



# MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER

Picayune School District Early Childhood Programs





# FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**February 27-March 3rd**  
 Monday- Whoville (Crazy Hair)  
 Tuesday- Fox in the Socks (Wacky Socks)  
 Wednesday- Cat in the Hat (Crazy Hat Day)  
 Thursday- Dr. Seuss Birthday (Dress up as any Dr. Seuss character)  
 Friday- Places you'll go (Wear college/vacation t-shirt)

**PIC HEAD START**

## ROSA /ANNIES

**Dr. Seuss Celebration**  
 Thursday, March 2 & Friday, March 3

**Dr. Seuss Day**  
 Dress as your favorite character from a Dr. Seuss book or anything you related!

**Animal Print Day**  
 Dress as your favorite animal from a Dr. Seuss book!

**Dr. Seuss Week**  
 February 27 - March 3

**MONDAY**  
 "One fish, two fish" wear something red or blue!

**TUESDAY**  
 "The Cat in the Hat" wear stripes and/or your favorite hat!

**WEDNESDAY**  
 "Wacky Workshoes" get wacky! wear your clothes backwards, inside-out, or unexpected!

**THURSDAY**  
 "Green Eggs and Ham" wear something green!

**FRIDAY**  
 "The Lorax" wear a silly mustache!  
 \*Stock of mustaches will be provided to each student!

**NEHS**

## POP HS

**Dr. Seuss Week**  
 February 27 - March 3, 2023

In honor of Dr. Seuss, Pop HS will have a Dr. Seuss Spirit Week. We celebrate reading! Each day will celebrate with one of our favorite Dr. Seuss books! Dr. Seuss's Birthday is Thursday, March 2, 2023.

**Monday** Wear stripes  
**The Cat in the Hat!**

**Tuesday** Wear pajamas & No slippers  
**The Sleep Book!**

**Wednesday** - Wear Crazy Socks  
**Fox in Socks!**

**Thursday** Terrific Hat Day  
**The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins**

**Friday** Wear Green  
**Green Egg and Ham!**

**February 27<sup>th</sup> - March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**

**Monday:** Fox In Socks!  
 Wear Silly Socks!

**Tuesday:** One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish  
 Wear Red or Blue!

**Wednesday:** Wacky Day!  
 Wear Your Wackiest Outfit!

**Thursday:** Green Eggs & Ham  
 Wear Green!

**Friday:** Dr. Seuss Day  
 Your Favorite Dr. Seuss Character!

**PRCC Lab School**

### EHS / CCP PARENT MEETINGS

- PRCC – Fri, March 3 @ 10:30A
- NEHS - Tues, March 7th @3:30P
- Rosa / Annie's - Tues, March 7th @5:00P

### HS / PRE-K PARENT MEETINGS

- Pic HS - Wed, March 1st @5:00P
- Pop HS - Tues, March 7th @5:30P
- Transition Meeting - Wed, March 8th @ 5:00P

## EHS / CCP EDUCATION

**READING MATTERS!** Reading to children is an intimate, shared experience that boosts development and learning. Making time for story sharing in busy infants/ toddlers settings is essential for children's vocabulary development and later reading ability. Being intentional about embedding literacy experiences in infants / toddlers everyday routines creates joyful, loving moments in the short term and builds critical skills in the long term. Here are some tips that can make reading easier for you and more beneficial for the children in your care.

1. Make books part of daily routines, such as when lulling an infant / toddler to sleep or feeding a baby.
2. Talk to children about the story-for example, "See the baby pat the bunny?"
3. Use an animated voice when reading to children. This is a good way to show that you're interested and you enjoy reading! If you're engaged, children will be too.

The Unit Topics for this month will include Dr. Seuss; Spring, Plants & Seeds; Children Around the World; Sea Life and Easter/Bunnies. The teachers will be planning activities to go along with our topics.

## E.R.S.E.A.

The ERSEA Team will send out intent letters for parents to consent to re-enrolling their children for the 2023-2024 school term. Parents will be notified in different ways (parent meetings, flyers and a letter ) about dates re-enrollment activities for all age eligible children. All service staff will be ready to conduct re-enrollment interviews in a welcoming and culturally respectful manner. If you have questions please contact your ERSEA Coordinators.

## HS / PRE-K EDUCATION

### 1. Curriculum:

- February 27 – March 3: Jump into Reading; March 6 – 17: Pets ; March 20 – 31: Farm / Easter
- Letters of the Month: Gg and Rr - Shape of the Month: Trapezoid - Color of the Month: White
- Math Focus: Recognize and Compare Shapes and Heights; Recognize how much an object holds; Recognize and compare weights

This month we are focusing on Creative Arts. Process Art is exactly what you think – it's all about the process and not the finished product. It doesn't have to resemble anything you've ever seen before. Process Art is developmentally appropriate for preschoolers and Kindergarteners who have yet to acquire the fine motor skills and self-awareness to represent objects accurately. You can encourage Process Art at home with your child by offering a variety of tools and materials such as colored paper, recyclables, scissors, glue, tape, paint, yarn, crayons, clay, etc.

\*Parent Transition Meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 8th via Zoom. All parents of children transitioning to Kindergarten should attend this meeting. We will discuss Transition Field Trips and local administrators will be present to provide information about their schools, their registration process, and they will be available to answer any questions that you may have at that time.\*

Transition Field Trips: March 16th – West Side Elementary; March 22nd – Poplarville Lower Elementary; March 24th – Roseland Park Elementary; March 28th – South Side Lower Elementary; March 29th – Nicholson Elementary; March 30th – Pearl River Central Elementary.

## TEACHERS OF THE MONTH



**Vanessa Lee, CDA**

**EHS Rosa**



**Patricia Johns**



**Jamilya Frazier, CDA**

**EHS Nicholson**



**Paula Stubbs, B.S.**

**HS Picayune**



**Ola Kendrick**

**HS Poplarville**



**Sherry Young, A.A.**

**SSL Pre-K**

## HEALTH

**March is Poison Prevention Month!** What is poison? It is a substance that can cause illness or harm to someone. **Poison-proofing your home is the key to preventing childhood poisonings.** In the case of iron-containing pills or any medicine: 1) Always close the container as soon as you've finished using it. Properly secure the child-resistant packaging, and put it away immediately in a place where children can't reach it; 2) Keep pills in their original container. 3) Keep iron-containing tablets, and all medicines, out of reach—and out of sight—of children; 4) Never keep medicines on a countertop or bedside table; 5) Follow medicine label directions carefully to avoid accidental overdoses that could result in accidental poisoning.

The most common poisons are:

\*Medicines \*Iron Pills \*Cleaning Products \*Laundry Products \*Nail Glue Remover & Primer \*Lighter Fluids \* Batteries  
\* Bug & Weed Killers \*Cigarettes \*Alcohol \*Mouthwash \* Plants (indoor & outdoor)

**Whom should you call: 1-800-222-1222 Poison control center for more information. Call 911 if someone collapsed, has a seizure, won't wake up, or stops breathing.**

**March is also Disability Awareness Month!** This is the practice of knowing, acknowledging, and accepting individuals' experiences as they relate to disability. The month reminds us that we are all a part of a broad spectrum of intellectual and physical functioning. It is a chance to be more empathetic and understand the everyone faces challenges. Let's work together to make sure everybody has the same opportunities in every aspect of life to the best of their abilities.

## MARCH 2023 (HEAD START / EARLY HEAD START CENTER-BASED MENU)

| Mon   | Tue   | Wed  | Thu   | Fri  |
|---|---|--|---|--|
|   |   | <b>1 Breakfast:</b> Grits w/Toast Blueberry Cup 1% Milk Water<br><b>Lunch:</b> Beef Patty in Gravy Mashed Potatoes Fresh Baked Roll Peach Cup 1% Milk Water              | <b>2 Breakfast:</b> Cinnamon Chex Mandarin Orange Cup 1% Milk Water<br><b>Lunch:</b> Macaroni & Cheese Spinach Applesauce Cup 1% Milk Water                             | <b>3 Breakfast:</b> Egg Patty w/ Toast Strawberry Cup 1% Milk Water<br><b>Lunch:</b> Cheese Pizza Glazed Carrots Pear Cup 1% Milk Water                                |
| <b>6 Breakfast:</b> Grits/ Biscuit, Mandarin Orange Cup, 1% Milk, Water<br><b>Lunch:</b> Chili on Bun, Broccoli, Strawberry Cup, 1% Milk, Water               | <b>7 Breakfast:</b> Pancake, Pear Cup, 1% Milk, Water<br><b>Lunch:</b> BBQ Chicken on Bun, Broccoli, Strawberry Cup, 1% Milk Water                        | <b>8 Breakfast:</b> Cinnamon Chex, Mandarin Orange cup, 1% Milk Water<br><b>Lunch:</b> Macaroni & Cheese, Spinach, Apple Sauce Cup, 1% Milk, Water                       | <b>9 Breakfast:</b> Cheese Toast, Pear Cup, 1% Milk, Water<br><b>Lunch:</b> Beef Patty in Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Baked Roll, Mandarin Orange Cup, 1% Milk, Water | <b>10 Breakfast:</b> Egg patty w/Toast, Sliced Baked Potatoes, Pear Cup, 1% Milk, Water<br><b>Lunch:</b> Cheese Pizza, Sliced Baked Potatoes, Pear Cup, 1% Milk, Water |
| <b>13 Breakfast:</b> Cinnamon Chex, Peach Cup, 1% Milk Water<br><b>Lunch:</b> Red Beans and Rice, Turnip Greens, Corn Bread, Applesauce Cup, 1% Milk Water    | <b>14 Breakfast:</b> Egg Patty w / Toast, Pineapple Cup, 1% Milk, Water<br><b>Lunch:</b> Macaroni & Cheese, California Veggies, Pear Cup, 1% Milk, Water  | <b>15 Breakfast:</b> Grits, Biscuit, Peach Cup, 1% Milk, Water<br><b>Lunch:</b> Baked Chicken Breast, Glazed Carrots, Fresh Baked Roll, Applesauce Cup, 1% Milk, Water   | <b>16 Breakfast:</b> French Toast, Mandarin Orange Cup, 1% Milk, Water<br><b>Lunch:</b> Cheeseburger / Bun, Collard Greens, Pear Cup, 1% Milk, Water                    | <b>17 Breakfast:</b> Grits, Toast, Strawberry Cup, 1% Milk, Water<br><b>Lunch:</b> Cheese Pizza, Yam Patty, Peach Cup, 1% Milk, Water                                  |
| <b>20 Breakfast:</b> Cheese Toast Pineapple Cup 1% Milk Water<br><b>Lunch:</b> Cheese Pizza, Yam patty, Peach Cup, 1% Milk, Water                             | <b>21 Breakfast:</b> Grits Strawberry Cup 1% Milk, Water<br><b>Lunch:</b> Hamburger / Bun, California Veggies, Pear Cup, 1% Milk Water                    | <b>22 Breakfast:</b> Egg Patty w/Toast Mandarin Orange Cup, 1% Milk, Water<br><b>Lunch:</b> Baked Chicken Tenders, Lima Beans, Peach Cup, 1% Milk Water                  | <b>23 Breakfast:</b> French Toast Sticks Diced Peach Cup 1% Milk Water<br><b>Lunch:</b> Beans and Rice, Turnip Greens, Corn Bread, Strawberry Cup, 1% Milk Water        | <b>24 Breakfast:</b> Cinnamon Chex, Pear Cup, 1% Milk Water<br><b>Lunch:</b> Macaroni & Cheese, Glazed Carrots, Mandarin Orange Cup, 1% Milk, Water                    |
| <b>27 Breakfast:</b> Grits/ Biscuit, Mandarin Orange Cup, 1% Milk, Water<br><b>Lunch:</b> Cheeseburger / Bun, Cooked Broccoli, Strawberry Cup, 1% Milk, Water | <b>28 Breakfast:</b> Pancake, Pineapple Cup, 1% Milk, Water<br><b>Lunch:</b> BBQ Boneless Chicken on Bun, Sliced Baked Potatoes, Pear Cup, 1% Milk, Water | <b>29 Breakfast:</b> Grits with Toast, Strawberry Cup, 1% Milk, Water<br><b>Lunch:</b> Beef Patty in Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Baked Roll, Peach Cup, 1% Milk, Water | <b>30 Breakfast:</b> Cinnamon Chex Cereal, Mandarin Orange Cup 1% Milk Water<br><b>Lunch:</b> Mac and Cheese, Spinach, Applesauce Cup, 1% Milk, Water                   | <b>31 Breakfast:</b> Egg Patty w/Toast Strawberry Cup, 1% Milk, Water<br><b>Lunch:</b> Cheese Pizza, Glazed Carrots, Pear 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 Lab School**   ● **PSD Pre-K Program**
- **PSD Head Start – Picayune**   ● **PSD Head Start – Poplarville**