

## Hancock County EHS/ HS & Pre-K

### Annual Thanksgiving Feast



On Thursday, November 17, 2016, Hancock County Early Head Start/ Head Start & Pre-K held our annual Thanksgiving Feast/Parent Meeting. The meeting was led by Mrs. Gladys Jones, Parent Committee Member and Policy Council Secretary. We were embraced by a warm welcome from Mrs. T. Nolley & Mrs. D. Jackson class. The speaker of the parent meeting was Mr. Cordero Foster who presented a speech about the importance of family. He began his presentation by giving the audience some real-life situations that occur during his work days as he is an employee at the Youth Development Center in Milledgeville, Georgia. He has the opportunity to engage with youth of all ages from different backgrounds and nationalities. He stated that most children that he encounter express the desire of having parental support during their years of growth and how important it is as adults that we are careful of our behavior and conversations. We must be careful not to display the wrong behavior because our children learn from us as parents. They feel that the behavior and actions their parents or role model display is the right way to live and often the child displays the same behavior. He gave good encouragement and strategies on how to be a better father, mother, sister, brother, grandmother, grandfather, etc.

Following, there was a presentation by Rakyah Washington, Director for the Hancock County Public Library. She started her presentation by asking for volunteers to participate in an icebreaker. While the groups were engaged, Ms. Washington spoke on the different programs and activities that are now offered at the public library. She expressed ways on how to get involved and the importance of reading. She also invited the families into the library for other programs. After her speech, the audience had to decide on which group followed directions and created the tallest balloon craft. The groups were given books as their prize.

At the close of the meeting, Mrs. Legette gave minutes from the last meeting as well as updates from the Educational Managers and Family Service Department regarding changing set of clothes for the weather, arrival and departure time and upcoming events. The meeting came to a close by inviting children and parents to the floor of the gym to engage in fun and games and then was directed to partake in their Thanksgiving Feast. Many gathered and engaged in conversation as they demonstrated family style eating. What a great way to great involved and engaged! THANK YOU to the families of Hancock County Early Head Start/ Head Start & Pre-K!

