

MAY 2011

Special points of interest:

- Nurses' Week 5/6-5/12
- Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week 5/1-5/7
- National Mental Health Month
- Better Hearing and Speech Month
- National Bike Month
- Mother Goose Day
- Cinco De Mayo Celebration-Saracen Landing 5/7
- Mother's Day 5/8
- Bring personal hygiene items for Red Cross 5/7
- 5/18- GRADUATION 1:00 P.M. Big Playroom
- 5/26- Dr. Ashcraft's Clinic
- Memorial Day 5/30 **KIDS FIRST WILL BE CLOSED**



# KIDS FIRST KOURIER

## KIDS FIRST -PINE BLUFF

CLOSED MONDAY MAY 30, MEMORIAL DAY

### Continuity of Care

### Project Nurture

## Nurturing Idea for May

#### Mother Knows Best

ZERO TO THREE's national survey of parents with children ages birth to 3 years—*Parenting Infants and Toddlers Today*—revealed that almost half of parents (47%) regularly turn to their mother or mother-in-law for information about child development and parenting. Despite the wealth of child-rearing information available to parents— from blogs and websites to television shows, parenting books, and publications—our own mothers are one of the most powerful influences on our parenting decisions!



#### What is Project Nurture?

Project Nurture is KIDS FIRST'S Infant Mental Health Program. Our goal is to promote the social and emotional well-being of KIDS FIRST infants, toddlers and families through secure and nurturing relationships

## Graduation May 18, 1:00 p.m. in the Big Play Room

The 2011 graduates are: Lashunda B., Darnell B., Hunter C., Donald D., Shauwn D., Janiya E., Tykeyciana E., N'Kheyai E., Kiara G., Payton K., Jaden M., Joshua R, and Sunetria W.

They know numbers, they know shapes ; They know purple stand for grapes

They know red, white and blue ; They know green and yellow too!

They've made friends and know how to share ; What is wrong and what is fair

They know what policeman and mailman do; Nurses and Fireman too!

They know rhymes, they know sounds ;They've had ups and they've had downs

So it's with happy memories; We send them out the door

With great hope and expectations; For what the next year holds in store



## Perfect Attendance

<b>Tiyler A.</b>	<b>Kamarion G.</b>
<b>Maia B.</b>	<b>Daveon J.</b>
<b>Darnell B.</b>	<b>Deon J.</b>
<b>Latoya B.</b>	
<b>Kylan C.</b>	
<b>Donal D.</b>	
<b>Joseph F.</b>	
<b>Garrious G.</b>	



## BIRTHDAYS

Promise A. 5/21  
 Jakiya K. 5/12  
 Teryn M. 5/27  
 Mandrell U. 5/2  
 Takayla W. 5/12  
 D'Keylen W. 5/2  
 STAFF BIRTHDAYS  
 Shanequa (Nikki)N.5/4  
 LaShanda D. 5/15



Our sense of hearing is one of the most important of our senses and hearing impairment can have a detrimental effect on our way of life. The month is focused on raising awareness of speech and hearing disorders, especially among parents. Many parents are not adept in identifying such kind of disorders in their children, much more knowing what to do once they observe a problem.. If you have a question feel free to ask our Speech Therapists Katrina, Amy T., Robin and Vonda. We appreciate their great work!!

## AR CHILDREN'S WEEK RECAP April 11—15

April 11th through April 15th was Arkansas Children's Week. This year's theme was "**LET'S EXPLORE SCIENCE**" During this week we had games (including a treasure hunt), activities, and special guests who came out to talk to and read to the children. The week went as follows:

Monday, April 11th -Homer Hopson a retired Biology teacher came out and did experiments for the children.

Tuesday, April 12th -Dr. Fitzpatrick a retired Biology teacher came out and did experiments for the children and later that day the children went on a nature walk.

Wednesday, April 13th- Mary Ann Kizer provided Parent Training. The children visited with UAMS Mascot Reddie and Roberta Recycling Robot. Jingles was presented by Shauwn Davis.

Thursday, April 14th - PC & McGruff from the Sherrif Dept. came to visit and The Social Work Club came by to read stories to the children.

Friday, April 15th—The parents, children and staff participated in the Parade led by the UAPB Golden Lion Drumline and Miss UAPB.

*A special thank you to Margo Hopson-Smith , Lynn Bond, Gwen Anderson and Sharon Mallett for all of their hard work and to everyone else who helped to make this a great week!!*

### DOCTOR'S DAY 2011

Our staff presented **Dr. Ashcraft**

with a gift. basket. It was nice to see the smile cross his face when the gift was presented. to him by our Director Felecia Miller. Thanks Dr. Ashcraft for all that you do.



We would like to recognize Valerie T., ShaCoya G., Belinda S., Verna B. and Elena M. for all of their hard work with the graduating class of 2011. Also everyone else who will make Graduation Day a day to remember!!

## KIDS FIRST—PINE BLUFF RAISED \$440.00 IN SCHOLASTIC BOOK DOLLARS



We would like to thank our parent, **Jennifer Wells** for all of her hard work daily at the Scholastic Book Fair and all other parents that volunteered. We would also like to thank all of the Grandmas and everyone else that came out to read a story to the children during this week.



**Happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful moms!!!**

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## National Nurses Week May 6—May 12th

Often described as an art and a science, nursing is a profession that embraces dedicated people with varied interests, strengths and passions because of the many opportunities the profession offers. As nurses, they work in emergency rooms, school based clinics, and homeless shelters, to name a few. They have many roles – from staff nurse to educator to nurse practitioner and nurse researcher – and serve all of them with passion for the profession and with a strong commitment to patient safety. We would like to recognize: Gwen Knight-Haney RN, Cynthia Nelson-Jones LPN, Carolyn O’Byrant RN and Dir. Felecia Miller RN

Our PRN Nurses: Karen Berry RN, Wanda Jones RN, Debra Jackson RN and Tina Reynolds, RN We appreciate their hard work and the excellent care they provide for the children.

## TEACHER & STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

May 1-May 7, 2011

THE STAFF AT KIDS FIRST-PINE BLUFF ARE A REMARKABLE GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS WHO COLLECTIVE ACTIONS DESERVE OUR THANKS AND ADMIRATION. PLEASE THANK OUR STAFF MEMBERS FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND MOTIVATION IN THE TREATMENT ROOMS AND IN THE CLINIC. BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE GUIDING AND NURTURING ROLE THEY PLAY ON A DAILY BASIS IN THE CHILDRENS LIVES WE SERVE.



“TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE MORE”

## ARKANSAS CHILDREN’S WEEK RECAP

