



## **MONTHLY REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2018**

**Parent Policy Council:** The PPC will meet on October 11, 2018 at noon at the Head Start Conference Room. Minutes will be forwarded to the Superintendent of Schools.

**FAMILY NIGHT:** Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> is family night. Family night themes are aligned with our OWL Curriculum themes. This month's theme will be Halloween. Food, games, and fun. We also hand out parent information during family night. Volunteers are welcome.

**STAFF RETENTION PLAN:** I completed a staff retention plan per Parent Policy Council request. See attached staff retention plan.

**RECRUITMENT:** Our Family Advocates are making home visits and recruiting students. The advocates assist the parents in completing the applications if necessary.

**STAFF DEVELOPMENT:** We have nine (9) teachers attending early childhood classes at SCC. Our project officer stated that we could use our professional development Head Start funds to pay for tuition, fees, books, etc. if necessary. Of course, all students must first apply for a Pell, but we have two teachers who have exhausted their Pell, due to their BA degrees. Head Start standards state teachers must have at a minimum an Associate degree in early childhood.

**HEAD START AWARENESS MONTH:** October is Head Start Awareness month. In celebration of this, we are having **Open House on October 11<sup>th</sup>**. Parents will visit their child's classroom and be served cookies and juice. The Rocky Boy Police Department will also be reading to the children on **October 9<sup>th</sup>**. Pictures of this will be taken and put in our Rocky Boy Newspaper and the Head Start Newsletter. A donation request was also made to Plain Green for a Teacher Acknowledgement ceremony (pending).

**DIAL:** All Head Start children (180) were screened for DIAL on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

**VISION AND HEARING:** Over 180 children were screened for Vision and Hearing.

**BEAR PAW COOPERATIVE:** Served 120 children, including the Cree Emersion Class. This was a good turnout.

**TRAINING on "Addressing Seriously Challenging Behavior"** was attended by two Head Start Manager and one Bonneau teacher. Information will be used to train the teachers on how to deal with challenging behavior of our children.

**MEALS FOR BACKPACKS:** We submitted a proposal to The Town Pump Charitable Foundation for backpack feeding program for our Head Start children. If funded our head start children would be fed on weekends, when they are most likely not to receive a meal.

**GT. FALLS PRE-SCHOOL VISIT:** Our Head Start coach will be attending a Pre-School visit in Gt. Falls on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

**MENTAL HEALTH:** Shannon Cross will be conducting class observation on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Partners With Native Americans:** delivers boots, socks, and shoes to Head Start. These were distributed to the Head Start children. We still have a few left, so parents are encouraged to take them to other children not attending Head Start.