

## **In Session with the “Oriole” Superintendent**

*This week’s Oriole Corner has been written by guest columnist Jen Radee.*

### **Weymouth Child Development Center Adds Early Head Start Positions**

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For the last year and a half, Weymouth Child Development Center has housed a toddler classroom with 8 Early Head Start slots that provide free quality childcare to families who qualify. Families receive services, resources, meals, and quality care when they otherwise would not be able to access it. Early Head Start provides early educational experiences to children birth to age 3 to enhance a child’s social, emotional, physical and cognitive development and school readiness. The program strives to encourage parents to work to hand-in-hand with staff to meet family goals and reach their fullest potential.

For the 2017-2018 school year, Weymouth received two additional Early Head Start slots and is expanding Head Start services into the infant room. There will now be two classrooms with a total of ten (10) children that will benefit and have a better start on development due to the Early Head Start program.

In addition to the Early Head Start program, Weymouth also houses tuition based early learning classrooms. All together there are two infant rooms, three toddler rooms, 2 preschool rooms, and the Before and After School program. Weymouth serves around 170 families and 200 children. All classrooms in the center strive to provide quality educationally based child care with warmth, love, safety and the positive learning environment that every child deserves.