



# WELCOME TO THE POLAR EXPRESS!



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On December 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 we enjoyed a fun filled day titled “The Polar Express”. Students entered the building in their top and bottom pajamas and house robes. Parents were overjoyed and dressed in their pajamas and some wore coordinating pajamas with their children. Early Head Start viewed the movie in the cafeteria as a group. Many of the classes at M.E. Lewis were filled with adults who assisted the teachers and students during the movie viewing. Each class was equipped and able to view “The Polar Express” in their classroom with their students and families. Many who were familiar with the movie song along and mimicked the words and phrases of the movie characters.

The children in the “Polar Express” movie was enjoying hot chocolate and cookies, so we felt that it was only fair for our students at Early Head Start, Head Start & Pre-K to enjoy the same festivities as displayed in the movie. We served warm hot chocolate and ginger cookies. The students were all cozy in their comfortable pajamas while they laughed and snuggled on the rug with their parents and slowly indulged in their hot chocolate. Many teachers and parents snapped pictures and posted them on social media for other family members to view. Parents, students, and teachers seem to have really enjoyed the event and asked when the next pajama and movie mania day would be held. We had an overflow of parent participation and assistance during the event.

At the beginning of the event each class were given a sign in sheet to keep track of the number of parents present. At the end of the event the sheets were tallied and winners from each level were chosen.

**Early Head Start Staff:** Felicia Ficklin/Sharon Northern

**Head Start:** Lakeshia Holsey/ Desha Wingfield

**Pre-K:** Tiffany Evans/ Gwendolyn Ashley

Congratulations teaching staff on your win! They received Wal-Mart gift cards. They were very appreciative and their parents cheered them on as pictures were taken.



Nearing the ending of the movie, “Children Read” a community organization stopped by M.E. Lewis Elementary School and Early Head Start and gave each student in the program books to encourage literacy and reading. We are so delighted that the organization chose Hancock County Head Start Program as a delivery site. Thank You from the entire Head Start Program!

