

The American Public Health Association has announced that The research work of Melinda G. Todd, Abstract, 350412, entitled "Utilization of Parental Support Groups Among Parents of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder" has been selected and confirmed for Poster presentation during the APHA 2016 Annual Meeting & Expo (Oct. 29 - Nov. 2, 2016) in Denver. Her research was selected from a large number of excellent submissions and was judged to be of high quality and interest.



Health officials remind parents it's time for back to school immunizations

JANS – While the end of summer seems a long time away, the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) reminds parents that state law requires kids to be immunized against childhood diseases to enter public or private school, Head Start or daycare.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 95 percent of parents nationwide choose to vaccinate their children, protecting them against potentially deadly diseases.

"Childhood vaccinations protect your child and those around them," said MSDH State Epidemiologist Dr. Thomas Dobbs. "The back-to-school rush is our busiest immunization effort each year. It's great to see children receiving required vaccinations, and we remind parents that the best protection is having their children immunized on time."

Required vaccinations for children entering school in Mississippi for the first time include: diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DTaP); polio (IPV); hepatitis B; measles, mumps and rubella (MMR); and varicella (chickenpox). There is also a requirement for chil-

dren entering seventh grade to receive the Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) vaccination. In addition, human papillomavirus vaccine (HPV) and a meningococcal vaccine (MCV4) are recommended for adolescents 11 to 15 years of age, and a meningococcal vaccine (MCV4) is recommended at age 16 to 18 years.

Parents must provide the school with a Certificate of Immunization Compliance (Form 121) from their local health department or physician prior to school entry.

You may check with your physician or county health department if you have questions about which immunizations your child will need. Those 18 and under who are eligible for the Vaccines for Children program can receive vaccinations for \$10 each.

The MSDH accepts Medicaid, Medicare, CHIP and the State and School Employees' Health Insurance Plan (AHS) as well as most private insurance plans that cover childhood vaccines.

For more information on immunization requirements or medical exemptions for school entry, visit www.HealthyMS.com/immunizations.



The Ladies In Action (LIA), a non-profit women's group, provided lunches on Saturday, June 11 in Smith Park to everyone that was in the park, especially the homeless. They will be providing these and other community services to the city of Jackson throughout the year.

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Meredith Etc, a small press in Jackson, Mississippi, proudly announces the release (June 5, 2016) of *Nashida: Visits the Smith Robertson Museum* by Meredith Coleman McGee.

Women for Progress of Mississippi, Inc., Founder Dorothy Stewart stated, "Congratulations to Meredith C. McGee for creatively weaving the story of Nashida's visit to the Smith Robertson Museum. This book provides information which will inspire the young and the old alike to read, visit and touch history."

Within the museum walls and through dialogue with her parents Nashida is introduced to Richard Wright, Medgar Evers, James Meredith, Fannie Lou Hamer, Unita Blackwell, the Transatlantic Slave Trade, Jim Crow, the concept of separate but equal, and much more.

Visit the author page for more information: <https://meredithetc.com/nashida/>

Advance praise for *Nashida*

"Meredith Coleman McGee has penned a book that needs to be required reading for all Mississippi's 3rd graders, especially those in the Jackson Public Schools. The print is large, the images historically support the script, and the length is age appropriate. *Nashida* discussed the African American past in an interesting manner, one which will allow young readers to ask questions. Well done, Meredith." –*J. Moffett Walker, Author, Retired Counselor, Educator, President & Co-founder, Clinton Ink-Slingers*

"I truly enjoyed reading *Nashida: Visits the Smith Robertson Museum*," an educational children's book, by my cousin Meredith Coleman McGee. Students can learn many historical events that occurred mainly in the south between The Emancipation Proclamation and the Civil Rights Era. The Smith Robertson Museum is an important resource for families; this book is perfect for school libraries and classrooms." –*Theatrice Meredith-Mott, Librarian/Teacher*

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Nashida: Visits the Smith Robertson Museum Vol. 1

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After watching the movie *Little Women*, Nashida was shocked about race relations in America. Her parents wanted to teach Nashida about her culture every Saturday to help her understand America's turbulent past. Nashida shares history lessons and her museum experience with readers.

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