

Kid's Chronicle

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Bridge the Word Gap

"Talking matters, and, no matter what language you speak - the more words the better."

Wow, by the age of three there is a 30 million word gap between children of low income families and children of families with higher income. Children begin learning from the moment they are born. By seeing, hearing, and exploring the world around them, particularly through close loving relationships with their families and caregivers, babies' brains rapidly develop.

The more enriching experiences they have with those who love and care for them, the more they grow - especially when words are involved. Research has found that providing infants, toddlers, and young children with consistent, language-rich experiences - talking, reading, and singing - greatly benefits their brain development and school readiness. Talking, reading, and singing are teaching. When families, caregivers and teachers partner to promote children's early education, children win!

May 2nd-5th is **Teacher Appreciation Week**. Your Early Head Start teachers are important partners in your child's education. They have worked very hard this year to help your child learn and grow. They have done home visits, parent teacher conferences, and monitored your child's development all year. Make sure to **thank** your child's teacher for all they do!



National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day (May 4th) focuses on:

- The importance of social, emotional, behavioral, and physical health needs of children, youth, and young adults;
- Modeling effective communication practices between behavioral health providers, primary care providers, families, and youth; and
- Addressing the needs of youth with chronic illnesses and mental and/or substance use disorders.

EHS MAY CALENDAR

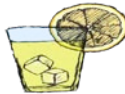
2nd-5th **Teacher Appreciation Week**

4th - Policy Council Meeting 4:30p

4th **Children's Mental Health Awareness Day**

5th Cinco de Mayo

6th Lemonade Day



14th Mother's Day

17th- Parent Committee Meeting 4:30p **McMillian's**

17th- Parent Committee Meeting 4:15p **Toddler's**

24th- Parent Committee Meeting 5:00p **Kid's K.**

25st-Parent Committee Meeting 4:00p **@Clara's**

29th **Memorial Day -EHS Sites Closed**

EHS CLOSURES AND EARLY DISMISSAL

May 19th -Kids Kingdom Early Dismissal at 2:00 pm

May 26th -29th -ALL EHS SITES CLOSED

 **COMMUNICATION**
THE KEY TO CONNECTION
BETTER HEARING & SPEECH MONTH

May Is Better Hearing & Speech Month, a time to raise awareness about communication disorders and available treatment options that can improve the quality of life for those who experience problems speaking, understanding, or hearing. To learn more visit American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA)

<http://www.asha.org/>.



1. Safety & Security Officer at Public High School \$12-16 per hr
 New Orleans Charter Science and Mathematics High School (Sci High)
To Apply: Email your resume and cover letter to Mrs. Christina Hull at chull@noscihigh.org.

2. Experienced Barista (full-time)
 Bittersweet Confections
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3. Temp. General Office Clerk (Metairie)
 Brooke Companies (Staffing Agency)
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- Information Technology

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

The Children's Bureau of New Orleans promotes growth and resilience through prevention, advocacy, education and intervention.

The mission of The Children's Bureau of New Orleans is to improve the quality of life for children and families in greater New Orleans through valid and proven programs that enhance and strengthen mental health and wellness. The organization's vision is that all children will thrive in happy and healthy families and reach their fullest potential.

Today, the Children's Bureau of New Orleans is a premier mental health agency providing community-based services to more than 3,000 children and their families each year. (2014 Children's

Bureau of New Orleans Website by Spears Consulting Group).



Movies In the Park (free)

May 5th - Star Wars The Force Awakens (6p-9p)
 Stallings Recreation Center-Bywater

May 12th - The Jungle Book (6p-9p)
 Lakeview Playground

May 19th - Captain America (6p-9p)
 Bodenger Playground- Westbank



Transitioning and need help paying for *child care?*

Apply for **CCAP** today!

Working 20 hours a week or a full-time student?

Do you know someone who needs help paying for *child care?*

Apply for **CCAP** today!

Already have Child Care Assistance (**CCAP**)?

Apply with the **LSUEHS** program today!

***Children must be younger than 3 yrs. old to apply*

LSUEHS is **NOW** accepting applications from families who currently have CCAP!

Apply today by visiting one of our partner centers or by calling 556-7537.

CCAP has new Eligibility Requirements!

Want to find out if you qualify for the *Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP)*? You can do so by applying at <https://www.louisianabelieves.com/> or contacting our ERSEA specialist Ms. Raynell at 556.7537.