

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AWARENESS MONTH

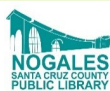
DON'T FORGET ABOUT KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION!

## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

<b>MONDAYS</b> 4:00 PM	<i>Public Library Family Fun</i> Reading and crafts at Nogales every Monday at 4:00 pm
<b>TUESDAY 2/4</b>	<i>Proclamation Santa Cruz County</i>
<b>TUESDAYS</b> 4:00 PM	<i>Public Library LEGO club</i> Nogales and Rio Rico every Tuesday and Thursday at 4:00 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY 2/5</b>	<i>Proclamation City of Nogales</i>
<b>WEDNESDAYS</b> 3 & 3:30 PM	<i>Public Library Story Time</i> Every Wednesday at 3:00 pm in Nogales and 3:30 pm in Rio Rico
<b>WEDNESDAY 2/5</b> 9:00 AM	<i>Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Meeting</i> Nogales-Santa Cruz County Meeting at County Complex in Courtroom A
<b>THURSDAY</b> 2/6, 10:00 AM	<i>Mariposa Community Health Center Story Time</i> Story time with pediatricians at 10:00 am
<b>FRIDAYS</b> 11:00 AM	<i>Tubac Library Story Time</i> Story time every Friday at 11:00 am
<b>SATURDAY 2/8</b> 10:00 AM	<i>9th Annual First Things First Celebrates the Young Child</i> 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Calabasas School in Rio Rico, Az
<b>MON-FRI</b> 2/10 - 2/14	<i>Superintendent Alfredo I. Velasquez Preschool Visits</i> Week of Santa Cruz County School Superintendent preschool visits
<b>THURSDAY 2/13</b> 10:00 AM	<i>Community Health Center LEGO Club</i> LEGO Club with pediatricians Thursday at 10:00 am
<b>MON-FRI</b> 2/17 - 2/21	<i>Week of Read on Preschools</i> Volunteers will visit and read to all preschools in Santa Cruz County
<b>THURSDAY</b> 2/20	<i>Early Childhood Leadership Excellence Luncheon</i> Santa Cruz County School Superintendent's Office in Partnership with Nogales Rotary Club
<b>THURSDAY 2/20</b> 10:00 AM	<i>Mariposa Community Health Center Story Time</i> Story time with pediatricians at 10:00 am
<b>SATURDAY</b> 2/22	<i>Birth to Five Workshop</i> Professional Development Workshop
<b>THURSDAY 2/27</b> 10:00 PM	<i>Mariposa Clinic LEGO Club</i> LEGO Club with pediatricians Thursday at 10:00 am
<b>WEDNESDAY 3/11</b>	<i>Early Childhood Day at the AZ State Legislature</i>



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## WHY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AWARENESS MONTH IS NEEDED

- There is an achievement gap in the readiness of 5-year-olds entering kindergarten
- To increase the number of parents who register early for kindergarten
- To increase the number of parents enrolling their child in preschool
- To increase awareness regarding the need for high quality childcare and preschool in Santa Cruz county
- 90% of a child's brain develops before age 5

## REGISTER NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN

- Learn how to register now at [www.co.santa-cruz.az.us/294/Superintendent-of-Schools](http://www.co.santa-cruz.az.us/294/Superintendent-of-Schools)

## HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE?

- Talk to decision makers in Santa Cruz County to support early childhood education including school board members, County Superintendents, Mayor and City Council
- Attend the First Things First Celebrates the Young Child event on Saturday, February 8
- Volunteer in a local preschool
- Refer a friend to the Family Resource Center

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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Nogales Family Resource Center  
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Mariposa  
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