

## Message from the Executive Director



Head Start of Rockland, Inc. is committed to preparing your children for success. This school year has been no exception. We've been off and running since September with a number of programs and services for children and families in core areas of early learning, health and family well-being.

This issue highlights some of the ways we've incorporated fun into learning. Whether it was practicing pedestrian safety, learning about fire safety, focusing on fathers or participating in creative arts, your children have been exposed to activities that will enrich their understanding of living and learning in today's society.

Now that the holidays are fast approaching, we'll continue to have fun, but it will be focused on activities such as celebration through healthy eating, banding together to make holiday memories or listening to stories from our staff, parents and other Head Start friends. Our overall goal is to continue the drumbeat on learning so that all Head Start children will be ready for kindergarten when the time comes.

On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of Head Start of Rockland, Inc., have a wonderful holiday season. We look forward to working with each and every one of you during the new year!

Sincerely,

Ouida Foster Toutebon,  
Executive Director

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### 2019 Moving Up Ceremonies

- ❄️ Enroll your child for September 2019  
Now!
- ❄️ Nyack  
June 25
- ❄️ Spring Valley  
June 25
- ❄️ Haverstraw  
June 25



Thank you all who help make our 53rd Birthday Celebration a success!

# Head Start Happenings

## Spring Valley

Head Start and schools share an interest in school readiness. Each year, more than 400 Head Start of Rockland, Inc. children transition into kindergarten. Because October was both National Principals Month and National Head Start Awareness Month, take a look at principal visits and Back-to-School night activities at our sites! We look forward to continued partnership with Rockland County schools in the future.



Carolyn Partridge, Principal, Fleetwood Elementary School

## Haverstraw



Peter DiBernardi, Principal, Thiells Elementary School



Mary Esposito, Principal, West Haverstraw Elementary School

## Nyack

Nyack Head Start had wonderful visits with the principal's from Liberty, Upper Nyack and Valley Cottage Elementary Schools! Nyack Head Start transitions approximately 60 children annually into these three great schools.



Left to right: Ellen Rechenberger, Liberty; Joe Mercora, Upper Nyack; Kira Davenport, Nyack Head Start Director; and Ruth Vega, Nyack Education Supervisor



Left to right: Kira and Ruth say hello to Regina Capiello, Valley Cottage principal

# BACK to SCHOOL

Back to school night at Spring Valley!



Back to school night was a hit in Nyack!



Parents get hands on lessons at Haverstraw's back to school night





## Coming up in our next issue

- Health
- Head Start Happenings
- Program and Planning

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