



# PARENT GAZETTE

PCI celebrating 47 years of Excellence!

## CEO MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we welcome the month of May—a time filled with growth and new beginnings—I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your ongoing support and partnership. This season is a wonderful reminder of the excitement of watching our children learn, discover, and flourish, as well as the important role families play in that journey.

We are incredibly proud of everything our students have achieved this year and look forward to the many celebrations, milestones, and special events ahead. Thank you for being such a valued part of our community. Together, we continue to build strong foundations for bright futures. A heartfelt thank you to all of our incredible PCI moms—your strength, care, and dedication are truly inspiring. You play such an important role in your children’s lives, and we are honored to celebrate you this Mother’s Day. Wishing you a joyful and fulfilling month ahead!

Sincerely,



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## Head Start’s Birthday!

On May 18, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson officially announced Project Head Start from the White House Rose Garden. Head Start launched in the summer of 1965, serving more than 560,000 children and families across America in an eight-week summer program through Head Start Child Development Centers throughout the United States.

## Leading with Innovation, Delivering Excellence.



### Teacher Appreciation WEEK

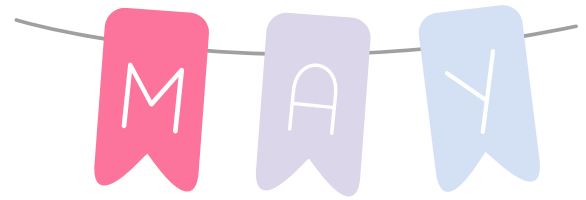
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- Monday**  
**Flower Monday**  
Giving flowers are the way to express loving gratitude
- Tuesday**  
**Gift of Giving**  
Show how sweet they are with sweet tarts, chocolates, sweetbread!
- Wednesday**  
**Thankful Wednesday**  
Let's show thankfulness with attractive notes
- Thursday**  
**Food Treat Day**  
Bring their favorite drink or snack
- Friday**  
**Friday Surprises**  
Show the last day event with surprises

## MUFFINS for MOM

Friday, May 8th

Muffins for Mom is Almost Here!  
Join us as we celebrate the wonderful mothers, grandmothers, and mother figures who fill our children's lives with love, laughter, and guidance. Enjoy a sweet morning filled with muffins, smiles, and special memories with your little one!  
For more details about your center's date and time, please contact your child's ECC.  
We can't wait to celebrate you—because you deserve all the love (and muffins)!



May is a beautiful time in San Antonio, and there are plenty of fun, educational, and engaging things to do with preschoolers. Here are some great ideas:

Outdoor Adventures

1. San Antonio Zoo – Visit the zoo early morning to beat the heat. The Tiny Tot Nature Spot is perfect for preschoolers!
2. Yanaguana Garden at Hemisfair – A colorful, interactive playground with water features, climbing structures, and art.
3. The DoSeum—This children’s museum is packed with hands-on exhibits tailored to children’s minds and imaginations.
4. San Antonio Botanical Garden—Explore the Family Adventure Garden, which is full of nature play areas and shaded spots to relax.
5. Brackenridge Park is great for picnics, train rides on the San Antonio Zoo Eagle, and nature walks.

Seasonal Activities

1. Strawberry Picking at Sweet Berry Farm (nearby in Marble Falls) – A fun day trip for little hands to pick sweet treats.
2. Visit a local splash pad. San Antonio has several free splash pads that open in May (like Pearsall Park or Elmendorf Lake Park).

Creative & Indoor Fun

1. Storytime at the San Antonio Public Library – Free story sessions often include crafts and music.
2. Painting or craft day at home or a local kids’ art studio.
3. Sensory play bins—Set up themed bins at home (e.g., a “garden” bin with dried beans, plastic flowers, and small tools).

Ideas:

1. Cinco de Mayo – Celebrate culture with dancing, maracas, and vibrant crafts.
2. Host a Mother’s Day tea party or picnic—simple and sweet!



**1-7 MOVEMENT AND MOTOR SKILLS DEVELOPMENT WEEK**  
**4-8 TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**  
**4-10 NATIONAL CHILDREN’S BOOK WEEK**  
**5 CINCO DE MAYO**  
**6 NATIONAL TEACHER DAY**  
**6 NATIONAL NURSES DAY**  
**7 STAFF DEVELOPMENT/TEACHER & TEACHER ASSISTANT OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION**  
**8 “MUFFINS FOR MOM” @ PCI CENTERS**  
**10 MOTHER’S DAY**  
**13 MALE INITIATIVE MEETING - 6:00 P.M.**  
**13 PARENT CURRICULUM TRAINING -11:00 A.M.**  
**13 POLICY COUNCIL MEETING - 6:00 P.M.**  
**15 FIELD DAY @ CENTERS -10:00 A.M.**  
**21 LAST DAY FOR HEAD START PRESCHOOL CHILDREN/TRANSITION CEREMONIES**  
**22 CHILDREN HOLIDAY/STAFF WORK DAY/STAFF DEVELOPMENT**  
**25 MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY - CENTERS & OFFICES CLOSED**  
**26 PARENT ENGAGEMENT @ EHS CENTERS**



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