



SCHOOL NEWS

May 2023

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Monthly Newsletter to Early Childhood Education Center Parents, Families, and Community

I WILL ACHIEVE

UPCOMING EVENTS



MAY

1 & 15: Salt River Schools Education Board meeting, 5:15PM

2: Education Board Work Session & Policy Council Meeting (afterward), Ed Board Room, 5:30PM

3 & 17: Car Seat Checks, 7-9AM

4: College Wear Day

4: Burritos for Dad, Gathering Place, 8-9:30AM

5: First Friday Chats with Higher Education, MS Teams, 10

5: Family Fiesta Night, Gathering Place, 2-5PM

8-12: ECEC Closed

11: Soda With Security, ALA Lecture Hall, 6-7:30PM

16: ECEC Pre-K Promotion, 9:30AM-12:30PM

29: SRS Closed/Memorial Day

MESSAGE FROM TAMI

The last day of school across Salt River Schools is Friday, May 19. What does that mean for ECEC children and families? The ECEC will seamlessly transition to our summer services on Monday, May 22.

- Our Early Head Start program year goes through July 21.
- Childcare is available May 22 to July 21 (minus holidays) for children who qualify for full-day services in Head Start.

If you have any questions contact the classroom staff or your Family Advocate.

THE ECEC WILL BE
CLOSED
TO STUDENTS & FAMILIES
MAY 8-12.

FAMILIES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURING
ALTERNATIVE CHILDCARE.



480-362-2200
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O'odham/Piipaash
Word of the Month

Kui Cuklig Maşad
(Black Seed Month)
O'odham

Xly'a sarapk
(Fifth Moon)
Piipaash

May—English

Attendance Hotline
480-362-2239

If leaving a message, please include:

- Child's Name & Classroom
- Your (Caller's) Name
- Reason for Absence



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My Community is the best. It can be paradise if you let it. — Luis Bejarano, Salt River GED Graduate



Early Childhood Education Center

CHILD CAR SEAT CHECK

Injury Prevention Program

Make sure kids are traveling safe all year long!

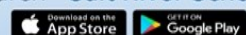
1st and 3rd Wednesday
7am to 9am
ECEC Drop-Off
February / March / April / May 2023
Melinda Hansen - (480) 362-2206

SALT RIVER EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER

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Enjoy Butterfly Wonderland with your child!

There's an opportunity for all ECEC students (+ one chaperone per student!) to attend Butterfly Wonderland on Monday, May 8 (there are various timeframes scheduled for each class.

Since the ECEC will be closed this week, we hope this will be a fun way for you to spend time with your child.

***For families with multiple students in multiple classes, please select the time that works best for you.**

10:00 a.m. Hummingbird/Turtle	12:00 p.m. Roadrunner/Cougar	2:00 p.m. Hodge/Hulet
10:30 a.m. Deer/Quail	12:30 p.m. Coyote/Bear	2:30 p.m. open
11:00 a.m. Piglet/Eagle	1:00 p.m. Frog/Butterfly	3:00 p.m. open
11:30 a.m. Bumblebee/Cottontail	1:30 p.m. Raccoon/Wolf	3:30 p.m. open

You must secure your own transportation. NO ECEC STAFF will be present. You are NOT allowed to bring outside food/drinks. Questions? Call/Text your Family Advocate, or call 480-362-2200.



2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

EARLY RELEASE DAYS

8/10 | 8/24 | 9/7 | 9/21 | 10/26 | 11/2 | 11/23 | 12/7
1/18 | 2/1 | 2/22 | 3/22 | 4/12 | 4/26 | 5/10

School begins at the same time, but releases early. Call your school with any questions.

The ECEC will not participate in Early Release on April 26 or May 10, nor will there be any Early Release dates during June or July.

SRES
NOON DISMISSAL
480-362-2400

ALA
12:45PM DISMISSAL
480-362-2130

Reminder: The ECEC has no more Early Releases.

In order to meet the Early Head Start contact hours for the 2022-2023 program year, the last Early Release day the ECEC participated in was on 4/12/23.

Traditional Dance Class

Miss Martha Martinez is an ECEC parent and has volunteered to teach preschool students. The ECEC's goal is for students to learn introductions, basic movement, and the importance of thanking one another. Another goal is for the students to develop into a traditional dance group that can perform for families and at events. Families are encouraged to attend.



Traditional Dance classes for preschool students will be on Mondays and Wednesdays, May 1 – June 16, excluding holidays.

Mondays	Wednesday
10:00 a.m. - Wolf	9:30 a.m. - Cougar
10:20 a.m. - Turtle	9:50 a.m. - Bear
10:40 a.m. - Quail	10:15 a.m. - Butterfly
11:05 a.m. - Cottontail	10:35 a.m. - Eagle

Questions, 480-362-2200 | ecec.saltiversschools.org



ESS Updates

May is Better Speech and Hearing Month! A big thank you to our speech therapists for all they do for our children. Speech therapy involves the evaluation and treatment of communication and swallowing disorders.

Communication is a broad term for speech production, fluency, language, cognition, voice, resonance, and hearing. Communication is the key to connection! Practice speech each day with the calendar below!



May 2023



Directions: Keep your speech and language skills sharp! Color in each square as you complete the activity. See how many you can complete this month!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
APR 30	MAY 1	2	3	4	5	6
Why Questions You answer a "Why" question with a reason.	 <i>Answer the Question</i> Why does an airplane have wings?	 <i>Answer the Question</i> Why do you drain a bathtub?	 <i>Answer the Question</i> Why do you put ice in a drink?	 <i>Answer the Question</i> Why do we have ears?	 <i>Answer the Question</i> Why do you go to a restaurant?	 Check out this product: Ask And Answer® "WH" Bingo Item #BGO120 DIGITAL PRODUCT!
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Antonyms Antonyms are word pairs that are opposite in meaning.	Name an antonym for... big 	Name an antonym for... high 	Name an antonym for... hot 	Name an antonym for... left 	Name an antonym for... night 	 Check out this product: MagneTalk® Early Opposites Item #SAS22 DIGITAL PRODUCT!
Mother's Day	14	15	16	17	18	19
Articulation - S There are two letters in the alphabet that can make the s-sound: "s" and "c."	Repeat these words: sun soap sink	Repeat these words: castle messy whistle	Repeat these words: house cactus grass	Repeat these words: supper medicine circus	Repeat these words: satisfied dinosaur asparagus	 Check out this product: Hidden Picture Scenes Item #GB483
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Who? You answer "who" questions with a person.	 <i>Answer the Question</i> Who writes stories for a living?	 <i>Answer the Question</i> Who delivers your mail?	 <i>Answer the Question</i> Who lives in a castle?	 <i>Answer the Question</i> Who works at a hospital?	 <i>Answer the Question</i> Who brings your food to you at a restaurant?	 Check out this product: "WH" Chipper Chat® Item #CC55
Pentecost	28	29	30	31	JUN 1	2
Synonyms Synonyms are words that mean the same thing.	Name another word for... gift	Name another word for... dad	Name another word for... fix	Name another word for... small	Name another word for... ill	 Check out this product: Synonyms Galore! Item #BK346 DIGITAL PRODUCT!

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Answer Key: May 1) so it can fly 2) to let the water out 3) to make it cold 4) so we can hear 5) to eat 6) small 7) low 8) cold 9) little 10) sick 11) right 12) day 13) king, queen, etc. 25) doctor, nurse, etc. 26) server 29) present 30) father 31) repair // June 1) little 2) sick

2023 Celebrations Promotions GRADUATIONS

Tuesday
JUNE 20
ALA Graduation
Class of 2023
Noon-2 PM
Talking Stick Resort

Monday
MAY 15

Kindergarten
Celebration
9:30-11:30AM
ALA Lecture Hall

Tuesday
MAY 16

ECEC Promotion
9:30AM-12:30PM
ECEC Canopy

Wednesday
MAY 17

FACE Celebration
10:30AM-1 PM
SRES

Wednesday
MAY 17

6th Grad
Promotion
1:45-3:15PM
ALA Lecture Hall

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SECURITY**

Accelerated Learning Academy
Lecture Hall
4827 N. Country Club Dr.

Suicide Awareness & Prevention

Thursday, May 11 | 6-7:30PM

Dinner will be served while supplies last.

This important presentation will discuss youth suicide prevention and what to do when someone talks about ending their life. Participants will learn about risks, warning signs, and protective factors regarding youth suicidality, as well as helpful resources to use and share with others.

Questions? Contact Esteban Lopez at 480-362-2010
or email Esteban.Lopez@saltriverschools.org.

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MOCK INTERVIEW MONDAYS

WITH HIGHER EDUCATION

- Test your answers to tough questions
- Enhance your communication skills and delivery of responses

APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE | VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS
9 AM - 4 PM

CONTACT JOYLA GATES TO REGISTER

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Ask questions, get advice, learn from the experts & feel confident about your higher education goals.

Friday, May 5
from 10-11:30AM
via Microsoft Teams.
Email HigherEd@saltriverschools.org to register!

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