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### **EBR Schools to Celebrate Early Education Week with Open Houses**

**BATON ROUGE, La.** — The East Baton Rouge Parish School System’s Early Childhood Community Network will celebrate Early Education Week, Feb. 2–6, with its first-ever open house tours, highlighting the importance of high-quality early learning for children from birth to age 4.

To kick off February as Early Education Month, EBR Schools will launch Early Education Week by affording prospective families with a glimpse into the experience of pre-K learning atmospheres. Parents and caregivers will have the opportunity to tour classrooms, meet teachers and learn about early childhood services and enrollment options for the upcoming school year.

“Early Education Week is designed to raise awareness, strengthen partnerships and connect families with opportunities that lay a strong foundation for literacy, social-emotional development and long-term academic success,” said Shenoa Thompson, executive director of the EBR Early Childhood Community Network.

The week will culminate with a special Early Education Day program from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Second Baptist Church Academy, 910 N. Acadian Thruway W. The event will bring together school officials, community leaders, early childhood providers, funders, stakeholders and families to spotlight early childhood education in Baton Rouge and discuss future investment needs.

In addition, the network will host its first Pop-Up Extravaganza from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 28 at the River Center Branch Library, 250 North Blvd.

A full list of participating sites and schools is available at:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1r8m76SoAzXT30GaD7B7CFauuhnP7v2g8kuKNdyzCA6A/edit?usp=sharing>

For more information about early childhood programs, visit [ebrschools.org/academics/earlychildhood](http://ebrschools.org/academics/earlychildhood).

