



## SCHOOL NEWS

JANUARY 2022

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Monthly newsletter to Early Childhood Education Center Families and our Community.

## I WILL ACHIEVE

### **ECEC** **UPcoming** **EVENTS** **JANUARY**

**3rd & 17th** : SRS' School Board Meeting at 5:15 p.m. via (Microsoft Teams) at [www.saltriverschools.org](http://www.saltriverschools.org)

**ALL SRS will operate VIRTUALLY through the month of January**

**4th**: Second Semester/3rd Quarter Begins

**10th**: Policy Council Meeting at 5:30 p.m. Call (480) 362-2200 to receive the virtual meeting link (Microsoft Teams) emailed to you so may join us from your home computer.

#### **Cancelled ECEC Events:**

- ECEC—Burritos for Dad
- ECEC Clothing Boutique Presentation

### **FEBRUARY**

**7th & 21st**: Education Board Meeting, 5:15 p.m. via Microsoft Teams

**8th**: Kindergarten Round-Up at SRES (Tentative).

**2nd & 23rd**: Division Early Release

#### **ECEC CONTACT**

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### **A MESSAGE FROM TAMI**

For those of you that were able to take a time off during Winter Break—Welcome back and Happy New Year—2022!

For staff and families that were here during the break it was enjoyable to be at a little slower pace. We are looking forward to the rest of the school year and fulfilling the purpose of ECEC to prepare children to be lifelong learners and help strengthen families.



### **STAFF SPOT LIGHT!**

*“Ske:g Tas Families!”*

We, the Teacher Mentors, would like to share with you what we’ve been working on this past month in the classrooms.

For the Early Head Start program (0-3yr olds), we went into classrooms and finished up the Fidelity Tool Checklist (*an instrument to help assess the degree to which teachers are implementing the curriculum the way the developers intended it to be taught*). The Fidelity Tool Checklist data will allow us to support Early Head Start teaching staff to use the curriculum with confidence.

For the Head Start program (3-5 yr. olds), CLASS observations (*an instrument developed to assess classroom quality in preschool and is a requirement of the Office of Head Start*) are almost completed. The CLASS data will allow us to coach the Head Start teaching staff to improve on their effective teaching practices in the classroom.

We are continuing to build our relationships with classroom staff (as well as the children) through classroom visits. As part of Practice-Based Coaching, we visit classrooms regularly to provide technical assistance to support and ensure they are meeting the needs of the children and their families. These classroom visits could be either scheduled or unscheduled and formal or informal. Either way, it helps in the progression of both the children and the teachers.



**Effort and courage are not enough without purpose and direction.** -President John F. Kennedy

## Exceptional Student Services @ ECEC

Even though it is only January, it is time to stop and reflect on the upcoming changes for your pre-schooler. Typically, preparation for kindergarten is thought of as something to do and plan for during the summer before the child is entering kindergarten. However, this transition and the process is actually more successful and less stressful if it is thoughtfully planned out during the pre-kindergarten year. We understand the transition to Kindergarten can be a stressful time for you and want to make sure the support of our ECEC Team is available for you and your child. **If you have any questions, please call us at: (480) 362-2203 or text us at (480) 365-1047.**

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In November, we celebrated the O'odham and Piipaash culture in partnership with a Community member who provided traditional skirts to all the



*Hoping Everyone had a Wonderful Christmas and  
Wishing Everyone a Blessed, Fruitful  
Happy New Year!  
From Everyone here at ECEC*