



# Kid's Chronicle

Monthly Newsletter of LSU Early Head Start Partnership Program  
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## Note from the EHS Director

April showers bring May flowers! As Spring arrives in New Orleans we think of festivals and start planning for the summer. For families and teachers, we think about the end of one school year and preparing for another. Many of our children and families will be staying with us for another year. Those babies we have watched grow into 3 year olds will be moving on, up and out of Early Head Start. I know families will be excited and a little nervous to see if their child gets a good match with OneApp. Round 1 will be announced around April 4<sup>th</sup>. Please talk to one of the EHS team members if you have questions about what happens after Early Head Start. Our EHS program will end on July 15<sup>th</sup> this year and classes will resume on August 1st. Till then, let's keep growing and learning.



### EHS Staff

- Phil Wilson - HDC Director
- Maria Blanco-EHS Director
- Sonya Heisser-Social Services
- Brid McDonnell-Health Specialist
- Trenise Mims-Family Engagement Specialist
- Kathy Namba-Education Specialist
- Ashley Steele-Systems Specialist

## Why is it important to see your Pediatrician?



Our program follows Louisiana's Early and Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) program. This program encourages children to see their pediatrician for a "Well Baby" visit; at birth, 1 month, 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 9 months, 1 year, 15 months, 18 months, 2 years and 3 years. After age 3, children should visit their doctor once a year.

### **An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure**

Well-child visits provide an important look at your child's health over the long term. Without these regular visits, your pediatrician might not catch a problem until it is too late to treat effectively. During a well-child visit, your child will receive a full physical examination complete with any recommended screenings for common health issues or developmental problems.

### **Be in the Know**

During the well-child visit your pediatrician will be able to give you important information about normal developmental stages, safety concerns, nutrition, and any health issues that might be unique to your geographical area.

### **Peace of Mind**

We all have questions about our child's health, but so often these questions go unanswered. Well-child visits are the perfect time to pull together any concerns you might have and get answers to your questions.

### **Protect Your Child From Serious Diseases**

Well-child visits are a great way to make sure your child's immunizations are current.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> -Freret Street Fest. (Free)
- 5<sup>th</sup> -Staff Development Early Dismissal 3:00pm @ **Toddlers University**
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Policy Council Meeting 4:30p
- 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> French Quarter Fest (Free)
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Celebration of the Young Child (Delgado City Park 11am-3pm)
- 18<sup>th</sup> Tax Day
- 20<sup>th</sup>- Parent Committee Meeting @**McMillian's 4:30p**
- 20<sup>th</sup>- Parent Committee Meeting @**Toddler's University 4:15p**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Earth Day
- 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> -New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Fest
- 27<sup>th</sup>-Parent Committee Meeting @**Clara's Little Lambs 4:30p**
- 27<sup>th</sup> -Administrative Professional's Day
- 27<sup>th</sup>- Parent Committee Meeting @**Kid's Kingdom 5:00p**
- 28<sup>th</sup> Bring your Child to Work Day
- 30<sup>th</sup> Lemonade Day 

### Reminders



**Parent Teacher Conferences** are this month! Classroom signup sheets will be placed in your child's classroom. Make sure to sign up.

**Reminder**, this month Brid will be scheduling hearing and vision screens for those requiring a screening. Please make sure children are present on their scheduled dates. Thank you in advance!

**Thanks parents**, for continuing to turn in your dental and physical forms to your EHS Coordinator.

# Week of the Young Child!

Celebrate NAEYC's Week of the Young Child (WYOC)

April 10 -16<sup>th</sup>

The Week of the Young Child™ is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) celebrating early learning, young children, their teachers and families.



## Music Monday! Sing, dance, celebrate, and learn

Through music, children develop math, language, and literacy skills - All while having fun and being active! This year's song is "One Love"



## Taco Tuesday! Healthy eating and fitness at home and school

This fun, food-themed day is about more than just cheese and salsa. Cooking together connects math with literacy skills, science, and more.



**Work Together Wednesday! Work together, build together, and learn together.** When children build together they explore math and science concepts and develop their social and early literacy skills. Children can use any building material such as pillows at home.



## Artsy Thursday! Think, problem solve, create

On Artsy Thursday celebrate the joy children experience when engaged in creative art making. Use any materials - from crayons to paint, clay to crafts!



**Family Friday!** Share pictures and stories about your family.



## PARENT CORNER

### Parent Feature of the Month

My 2 year old son Donald has been attending Kid's Kingdom for about 6 months. This program has changed my life completely. Before being accepted into the LSU program, I was struggling to pay for Donald to attend daycare. I was hanging on a thin string trying to go back to school because I had to work to pay daycare tuition. Since he has been going to Kids Kingdom, I recently enrolled in school fulltime. I don't have to stress worrying about tuition. Donald is comfortable with the staff and he is learning so much! The staff at Kid's Kingdom is awesome! Donald recognizes his alphabet, fruits, veggies, and he is learning to use the potty! I just want to say "Thank You All" to everyone for giving me the opportunity to fulfill my dream to go back to school, for being great at teaching and taking care of Donald. Thank you all so much, it's a blessing being in this program because you have the ability to succeed in life by accomplishing goals you thought were impossible!

~ Charlette F.



## NOLA Free Family Fun!

NORDC Movies in the Park

April 2016 List

- Apr. 1<sup>st</sup> - Jurassic Park @ Hardin Playground 7:20p
- Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Maleficent @ Comiskey Playground 7:20p
- Apr. 8<sup>th</sup> - "42" @ Carver Park 7:20p
- Apr. 15<sup>th</sup> - The Good Dinosaur @ Burke Playground 7:30p
- Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Inside Out @ Norwood Thompson Playground 7:35p
- Apr. 29<sup>th</sup> - Hotel Transylvania 2 @ Taylor Park 7:40p



It's not too late to register for NORDC summer camps!

Visit <http://nordc.org/activities/summer-camp/>

Dryades YMCA 2016 Stem & Swim Camp

For more info contact Jermaine Bridges @ 522.8811 or by visiting

Dryades YMCA-Youth Development

2220 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd.,

New Orleans, LA 70113

## Who's Hiring?

- **NOLA Youth Works**- mayor's summer youth employment program is accepting applications schedule an appointment at [www.nola.gov/nolayouthworks](http://www.nola.gov/nolayouthworks)
- **NORDC Hiring Over 100 Summer Lifeguards**: Spend the summer working as a lifeguard at one of NORDC's outdoor pools. Salaries start at \$11.38 per hour.
- **University Medical Center**- Security Officer and Medical Records Specialist
- **Lowe's (Elysian Fields location)**-Front Cashier (Temporary)
- **Lowe's (Elysian Fields location)**-Inside Lawn and Garden (Temporary)
- **Job fair for the Formerly Incarcerated, April 21, 2016 9am-12 noon**  
Franklin Ave. Baptist Church (Family Life Center)

For more job fair information, please call Shelita Boudreaux (JOB1) 504-658-4500

Would you like to write an article for the newsletter? Do you have any ideas for the newsletter?

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