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# January 2019 News Report

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## WELCOME, DR. SMITH



**Head Start would like to welcome Dr. Wendy Smith as our new Executive Director & Director of BPS Elementary Leading and Learning.**

**Dr. Smith offers a wealth of professional experiences and talents. Most recently, Dr. Smith served as Principal at Cambridge. Through this leadership role she has already been working collaboratively with Head Start children and families. When asked about her guiding thoughts on early education, Dr. Smith is thoughtful in her reply,**

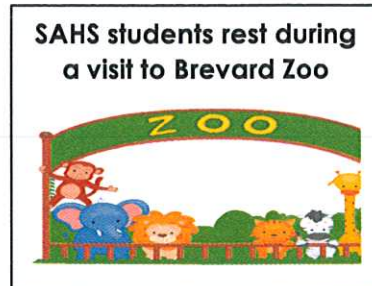
***“We have one question, above all else, that we must ask ourselves as we make plans and consider our trek forward. Will practices be good for kids and will the delivery serve the best interests of our children?”***

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**Creative Curriculum** As a program, we continue to build our momentum using *Creative Curriculum*, our researched based curriculum, with fidelity. To this end, classroom teams can expect to see an increased focus on the daily use of *Creative Curriculum* through professional development, program monitoring, administrative walk throughs, and an increase in professional dialogue involving the components of *Creative Curriculum*. Additionally, Head Start purchased *Digital Tools* to assist with daily planning.



**Teachers collaborate during MMCI Training**



# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY: FEB. 15

The **Head Start Education Staff** will provide direct instruction on the use of *Creative Curriculum* including the use of *Digital Tools*, lesson planning opportunities, and best practices.

To assist classroom teams in making the most of the upcoming PDD, especially the gift of time in the computer labs, consider the options below.

Teacher Needs	Program Solutions
Have you completed the required <i>New Standards Training</i> ?	No worries! Bring your DCF website Log-In credentials and you can get started during <b>PDD computer lab time.</b>
Did you know that you can begin collecting documentation for the <b>GOLD Checkpoint #3 now?</b>	Bring documentation with you and upload it during <b>PDD computer lab time!</b>
Want to practice using <b>Digital Tools</b> under the guidance of the education staff?	Bring your <b>GOLD</b> Log -In credentials and you can create lesson plans during <b>PDD computer lab time.</b>
Have you had time to explore the <b>Creative Curriculum website</b> for online trainings and more?	Bring your <b>GOLD</b> Log -In credentials and explore at your leisure during <b>PDD computer lab time.</b>



## Due Dates

- **GOLD Checkpoint #2:**  
Last day to finalize: **2/13**

- **VPK Assessment:** 1/30  
**Upcoming**

- **Family Conference Forms completed (short form, live signatures):**  
**Feb. 22**



Smiling faces and happy friends in Mrs. Dunwoody's class at Port Malabar.



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