



## ECEC SCHOOL NEWS

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

## I WILL ACHIEVE

### DECEMBER 2023



1: Higher Education First Friday Chat, 10AM

4 & 18: SRS Education Board Mtg, 5:15PM

6: Parenting a Child with Autism workshop, Education Board Room, 4-6PM

7: College Day—wear your college gear!

7: Santa's Safety Workshop, ECEC Bus Loop, 3-5PM

7: Soda With Security, ALA Lecture Hall, 5:30-7PM

11: ECEC Policy Council meeting, Education Board Room, 5:30-7:30PM

12: NYCP Reading All the Way Drive-Thru event, ALA North Parking Lot, 6-8PM

14: Holiday Make-N-Take, ECEC Gathering Place, 7:30-9:30AM

14: Baby's First Indigenous Foods, ECEC Gathering Place, 5-6PM

21: ECEC Winter Wonderland, 10AM-Noon

22: ECEC Staff PD/No Students

25 & 26: Christmas Observance/SRS CLOSED

27-29: ECEC Winter Break/Childcare Available

### JANUARY

1: New Year's Day/SRS CLOSED

2-5: ECEC Winter Break/Childcare Available

8: Staff Development/No Students

8: ECEC Policy Council meeting, Education Board Room, 5:30-7:30PM

9: ECEC Children Return

10, 17, 24 & 31: Early Release at 12:30PM

12: Higher Education First Friday Chat, 10AM

15: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day/SRS CLOSED

16: SRS Education Board Mtg, 5:15PM

23: Literacy Shirt Day

23: ECEC Men's Gathering, 3:30-4:30PM

25: ECEC ReadyRosie Workshop, 8:30AM & 4:30PM

31: ECEC Pre-K Cap & Gown Pictures

**THURSDAY  
DEC. 21  
10AM-NOON**  
Early Childhood Education Center

**JOIN US**  
Snow! Hot Cocoa! Classroom Activities! Plus, a special visitor from the North Pole!

### GOT CHALLENGING BEHAVIOR: NOW WHAT?

**WED, DEC 6  
4-6PM | Education Board Room**  
4836 N. Center St., Scottsdale, AZ 85296

Dinner will be provided!

**Please RSVP  
480-362-2257**

#### Questions?

Nikki Thomas 480-362-2214  
SRS Child Find Coordinator

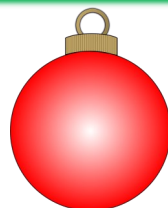
Zandria Ransom 480-362-6980  
SRPMIC Special Needs Coordinator

#### LEARN

Pivotal response treatment (PRT) and how it builds and improves on the basic principles of behavior modification. PRT uses a child's natural motivations (toys, games, and activities that a child wants and cares about) to teach and reinforce new, pro-social behaviors.

**CHILD FIND**  
Measuring Milestones

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

S'he:kig Jioş 'alidag ma:sig taş! (O'odham)

Yoos xumay nyshnyaash xotk! (Piipaash)

Merry Christmas! (English)



... [B]eing open and amenable to new ideas, ways of thinking, and new opportunities is imperative if we are to continue to thrive. — SRPMIC President Martin Harvier

**COVID-19 & FLU vaccine** clinics are available by appointment and open to SRPMIC-enrolled children and Community resident children. Call the COVID-19 Hotline at 480-362-2603.

### 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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## ECEC CLOSURE MARCH 18-22, 2024

The ECEC will be **CLOSED** during Spring Break, March 18-22, 2024. The ECEC will **NOT** be able to provide child care assistance during this time. The closure is due to a planned electrical shutdown for the entire campus. ECEC staff will participate in important professional development off-site at the Conscious Discipline Academy, for which there may be opportunity for parents to attend; reach out to your Family Advocate if you are interested in participating.

All ECEC families are asked to sign off that they are aware of the closure; you may do this on-site at the ECEC front desk, or sign the letter located on our website and print or email it to Carmen.Briones@saltriversschools.org. Additionally, families will be responsible for finding alternative care March 18-22. Questions? Call the ECEC at 480-362-2200.

# READING ALL THE WAY

*A Drive-Thru Holiday Celebration*

**Tuesday, Dec. 12 | 6-8PM**

ALA North Parking Lot  
Enter from Chaparral Road  
heading East



Decorate your sleigh (vehicle!) and join us for a drive-thru holiday celebration filled with literacy, merriment, and holiday cheer. The theme is "The Twelve Days of Christmas in Arizona," based on the book by Jennifer J. Stewart. There will be lots of gifts and prizes awarded for best car decorations!

**480-362-2500 | SaltRiverSchools.org**

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# Santa's Safety Workshop

**THURSDAY, DEC. 7**  
**3-5PM**

**ECEC BUS LOOP**

**VISIT SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS!**

Get gifts and goodies from the SRS Safe Schools & Security Team, SRPMIC Public Health Injury Prevention, Salt River Fire Department, Salt River Police Department, and many more!



**ECEC POLICY COUNCIL:** Scan the QR code with your mobile device and learn more about what the Policy Council does and upcoming meeting dates. Or visit [ECEC.SaltRiverSchools.org](http://ECEC.SaltRiverSchools.org).

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**BIUGIM?**  
*are you hungry?*

**Thurs, Dec. 14**  
**5-6PM**

*ECEC Gathering Place*

Join the Early Childhood Education Center and our partners from WIC and SRPMIC Public Health Injury Prevention to learn how to use traditional/cultural ingredients in baby food.

The class is open to expectant moms, ECEC infant families, and ECEC Home Base families.

**Please RSVP to Melinda Hansen (call or text 602-706-9024),** so we know how much materials are needed; plus, we will provide all participants with a meal and have many gift giveaways!

The event will also feature traditional dancing and singing, as well as information about safe sleeping practices for infants, including using cradleboards.

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# COLLEGE CORNER

## FIRST FRIDAY CHATS



Ask questions, get advice, learn from the experts & feel confident about your higher education goals.  
Email [HigherEd@saltriverschools.org](mailto:HigherEd@saltriverschools.org) to register!

**Friday, Dec. 1**  
**10-11AM**  
via Microsoft Teams

ATTENTION SENIORS  
GET HELP WITH:  
Completing your FAFSA  
College applications  
Scholarships  
Picking your major

### ADVISING APPOINTMENTS

Higher Ed is offering advising appointments for SRPMIC-enrolled high school seniors.

Virtual appointments are also available for students who live out of state.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT DAVINA LEON

📞 480-362-2551 ✉ [Davina.leon@saltriverschools.org](mailto:Davina.leon@saltriverschools.org)

Appointments Available  
Monday - Friday  
8AM - 5PM

### HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAM FUNDING APPLICATION DEADLINES



*the journey begins here.*

Higher Education is there to uplift you every step of the way.

#### VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

- APR 30: School start date in May, June & July
- JUL 30: School start date in Aug., Sept. & Oct.
- OCT 30: School start date in Nov., Dec. & Jan.
- JAN 30: School start date in Feb., March & April

#### COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY

- Fall Semester: JUN 30
- Spring Semester: NOV 30
- Summer Semester: APR 30

If deadlines fall on a weekend, applications will be accepted on the following business day.

480-362-2500 | [HE.SaltRiverSchools.org](http://HE.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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To receive text messages from Salt River Schools, text "opt-in" to 67587.  
Opt-out at any time.

## SODA with SECURITY



480-362-2010  
[Esteban.Lopez@saltriverschools.org](mailto:Esteban.Lopez@saltriverschools.org)



**Thursday, Dec. 7**  
**Suicide Prevention/Awareness**  
**Teen Lifeline \*\*Adults only\*\***

Soda With Security will take place at the **Accelerated Learning Academy** from 5:30-7 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided.