

PSD Early Childhood Spotlight!

NEWSLETTER : OCTOBER 2022



Providing Comprehensive Early Childhood Services for families and children from birth to age 5!

SEPTEMBER RECAP!!!!



VIDEO BOOK LIBRARY: DIGITAL LITERACY RESOURCE

We have added a Video Book Library to our program website! Some of our teachers, students, and community partners volunteered to read books on camera which was then put into a "Reading Rainbow" type format so that children can follow along with the words and pictures in the book. The videos can be viewed on any computer or mobile device.

Go to WWW.PSDECP.COM - hover over "FOR PARENTS" - click VIDEO BOOK LIBRARY

Direct Link: <https://psdecp.com/for-parents/videolib/>

If you would like to read a book for our library, please contact Resource Center Coordinator, Alesha Lindsey at 601-749-5362 or alindsey@pcu.k12.ms.us.



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EHS ROSA & ANNIE'S CCP: GRANDPARENT'S DAY!



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EHS / EHS CCP FAMILY SERVICE EVENTS

Greeting Parents!

Early Head Start requires for each family to complete a family partnership and family outcome. We would like to say thank you for participating in the interviews with the Family Advocates to make the process a success. We would like to remind everyone to return their take-home activity sheets (in-kind) each week.

- The next parent meeting will be on October 4, 2022 for Nicholson EHS 3:30 p.m.
- EHS Rosa / Annie 5:00 p.m. PRCC will be held on October 7, 2022 @ 10:30 a.m.

It is important that everyone attend or have someone to represent in your place.

Upcoming Events - September:

- Grandparents Day: Nicholson: September 30, 2022
- Picture Day:
 - Annie's CCP: September 28, 2022

Upcoming Events - October:

- Cancer Awareness Month (Pink Out) every Friday
- Fall Pictures
 - EHS Rosa: October 19, 2022
 - Nicholson EHS: October 20, 2022
- October Fest/Breast Cancer Balloon Release
 - EHS Rosa/ Annie's: October 28, 2022
 - Nicholson EHS: October 21, 2022
 - PRCC: October 31, 2022
- Trunk or Treat
 - Nicholson: October 28, 2022
 - Early Head Start / Annie: October 31, 2022

HS / PRE-K FAMILY SERVICE EVENTS

PICAYUNE COMMUNITY EVENTS

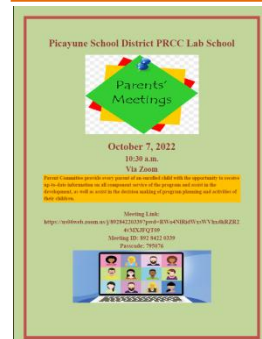
- Walk 4 Life - Cancer Fundraiser- Sat. Oct. 1st- time TBA
- Pumpkin Patch 2022- St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church Sat. Oct. 1st - Mon. Oct. 31st - 3pm-7pm
- Chamber Expo/Job Fair- Thurs, Oct. 6th 4pm-7pm @ The Link 401 Goodyear Blvd
- New Palestine Fall Festival- Sun., Oct 23rd 11am- 7:30pm @ Crosby Commons
- Halloween Picayune - Sat. Oct. 29th- Time: TBA @ Crosby Commons
- YUNEity's Fall Festival- Sat. Oct. 29th Time: 5pm-7pm @ Snyder Park

POPLARVILLE COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Fall Fest/Pumpkin Patch – October 1st 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm - Poplarville Town Green
- Sweet Tea Festival – October 7th 11 am – 6 pm - Poplarville Town Green
- October 8th 8 am – 6 pm
- Witches Ride (Golf Carts/Bicycle Ride) – October 29th 4:00 pm
- Merchant's Trick or Treat - October 31st 3:30pm -5:00 pm

Center Activities

- Think Pink – Wear It Pink Every Friday
- Columbus Day – School Closed October 10th
- Hispanic Heritage Month - TBA
- Fall Pictures – Thursday, October 13th
- National Head Start Awareness Balloon Release - October 21st
- Breast Cancer Balloon Release – October 28th
- Octoberfest / Costume Contest – October 31st



FAMILY SERVICE

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ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH!

It is always a great opportunity to be able to provide meaningful information. This month we are reinforcing the relevance of consistent attendance. Consistent attendance is essential for children to benefit from their Head Start experience and for future school success. We are a flexible program that understands that life happens. We are all dealing with these really difficult times, but staff is doing the best that they can to continue to support and engage families. At all of our sites, we are always looking for strategies to promote regular attendance. If you have questions or concerns please contact us to create a regular attendance plan or develop a strategies to overcome the hurdles that interfere with regular attendance.

~Your ERSEA Coordinators

EHS/CCP: Jhoanny Vargas, M.S.
HS/PreK: Kaylin Richard, B.S.

HEALTH

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

1. Plan costumes that are bright & reflective
2. Make sure shoes fit well
3. Make sure costumes are short enough to prevent tripping
4. Consider adding reflective tape or striping to costumes
5. DO NOT allow your young child wear a mask that can block eyesight and breathing.
6. Use flame resistant costumes and wigs
7. Do not allow young child to carry a sword, cane for stick. If child stumbles or falls these items can cause injury.
8. Use flashlights with fresh batteries when walking from house to house
9. Children should always be accompanied by an adult, not an older child.
10. Only go to homes with a porch light on and never enter a home or car for a treat
11. Carry a cell phone for communication
12. Remain on well-lit streets and always use the sidewalk
13. If no sidewalk is available, walk at the far edge of the road facing traffic
14. Never cut across yards or use alleys
15. Only cross the street as a group in established crosswalks
16. Never cross the street between parked cars
17. A good meal prior to trick-or-treat and parties will discourage young children from filling up on Halloween candy
18. Wait until children are home to sort and check treats
19. Never consume items that are unwrapped or suspicious

~Your Health Team

Health Managers:
EHS/CCP: Neterior McCormick, BS, RMA
HS/PRE-K: Pamela Frazier, RN

Site Nurses:
Rosa/Annie's: Yvette Burton, LPN
Nicholson/ PRCC: Chelsea Dennis, LPN
HS/Pre-K: Quandaria Magee, LPN

EDUCATION – EHS / CCP

IT'S ASSESSMENT TIME!

Every child in our program is an individual, with different interests, skill, strengths, and needs. Our goal is to get to know as much as possible about each and every child so that we can guide learning and plan experiences that are just right. We use a valid and reliable assessment tool called Teaching Strategies GOLD. The starting point for the assessment is 38 researched based objectives, including many predictors of future school success. TSG describes the pathway, or progression, of how children develop and learn. We use the documentation collected to determine your child's progress related to these objectives. PSD EHS administers a formal assessment 3 times a year. The initial assessment period will end on October 30th. Your child's teacher should be planning an initial home visit to discuss your child's progress the first week of November via Zoom, Face Time, Duo, and Messenger. We also invite you to share your own observations about your child's development and learning. The Unit Topics for October includes Transportation, Healthy Foods, Fall and Halloween.

~ EHS Education Coordinators
EHS: Charlotte Nixon, B.S. & CCP: Robette Watts, M.S.



MENTAL HEALTH

In small amounts, and when kids have the right support, stress can be a positive boost. It can help kids rise to a challenge. It can help them push toward goals, focus their effort, and meet deadlines. This kind of positive stress allows kids to build the inner strengths and skills known as resilience. Stress or adversity that is too intense, serious, long-lasting, or sudden can overwhelm a child's ability to cope. Stress can be harmful when kids don't have a break from stress, or when they lack the support or the coping skills they need. Over time, too much stress can affect kids' mental and physical health. To learn more about helping children cope with stress, visit the website below.

<https://kidshealth.org> › parents › stress

~ Your Mental Health Team:
 HS/PreK: Ashley Benson, M.S. & Bianca Pierce, M.S.; EHS/CCP: Rewa Haralson, M.S.

EDUCATION – HS/PRE-K

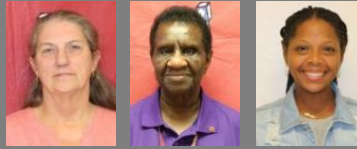
1. Curriculum:

- October 3 – 7: Balls; October 11 – 14: Balls; October 17 – 21: Fall; October 24 – 28: Fall
- Letters of the Month: Nn, Xx, Gg, Ll, Rr, Ww, Hh, Uu
- Shapes of the Month: Pentagon, Star, Parallelogram, Circle
- Colors of the Month: Brown, Purple, Red, Orange
- Math Focus: Naming and creating solid shapes, Making 5 and missing parts of 5.

September Teachers of the Month

Left to Right:

- Picayune HS: Kim Sones, B.S.
- Poplarville HS: Betty Young, M.S.
- PSD Pre-K: Akesha Carter, M.Ed



August Teachers of the Month

Left to Right:

- Picayune HS: Amanda Willie, A.A.
- Poplarville HS: Kim Revere, B.S.
- PSD Pre-K: Ashanti Wright, B.S.



2. This month we are focusing on the content area Math:

Children develop positive feelings about Math when they have fun Math experiences at home with their families! *Things to Remember: Math should be fun, every child learns differently, give hints but not answers, and celebrate all Math discoveries.*

Here are some fun activities to try at home

- Count as you walk, jump, skip, march, or go up the stairs.
- Read counting books.
- Make numbers and shapes with playdoh.
- Sort the laundry by color or clothing categories.
- Go on a shape hunt (inside or outside).
- Find markers that are the same size. Using markers, measure how many markers tall each person is in your family by lining them up next to them.
- You may also have some board games at home that incorporate Math: Candyland, Hi Ho Cherry-O, Trouble, Counting Cookies, Uno, Chutes and Ladders, Hungry Hungry Hippos, Cootie, The Sneaky Squirrel, The Ladybug Game, Barrel of Monkeys, Jenga, and puzzles.

~ Your HS/PRE-K Education Manager - Ashley Veerkamp, B.S.

OCTOBER 2022 HEAD START / PRE-K / EARLY HEAD START (CENTER-BASED) MENU

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 Breakfast: Cheesy Grits/Biscuit Mandarin Orange Cup 1% Milk Water Lunch: Red Beans and Rice Turnip Greens Corn Bread Peach Cup 1% Milk Water	4 Breakfast: French Toast Strawberry Cup 1% Milk Water Lunch: Baked Chicken Breast Glazed Carrots Applesauce Cup 1% Milk Water	5 Breakfast: Cinnamon Chex Applesauce Cup 1% Milk Water Lunch: Cheese Pizza Sliced Baked Potatoes Pear Cup 1% Milk Water	6 Breakfast: Cheese Toast Pineapple Cup 1% Milk Water Lunch: Macaroni & Cheese Lima Beans Mandarin Orange Cup 1% Milk Water	7 Breakfast: Egg Patty w/ Toast Strawberry Cup 1% Milk Water Lunch: Cheeseburger on Bun Broccoli Applesauce Cup 1% Milk Water
10 COLUMBUS DAY – NO SCHOOL	11 Breakfast: Cheese Toast Mandarin Orange Cup 1% Milk Water Lunch: Cheeseburger w/ Bun Lima Beans Peach Cup 1% Milk Water	12 Breakfast: Cheesy Grits/Biscuit Strawberry Cup 1% Milk Water Lunch: Chicken Quesadillas Baked Beans Applesauce Cup 1% Milk Water	13 Breakfast: Egg Patty w/Toast Pineapple Cup 1% Milk Water Lunch: Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Texas Garlic Toast Glazed Carrots Pear Cup 1% Milk Water	14 Breakfast: Cinnamon Chex Pear Cup 1% Milk Water Lunch: Cheeseburger on Bun Broccoli Applesauce Cup 1% Milk Water
17 Breakfast: Egg Patty w/Toast Diced Pear Cup 1% Milk Water Lunch: Red Beans and Rice Corn Bread Turnip Greens Mandarin Orange Cup 1% Milk Water	18 Breakfast: Cheesy Grits/Biscuit Pineapple Cup 1% Milk Water Lunch: Cheese Pizza Green Peas Peach Cup 1% Milk Water	19 Breakfast: Waffle Mandarin Orange Cup 1% Milk Water Lunch: Baked Pork Chop Baked Potato Slices Baked Roll Strawberry Cup 1% Milk Water	20 Breakfast: Buttered Grits/Toast Pineapple Cup 1% Milk Water Lunch: Cheeseburger w/Bun Glazed Carrots Apple Sauce Cup 1% Milk Water	21 Breakfast: Cinnamon Chex Peach Cup 1% Milk Water Lunch: Grilled Chicken Green Beans Strawberry Cup 1% Milk Water
24 Breakfast: Buttered Grits /Biscuit Diced Pear Cup 1% Milk Water Lunch: Grilled Cheese Sandwich Glazed Carrots Applesauce Cup 1% Milk Water	25 Breakfast: Cheese Toast Strawberry Cup 1% Milk Water Lunch: Cheesy Chicken/Rice California Veggies Peach Cup Roll 1% Milk Water	26 Breakfast: Cheesy Grits/Toast Mandarin Orange Cup 1% Milk Water Lunch: Chili on Bun Sliced Baked Potatoes Blueberry Cup 1% Milk Water	27 Breakfast: Egg Patty w/Hash Browns Pineapple Cup 1% Milk Water Lunch: Macaroni and Cheese Sweet Potato Patty Applesauce Cup 1% Milk Water	28 Breakfast: Cinnamon Chex Peach Cup 1% Milk Water Lunch: Cheeseburger w/ Bun Green Peas Diced Pear Cup 1% Milk Water
31 Cheesy Grits/Biscuit Mandarin Orange Cup 1% Milk Water Lunch: Red Beans and Rice Turnip Greens Corn Bread Applesauce Cup 1% Milk Water				

Picayune School District Early Childhood Programs - (601) 799-4702

- Early Head Start - Rosa
- Early Head Start – Nicholson
- EHS CCP – Annie’s Kindergarten & Daycare
- EHS CCP – Pearl River Community College Child Development Lab School
- PSD Pre-K Program
- PSD Head Start – Picayune
- PSD Head Start – Poplarville