



APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER

Picayune School District Early Childhood Programs





FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

HEAD START / PRE-K

This month will be very busy and full of activities, as well as “need to know” information. Please be sure that you are checking your Learning Genie app for announcements and please pay attention to all handouts that are being sent home.

- Spring Break- Monday, April 3rd- Monday, April 10th
- Poplarville Parent Meeting- Tuesday, April 11th @ 5:30pm
- Picayune Head Start/Pre-K- Wednesday, April 12th @ 5:00pm

EARLY HEAD START / CCP

- Re-Enrollment for returning families took place during the last week of March, so if you have not yet enrolled your RETURNING child please do so.
- We are so excited about starting the month out with our Spring Break from April 3rd-10th. Have fun and be safe!
- REMINDER: Children have to be at school for 8:00am! This will allow them to eat breakfast with their classmates in a family style setting. Also, please don't forget to do your transition in and out along with your in-kind DAILY in our Learning Genie app.
- Listed below are a few reminders for the month of April.
 - Tuesday, April 11th – Parent Meeting NEHS (3:30p) / Rosa & Annie's (5:00p)
 - Friday, April 14th – PRCC Parent Meeting 10:30a
 - Friday, April 14th – Transition money due for cap and gown
 - Friday, April 21st – Nicholson Early Head Start Spring Fling

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Picayune School District Early Head Start & Head Start Recruitment Drive

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR!



Documents Needed:

- Proof of Income or Public assistance
- Birth Certificate / Proof of Birth
- Proof of Residency
- MS Form 121 (immunization record)
- Proof of Pregnancy (if applicable)
- Medical Insurance Card
- Social Security Card
- Disability Documentation (if applicable)

Pregnant teens and parents of infants and toddlers (up to age 5) with disabilities, in foster care, or homeless are especially encouraged to apply.

TRANSPORTATION IS NOT PROVIDED BY EHS

TO APPLY:

www.psdccp.com

1620 Rosa St, Picayune, MS
(near South Side Elementary)

OR

1220 US 11, Picayune, MS
(near MS National Guard)

Call Jhoanny Vargas or Kaylin Jones

(601-799-4702) or (601-798-2537)
for more info!



HS / PRE-K EDUCATION

1. Curriculum:

- April 11 – 14: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle
- April 17 - 21: Insects
- April 24 – 28: Insects
- Literacy: Letter Names and Sounds
- Math Focus: Review

2. This month we are focusing on Science.

Science helps children develop key life skills, including an ability to communicate, remain organized and focused, and even form their own opinions based on observation. Science also helps children develop their senses and overall awareness.

Here are a few things you can do at home with your child:

- See what sinks and what floats
- Learn what dissolves in water
- Build an aluminum foil boat
- Build a catapult
- Blow the biggest bubbles you can

TEACHERS OF THE MONTH

EARLY HEAD START



Kelli Smith
EHS Rosa



Zykeria Parker
EHS Rosa



Keyontae Jenkins, CDA
EHS Nicholson

HEAD START / PRE-K



Shelley Reed
HS Picayune



Peggy Lee, B.S.
HS Poplarville



Shelby Sharkey
Picayune Pre-K

EHS EDUCATION

In the month of April the unit topics includes Farm Animals, Zoo Animals and Pets. These topics are great to introduce our children to nature and to help distinguish the difference in the animals. Books would be a great way to enlighten your child's curiosity about the different animals. April is also the "Month of the Young Child". Years of research have shown the importance of the early years in shaping how children grow, learn and form relationships. Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children declared April the Month of the Young Child. We must realize that all acts, small and large, make a difference in the lives of young children. The responsibility for raising a generation of healthy and happy adults is in all of our hands it starts in the first years of life. We thank you, parents, for giving us an opportunity to be a part of this process.

HEALTH / DISABILITIES: AUTISM AWARENESS

What are the signs of Autism? Early signs can be seen as early as birth and as late as age 2 or 3. If signs are seen it's important to seek a professional evaluation.

Signs and symptoms include but are not limited to:

- Few or no big smiles by 6 months
- No back and forth sharing of sounds by 9 months
- Little or no babbling by 12 months
- Very few or no words by 16 months
- And at ANY AGE: Avoidance of eye contact, persistent preference for solitude, difficulty understanding other people's feelings and delayed language development to name a few.

A good resource for families whose children have recently received a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder is "Autism Speaks". Visit their website at <https://www.autismspeaks.org/>.

APRIL 2022 (EARLY HEAD START CENTER-BASED MENU)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	4	5	6	7
	SPRING / EASTER BREAK – NO SCHOOL			
10	11 Breakfast: Egg Patty w/ Toast Pineapple Cup 1% Milk Water Lunch: Macaroni & Cheese California Veggies Pear Cup 1% Milk Water	12 Grits/Biscuit Peach Cup 1% Milk Water Lunch: Baked Chicken Breast Glazed Carrots Fresh Baked Roll Applesauce Cup 1% Milk Water	13 Breakfast: French Toast Mandarin Orange Cup 1% Milk Water Lunch: Cheeseburger/Bun Collard Greens Pear Cup 1% Milk Water	14 Breakfast: Strawberry Cup 1% Milk Water Lunch: Cheese Pizza Yam Patty Peach Cup 1% Milk Water
17 Breakfast: Raisin Toast Pineapple Cup 1% Milk Water Lunch: Yam Patty Peach Cup 1% Milk Water	18 Breakfast: Oatmeal Strawberry Cup 1% Milk Water Lunch: Hamburger/Bun California Veggies Pear Cup 1% Milk Water	19 Breakfast: Egg Patty w/ Toast Mandarin Orange Cup 1% Milk Water Lunch: Baked Chicken Tenders Lima Beans Peach Cup 1% Milk Water	20 Breakfast: French Toast Pineapple Cup 1% Milk Water Lunch: Red Beans and Rice Turnip Greens Corn Bread Strawberry Cup 1% Milk Water	21 Breakfast: Cinnamon Chex Pear Cup 1% Milk Water Lunch: Macaroni & Cheese Glazed Carrots Mandarin Orange Cup 1% Milk Water
24 Breakfast: Grits w/Biscuit Mandarin Orange Cup 1% Milk Water Lunch: Cheeseburger on Bun Cooked Broccoli Strawberry Cup 1% Milk Water	25 Breakfast: Pancake Pineapple Cup 1% Milk Water Lunch: BBQ Boneless Chicken Sliced Baked Potatoes Pear Cup 1% Milk Water	26 Breakfast: Grits w/Toast Strawberry Cup 1% Milk Water Lunch: Mashed Potatoes Fresh Baked Roll Peach Cup 1% Milk Water	27 Breakfast: Mandarin Orange Cup 1% Milk Water Lunch: Macaroni & Cheese Spinach Applesauce Cup 1% Milk Water	28 Breakfast: Egg Patty w/ Toast Strawberry Cup 1% Milk Water Lunch: 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 Child Development Lab School
- PSD Pre-K Program
- PSD Head Start - Picayune
- PSD Head Start - Poplarville