



Royal Throne

“If you want something you have never had, you must be willing to do something you have never done.” Thomas Jefferson

October is Head Start Awareness Month!

Head Start is a federally funded program that serves three and four year old children, and helps build a foundation for the child’s success. Head Start is an income-based program that is offered to families at no cost. The goal of this program is to increase the social competence of children from low-income families. Head Start offers a variety of services to children and families including, but not limited to: active learning experiences, nutritious snacks and meals, health and dental services, and referrals to connect families with services and resources in their community. Each Head Start family works with a Family Advocate to set goals to work toward self-sufficiency. If you are interested in the Head Start program,

Contact us at: 712-792-9266!

In addition to the existing classrooms, the following classrooms were added for the 2017-2018 school year:



- Carroll—Offering a full day Head Start classroom for 3 year olds
- Perry— Offering a full day Head Start classroom for 3 & 4 year olds
- Waukee—Offering a full day Head Start classroom for 3 & 4 year olds

On Saturday, October 21st , New Opportunities is partnering with Swan Lake’s Fall Fest! We will have an informational walk at the entrance of the Conservation Education Center. For a non-perishable food donation, adults and children can wear costumes and trick-or-treat while learning about food insecurity at the national, state, and local levels!



Celebrate Red Ribbon Week: October 23-31, 2017



Each year more than 80 million people participate in Red Ribbon events! Red Ribbon week educates children and families on the effects of alcohol and drugs and encourages healthy lifestyles that do not include drugs and alcohol. Wearing a red ribbon symbolizes a commitment to substance abuse prevention. Did you know— Children of parents who talk to their teens regularly about drugs are 42% less likely to use drugs than those who don’t, yet only 25% of teens report having these conversations. www.dea.gov/redribbon

Decorate household items to collect candy in when trick or treating. A bucket, pillowcase, or an old bag can be decorated inexpensively at home - and reused year after year! www.worldwildlife.org

