SALT RIVER EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER

**SCHOOL NEWS**
APRIL 2021

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*Monthly newsletter to Early Childhood Education Center families and our Community.*

# I WILL ACHIEVE

## ECEC UPcoming EVENTS

### APRIL

**1:** Spring Celebration @Meal Distribution, 10-11:30 a.m.

**1:** ECEC Policy Council via MS Teams, 5:30 p.m.

**2:** Spring holiday; Salt River Schools closed/No school.

**5 & 19:** Education Board Mtg via Skype, 5:15 p.m.

**7:** SR Tribal Library Appreciation @Meal Distribution, 10-11:30 a.m.

**7 & 21**: Early Release

**9**: First Friday Chats with Higher Ed via MS Teams, 10 a.m. to Noon

**13:** Superintendent Search Forum via MS Teams, 5:30-7:30 pm.

**19:** ECEC Supply Giveaway Day, 9:30-11:30 a.m. & 3:30-5:30 p.m.

**23**: Earth Day Celebration @Meal Distribution, 10-11:30 a.m.

### O'odham/Piipaash Word of the Month

Kui Hyosik Maṣ
*O'odham*

Xly'a chmpapk
*Piipaash*

Blooming of the Mesquite Month
*English*

### ECEC CONTACT

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# A MESSAGE FROM TAMI

Hello Early Childhood Education Center Families: I am pleased to let you all know the renovations are finishing up at the ECEC. It was exciting to be able to get the renovations completed that will provide new play environments, better storage for supplies, and work space for staff to support families. It is hard to believe that we have less than five weeks left of this Head Start Program Year. We are looking forward to providing Early Head Start, childcare, and Head Start summer school in June and July as long we can keep everyone safe and healthy.

**ECEC Enrollment:** ECEC is currently accepting application for new families who are currently not enrolled at ECEC or on our waiting list for the 2021-2022 Head Start Program Year. For our current returning families, letters will be mailed out soon explaining your next steps for the next school year. Questions? Email Jessica Holmes at Jessica.holmes@saltriverschools.org or call 480-234-5918.

## SUPPLY GIVEAWAY DAYS
FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION CENTER FAMILIES

MONDAYS
April 19
May 17

9:30-11:30AM & 3:30-5:30PM
ECEC FRONT ENTRANCE
(ENTER FROM CENTER STREET)

Each month, the ECEC distributes materials for at-home activities & supplies requested by families (diapers, wipes, formula, etc.). If these days don't work for you or you need supplies more often, please contact your Family Advocate or call the ECEC for more information.

Please wear a face mask!

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“Happiness is the highest form of health.” – *Dalai Lama*

## FREE school meals for ALL youth age 18 & under!

Take advantage of the amazing breakfast and lunch meals prepared fresh daily by our Food Services team for ALL youth age 18 and under. **Pick up your meals weekdays (except holidays) from 10 -11:30 a.m. at the ECEC** along Center Street **OR** call our Transportation team at 480-362-2127 and leave a message that you’d like to have your student **meals delivered**. Learn more at **shorturl.at/gnOR3**.

## IS YOUR CHILD GOING TO KINDERGARTEN NEXT YEAR?

Attention pre-K families: this is the time of the year when you should start deciding where your child will attend Kindergarten next school year. In preparation for this wonderful transition, please reach out to your child’s teacher, family advocate, or Preschool Assistant Program Manager Barbara White for any questions you may have. If your child receives services for their IEP, please reach out to the Exceptional Student Services Coordinator Kim Cohill for transition support.

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Do you need help with child care costs?

Children in protective care have alternative requirements.

Copays & other costs may apply.

Do you live in SRPMIC (including Lehi), Phoenix, Mesa, Tempe, Glendale, or Scottsdale?

Do you have a child who is between 6 weeks & 12 years old & is (or is eligible to be) enrolled in a federally recognized tribe?

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

# CCDF Certificate Program

*The CCDF (Child Care Development Fund) Certificate Program is funded by the Office of Child Care with the US Department of Health & Human Services.*

The CCDF Certificate Program is an income-based program designed to support access to quality and affordable child care.

Accepted providers are licensed with the State of Arizona.

No waiting list! Apply today!

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**ECEC CCDF Certificate Program:**
The CCDF Certificate Program is a child care subsidy to help eligible families pay for child care costs at a licensed child care center or certified child care group home or family child care home. Services are billed to CCDF.

**PARENTS/GUARDIANS:**
If you are in need of child care, we are now enrolling and accepting new applications at this time!

ReadyRosie

ReadyRosie is a communications and content platform. It is a way to receive information and resources directly from the teacher.

ECEC teaching staff will email the link for families to sign up (if you don't receive a link, please contact your child's teacher or Family Advocate). After the initial sign up, the program can be accessed through the student's school-issued tablet.

**Learn more about the program, including how to register, at https://ecec.saltriverschools.org/services/ready_rosie**

## Community Resources

**COVID-19 Hotline & Vaccine Appointment**
480-362-2603

**Job Connection**
480-362-7870

**WIC**
The WIC office is open and providing Telehealth services for the month of February by appointment only.

Call: 480-362-7300
Text: 888-365-1338

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