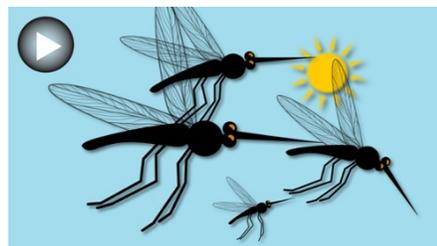


Prevent Mosquito Bites in Florida this Summer

The threat of new viruses encourages residents to "cover up"

Not all mosquitoes are the same. Different mosquitoes spread different diseases and bite at different times of the day. Living in Florida, it is important to prepare families and children with the best ways to prevent mosquito bites. The **Florida Department of Health** reminds Floridians and visitors to follow simple tips located in their **Mosquito Bite Protection brochure**. The department encourages Floridians to **"Drain and Cover"** to prevent the spread of mosquitoes. Remember to empty objects that can hold standing water around your home to prevent mosquito breeding.



Make the Most Out of Summer with Parents' Pages

Celebrate Great Outdoors Month and plan for Father's Day

June's issue of *Parents' Pages* celebrates Great Outdoors Month, encourages residents to prevent mosquito bites and shares the history behind the first Father's Day. Learn where you can find **state** and **national** parks near you to celebrate the "great outdoors." Prevent a tragedy and be aware of your child in the backseat during Florida's hot, summer months. This and more in **June's Parents' Pages**.



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Early learning highlights from North, East, West and South Florida

"Books and Badges" Connects Children with Police Officers

Orlando police officers are doing their part to promote safety and community

In April 2016, the **Early Learning Coalition of Orange County** teamed up with the Orlando Police Department for the "Books and Badges" initiative. Each month, a uniformed officer is visiting an early childhood education program to read books about safety and community to young students. More than 30 officers enlisted in the initiative to teach children about safety and stimulate language skills. **Photos** show that the children and the officers are having a great time.



Final Day for Early Registration for Children First Conference

The conference will focus on research-based best practices

Tomorrow, June 14, is the final day for early bird **registration** for the Children First Conference. This year's conference focuses on research-based best practices designed to enhance and improve educational opportunities for all young children. Interested participants are invited to join the **ELC of Miami-Dade/Monroe** on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2016, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. to take part in the conference. **Learn more** about the event taking place at 8600 NW 107th Avenue in Doral.



Student Becomes Fifth Recipient of Degree at Valencia College

Scholarships are available to students seeking a degree in early childhood education

The **ELC of Orange County** congratulates Winnie Barreras for becoming the fifth recipient of her Associate in the Arts degree in Early Childhood Education from Valencia College. Winnie is one of 13 students who have received a post-secondary scholarship to either Seminole State College or Valencia College. The ELC looks forward to continuing their support for students seeking degrees in early childhood education.



Organizations Team Together to Promote New Initiative

#BringABook looks to positively impact children with stories

Leadership Florida and Volunteer Florida have joined forces to launch the **#BringABook** initiative that will benefit the **ELC of Orange County**. In an effort to positively impact children and youth, the #BringABook initiative will also involve Connect Florida, which has set a goal of 1,000 books to be collected for children in Orange County. From Thursday, June 23, to Saturday, June 25, the two organizations will collect new or gently-used elementary school-level books in the **2016 Annual Meeting Registration Area** at Disney's Grand Floridian Resort and Spa, located at 4401 Floridian Way in Orlando.



ELC Nominated for Nonprofit Award

The award recognizes nonprofit programs in the Tampa Bay area

The **ELC of Pasco and Hernando** was a finalist in the *Tampa Bay Business Journal's* 2016 Nonprofit of the Year Program.

The awards recognize distinguished nonprofit organizations in the Bay area, whose efforts help a range of social, civic and healthy causes. The **ELC was honored** to be one of 31 nonprofit organizations nominated for this prestigious award.



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