



**Special points of interest:**

- First day of class is August 26
- Kathy Bruck named Pre-K 4 SA CEO
- Master Teachers and Teaching Assistants have been hired
- A Back to School Fair was held July 27 with another will be held on Aug 3
- North and South Education Centers have been completed



# Pre-K 4 SA Today

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO

## The Pre-K 4 SA Team Leadership

The Pre-K 4 SA Board, led by Board Chair Elaine Mendoza and supported by the Personnel Committee chaired by General Joe Robles, is pleased to announce its executive appointment of CEO to the Pre-K 4 SA Program, Kathleen Bruck.

Kathy had been serving as interim CEO for Pre-K 4 SA since May 6, 2013,

and was appointed CEO by the Pre-K 4 SA Board effective May 21, 2013. She will be responsible for guiding the overall operations of the Pre-K 4 SA Program with policy direction from the Board of Directors.

She previously served as executive director for curriculum and instruction at Harlandale Independent

School District. She joins the City with nearly 40 years of experience in early childhood education, social services and curriculum and instruction.

Joining Kathy in the administration of the Pre-K 4 SA program are Sandy Weser-Chavarria and Belinda Gonzalez, Education Center Directors. The administrative team will also include four assistant directors, two at each center and Linda Hamilton who was hired as Professional Development Director for the Pre-K 4 SA program.

Forty-four Master Teachers and forty-four Teaching Assistants have been hired. Training will begin in August.



Belinda, Kathleen, Linda, Sandy



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**Centers Open August 26!**

## Continued Pre-Enrollment

The June 10 lottery assigned a portion of the 700 available slots in the Pre-K 4 SA program. However, there are still some openings in a few school districts. Children pre-enrolling by August 9 will be placed on a waiting list unless you live in a school district that still has openings. Those interested in applying after August 9 must apply at the Education Centers.

Call 207-PREK (7735) to see if your child can still enroll and qualify for Pre-K 4 SA or go by the following two locations until August 9 to register:

- ✓ **Thousand Oaks Library**  
4618 Thousand Oaks Blvd.  
210.657.5205
- ✓ **Claude Black Community Center**  
2805 East Commerce  
210.207.5233

## Getting Ready for School!

The back to school fairs will offer the free services listed to the right. The back to school fairs are sponsored by CentroMed and Pre-K 4 SA.

Health Assessments

Dental Exams

Haircuts

Immunizations

School Supplies

### Back to School Fairs

**Saturday, July 27, 2013**  
8:00 AM to 11:00 AM  
CentroMed Wellness Center  
5542 Walzem Road  
San Antonio, TX 78218

**Saturday, August 3, 2013**  
8:00 AM to 11:00 AM  
CentroMed Wellness Center  
3750 Commercial Avenue  
San Antonio, TX 78221

Open to accepted and wait list students. Siblings ages 3-15 are also welcome. A parent or legal guardian must accompany children. Please bring shot record, Medicaid, CHIP or insurance card. Information regarding back to school fairs was mailed out to students prior to the first fair on July 27. Additionally, all information is posted on the Pre-K 4 SA's website [sanantonio.gov/pre-k4sa](http://sanantonio.gov/pre-k4sa).

**Friday, August 23, 2013**  
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM  
North and South  
Education Centers



**Saturday, August 24, 2013**  
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
North and South  
Education Centers

“Meet the Teacher” events are for accepted Pre-K 4 SA students and their parents or guardians.

## Program Assessment

Pre-K 4 SA will use the independent program evaluation group Edvance Research, along with the National Institute of Early Education Research at Rutgers University, to determine the effectiveness of the Pre-K 4 SA pro-

gram and teacher professional development.

Using a program evaluation group independent of the City of San Antonio and the Pre-K 4 SA program helps maintain transparency and reduce bias.



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## Furnishing the Education Centers



**An example of classroom layout and furniture**

SMART Board technology will be integrated throughout the Centers. SMART Boards are mounted to the wall and allow teachers and students to interact with the material on the board, much like a touch screen or tablet device.

Each classroom will also have tablets that will aid teachers and children in the learning process. All learning electronics integrate with the curriculum provided by Frog Street Press, allowing the learning experience to be tailored to the individual child's needs.

Furnishings for children, teachers and administrators have been ordered for both Education Centers with the selected children's furniture meeting all standards for safety and quality.

Pre-K 4 SA will adhere to standards used to keep furniture clean and safe. Addition-

ally, furniture was chosen with high-quality wood designed to withstand the use of active children.

Pre-K 4 SA selected neutral colors for the children's furniture to help children focus on learning and create a base for teachers to build on when tailoring their classrooms for the benefit of their students.



**Examples from Community Playthings of classroom furniture used in the Education Centers**



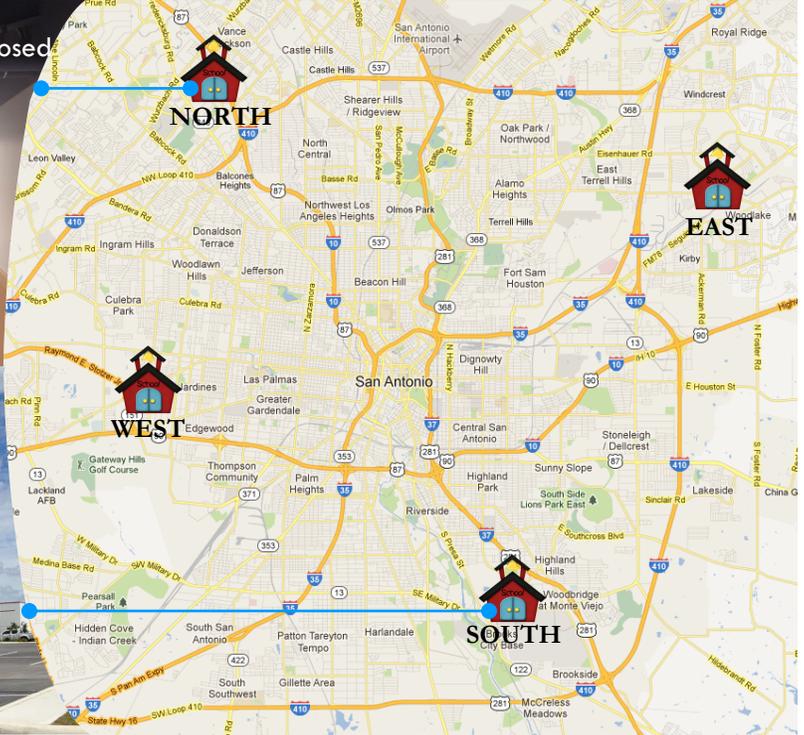
## Four Education Centers Selected

Center	Address	Opening	Nearby VIA Bus Routes
North	3635 Medical Dr.	Aug 26, 2013	100, 602
South	7031 S. New Braunfels	Aug 26, 2013	20, 36, 550, 551
East	5000 Block of Eisenhower Rd.	Aug, 2014	8, 630
West	Hwy 151 and Old Hwy 90	Aug, 2014	75, 76

Hallway at completed North Center with intentionally exposed ceiling



South Education Center with front porte-cochère



## Center Hours and Calendar

The first day of school is August 26 and the last day of school is June 5. Students will not be required to wear uniforms for the first year. The Pre-K 4 SA aca-

demical year includes 177 days of classes, with regularly scheduled holidays, and winter and spring breaks.

### Class Day Schedule

Doors Open	7:15 AM
Instruction	8 AM - 3 PM
After School Program	3 PM - 6 PM
Doors Close	6:00 PM

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### General

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**Enrollment E-mail**  
[pre-k4sa@sanantonio.gov](mailto:pre-k4sa@sanantonio.gov)

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