

## Message from the Executive Director



Can you believe the school year is nearly complete? What a whirlwind it's been! We have taken full advantage of every opportunity to educate our Head Start children and make sure they are prepared for kindergarten. For those who will return to us in the fall, don't worry, we have plenty in store ahead to ensure their learning experience remains strong and positive.

On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of Head Start of Rockland, Inc., may every one of you have a pleasant and enjoyable summer. While we know it will be a busy time for you, we encourage you to take as many opportunities as possible to keep your children energized through learning. Read to them, take them to local educational spots such as a farm or zoo – continue the journey they began in September.

Stay well and let's remain steadfast in our devotion to our most precious assets – our children.

Sincerely,

*Ouida Toubeton*

Ouida Foster Toubeton,  
Executive Director

*Tara Gales*

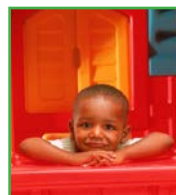
Tara Gales  
Board President  
Head Start of Rockland, Inc.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### **Moving Up Ceremony Dates**

- ☀ **Nyack** – Tuesday, June 20
- ☀ **Spring Valley** – Wednesday, June 21
- ☀ **Haverstraw** – Thursday, June 22

**Our Mission** is to provide high quality early childhood education, health, nutrition and family services to low income children and families in Rockland County, while being responsive and sensitive to a variety of cultures, traditions and practices. We help children and their families reach their optimal potential.



# Head Start Happenings

Catch a glimpse of activities occurring at Head Start sites:

## Haverstraw



As part of the site's "Share A Meal" activity for parents and the community, Assemblyman Kenneth Zebrowski visited and presented a certificate to a former Head Start child. During the program, parents received information regarding full day kindergarten, the Affordable Care Act and immigration.



The RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteers Program) clowns entertained the children.

## New Square

It's spring! The Teacher Guly Early Head Start team gave children hands on experience with planting and gardening!



## Nyack



Nyack's Chef Wayne proudly shows off the display he created and presented at the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP).



Several parents were on hand to participate in fun activities – balloons always brighten the day!



## Spring Valley



Gearing up for a day of fun activity in Spring Valley



Classroom activity time!

## Spring Experiences



Left to right: Fiza Huq; Executive Director Ouida Foster Toutedon; Rahm Emanuel, Mayor of Chicago, and Jeanette Mureb, pose for a moment at the NHSA Conference 2017 (National Head Start Association) in Chicago.



There's nothing like a Head Start shirt and cap to start the day off right – at least that's what Haverstraw's George always says!

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Thank you!