

## Message from the Executive Director



It's hard to believe a big chunk of the school year is over and a new year is looming ahead! As we head into the holidays, the staff of Head Start of Rockland, Inc., wants you to remember how much we have cherished the gift you gave us – your children.

We've had many great days of storytelling, arts and crafts, play time – and yes, there are always a few tears when moms and dads separate from their children for the day. Through it all, we want you to know we continue to remain strong and steady – holding fast to our mantra of making sure your children leave here prepared for kindergarten (and the many more years ahead).

It's been wonderful serving you since the beginning of the school year, and we look forward to everything the new year promises. On behalf of the staff, Policy Council and Board of Directors of Head Start of Rockland, Inc., I wish each of you a wonderful holiday season!

Sincerely,

*Ouida Foster Toutebon*

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Executive Director

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### Moving Up Ceremonies 2018

❄️ Haverstraw

June 18

❄️ Nyack

June 19

❄️ Spring Valley

June 20

❄️ Haverstraw

June 21

Happy Holidays



From Head Start  
of Rockland, Inc.

### Holiday Celebrations

❄️ Haverstraw

December 19

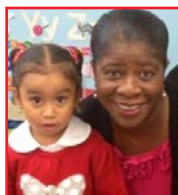
❄️ Nyack

December 19

❄️ Spring Valley

December 14

\*Please call sites for times



Here's what's been happening around Head Start since the school year began!

## Haverstraw



**There's a garden brewing in Haverstraw!** Thanks to Catholic Charities, children are learning all about how to grow and harvest food! They're amazed at the zucchini that's sprouting from seeds. Catholic Charities has a community garden in Haverstraw.



**The Eyes Have It!** Thanks to a visit by the eye doctor!

## Spring Valley



**Spring Valley Head Start visited the Nanuet Stop & Shop** where they were treated to a tour of the store. Along with the tour were plenty of opportunities to taste some of the items and even touch a lobster! Best of all, no one went home empty handed as everyone received a gift!

## Nyack

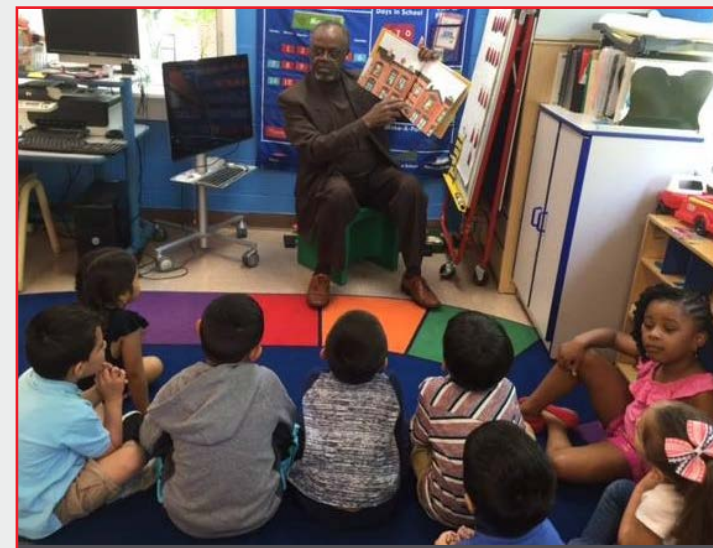


**It was back-to-school night for Nyack Head Start.** Parents took a turn sitting in their children's seat to get a closer glimpse into their children's day.

## Community Reading Day

Locations around the county celebrated Head Start's 52nd birthday with a **Community Reading Day**. The event was held in conjunction with the **National Head Start Association's** partnership with Scholastic to organize 1,000 reading days across the country recognizing Head Start's impact and importance.

## Nyack



Spring Valley NAACP **President Willie Trotman**

## Haverstraw



**Farid Johnson, Principal**, Stony Point Elementary School

## It's All About the Grandparents

Foster grandparents bring tons of joy to Head Start of Rockland. They are an integral part of the classroom and the children's lives. They're helpers, workers and a source of pure inspiration – to both the children and the staff. We celebrate our Foster Grandparents because they are the BEST!



**Keyana Jack, Foster Grandparent Director**, poses with Foster Grandparent **John Sheenan**



Foster Grandma **Purisima Deles** takes a brief photo break

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- Head Start Happenings
- Program and Planning

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