

## We're Going Back To School



### Message from the EHS Director

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year! We hope you had wonderful restful and rejuvenating summer break. We would like to welcome all of our returning families with a special greeting to those families who are joining Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership program for the first time.

Special thanks to all of our teachers, directors, and EHS staff for their continued hard work and dedication.

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Going back to school after summer break can be a stressful time for children. Starting school for the first time or going to a new school can be especially overwhelming. Children have to meet new teachers and make new friends as well as learn new routines.

Our job, as parents and teachers, is to create nurturing relationships and safe environments so that our young children can actively explore and create positive learning experiences.

### Back to School Tips for Parents

As a parent there are some things you can do to make this time easier.

- Be interested and enthusiastic about the start of the school year. If you are confident and excited, your child will be too.
- **Attendance** It is very important that your child attend the program regularly. If/when your child is not present they cannot learn what they need to be ready for school! **Remember to sign your child in and out each day, indicating time of arrival and pick up time along with your signature. CCAP parents don't forget to Finger Scan each day. It's required by state licensing.**
- Since you are the 1st and most important teacher of your child, you also can be helping him/her learn every day at home. As a part of our school-readiness goals, we will be giving you more ideas of what you can do at home to work with your child.
- **Partner with us!** Attend parent meetings and be involved at the school. Children whose parents are more involved do better in school and are less likely to drop out.

In order to help your child learn all they can we need your help. Staff need your ideas about how your child is learning and growing at home. You are the one who knows your child best. Remember, you are always welcome in the classrooms/sites.

MARK THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR

Thank you to all of the parents who were involved in parent committee meetings and those who became Policy Council, School Readiness and/or Health Advisory representatives. We know parents have busy lives and may not make it to all meetings, but join us when you can!

Please ☹️☹️ below for times and dates.

## Back to School, Back to Work

**Sewerage & Water Board** Executive Director Cedric Grant states that they are hoping to hire about 260 people, and the salaries range from \$18,000 to \$90,000 a year.

The job openings range from office assistants and laborers to senior engineers, and the openings are available right now visit [www.swbno.org](http://www.swbno.org) to apply.

## A GREAT WAY TO END THE SUMMER!

The Cool Zoo, a wild and wet splash park, and Gator Run, a lazy river at **Audubon Zoo**, has a deal for you - a buy one, get one half off admission for the remainder of the 2016 season. The offer begins July 20<sup>th</sup>, -October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## Health Corner



National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM) is held in August to highlight the importance of vaccination for people of all ages. NIAM was established to encourage people of all ages to make sure they are up to date on the vaccines recommended for them.

### Requested Documents such as:

Immunizations, Physical forms, Dental forms or updates from your child's Nutritionist, Therapist or any other requested EHS documentation should be submitted to your center Coordinator.

## AUGUST DATES TO REMEMBER

- 1<sup>st</sup> Welcome Back!
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Policy Council Meeting
- 10<sup>th</sup> Welcome New Families!
- 17<sup>th</sup> Parent Committee Meeting 4:30p McMillian's
- 17<sup>th</sup> Parent Committee Meeting 4:15p Toddler's
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Parent Committee Meeting 5:00p Kid's Kingdom
- 31<sup>st</sup> Parent Committee Meeting 4:00p Clara's Little Lambs

Our Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships is one of the best kept secrets, if you have any friends who receive Child Care Assistance (CCAP) or services through Early Steps make sure to let them know about our program. We take applications year round, so it's not too late for them to apply!

Call  
568-BABY  
For more  
Info!

