregon Health Plan. This position led me to understand the value in early intervention and providing families evidence based skills. I am certified in many different curriculum for all age groups but my favorite topic to teach on is the importance of self-care and stress management because we can't pour from an empty cup! Life is busy and parenting isn't easy but with the right skills and a circle of support I believe we can enjoy the journey and change the future for families.



FISCAL

Deborah DeSarah- Finance Director

Hello Everyone,

I'm Deborah DeSarah. I grew up across the western half of the nation until Mom brought us to the great NW. Yes, we lived in Idaho, Washington and Oregon. Non-profit accounting/finance has been the focus of my career path for 30 years in several people/community focused endeavors. I've been with SOGFC since October 2013, first as Fiscal Manager, then



Grants & Budget Manager and now honored to be your new Finance Director. I truly appreciate the mission of our organization and all of you who carry out that mission every day to make a difference in the lives we touch. When I'm not working, I like hanging out with my partner, Bob, and my son and Mom who live in Grants Pass. I love most of the things in life... working, crafting, puzzling, sewing, beading, reading, traveling, cooking, etc. Though I love most music genres, blues and anything danceable tend to be my favorites.



FISCAL



Cathy Peterson- Fiscal Specialist

Hi I'm Cathy, I'm in my 5th year with the agency in the Fiscal Dept. I love the work I do, especially data entry, the services our agency provides and all the people that make up this wonderful organization. I was born and raised in San Francisco. I have lived several years in New Orleans before settling in the beautiful Rogue Valley. I have two adult sons that live in Grants Pass as well. I live alone enjoying my quiet time.



FISCAL

Cheryl Hinds- Payroll Manager

Hey Y'all! It's me, Cheryl Hinds, your Payroll Manager....

I was hired in August 2005 as the Payroll Specialist. I helped out in payroll and accounts payable (back in the day of paper time sheets that were completed by hand). That soon changed to only payroll. I was promoted to Payroll Manager in August of 2013. I LOVE MY JOB, and helping all of you, whenever I can. I've been in customer service since graduating high school and I think of you as my customers.

I enjoy reading, working out in the yard, being outside, feeding the wild birds and cooking. I have a 25-year-old son that is still the apple of my eye! 2 dogs, 3 goats, 12 chickens, and 15 chicks to soon replace the old flock! They all keep me entertained!





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Jonnie Cox—Fiscal Specialist

Hi everyone,

I have been with SOHS for almost 6 years. I started off as an area assistant for GP and OH, then moved to reception. From reception I was an Enrollment SAA and now I have found my home in the fiscal office as the Fiscal Specialist. I went to Head Start as a child and my 2 kiddos have also gone through the program starting in Early Head Start. My spare time is spent with my fiancé and kiddos. I love my job, my coworkers and the work that we do here for the families we serve.





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Michael Stanton- Budgets & Grants Manager

Hi, I'm Michael Stanton and currently I am the Budgets and Grants Manager. I started at SOGFC in 2016 as a Family Advocate and then I became a Site Manager in 2019. Long before I was an employee of this amazing organization, I was a Head Start parent. I have four boys (ages 13, 17, 20 & 23). In my free time I enjoy outdoor activities like hiking, biking, swimming and paddle boarding. I am so thankful to work with such an awesome group of people and It is inspiring to see us all working so hard to fulfill our mission together at SOGFC.





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Nancy Tidwell- Fiscal Specialist

Hi I'm Nancy, I will be with agency 3 years this June in the amazing Fiscal Dept. I was born and raised in the Rogue Valley, went through all school years in Central Point and college at OIT. Lived in Bay area for about 12 years and moved back to Rogue Valley in 1988. My daughter went to Head Start at the Central Point center when it was at a church on South 10th Street many years ago. I enjoy traveling and camping in our RV.



Anniversaries

Aniversarios

SARAH M	AMES	1	Year
Jessie	HENDLEY	3	Years
Chea	PAPPAS	4	Years
GLEN M	BRIGGS	4	Years
KATRINA	HURLBUT	4	Years
Natasha C	LAUPHIN	5	Years
LINDSEY J	SMAW	6	Years

Happy Birthday!

Feliz Cumpleaños!

Hannah E	Fowler	May	1st	Rene R	Parsons	May	23rd
Bryan E	Rotter	May	3rd	Cathy L	Peterson	May	23rd
Suzanne M	Ray	May	4th	Christine	Wonsyld	May	23rd
Mikayla	Crosswhite	May	4th	Traci M	Briggs	May	23rd
Lynda M	Beamish-White	May	6th	Norma E	Montano Garcia	May	24th
Jesi	Gutierrez	May	6th	Elizabeth M	McClain	May	24th
Amy R	Grimm-Lima	May	7th	Denise M	Pederson	May	24th
Jessie	Hendley	May	10th	Shalana M	Yarbrough	May	27th
Cynthia L	Jones	May	11th	Walaa	Al Zein	May	29th
Kristal E	Sherman	May	11th	Josefina M	M. Samano	May	29th
Cecilia A	Hurt	May	12th	Ana Gabriela	Espinosa Martinez	May	30th
Eunices	Ayala Velasco	May	13th	Doris M	Palmer	May	30th
Karen D	Lowrey	May	14th	Christina Marie	Mee	May	30th
Amber L	Gattis	May	17th				
Katrina	Hurlburt	May	20th				
Jolie A	Ellis	May	20th				