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School of Medicine  
Department of Pediatrics

## LSU Pediatrics Tuesday Tidbits

Welcome to the Department of Pediatrics' weekly email blast designed to deliver important department information straight to your inbox.

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### LSU Pediatrics Announcements

#### Welcome, Dr. Kirk Thame

The Department of Pediatrics welcomes Dr. Kirk Thame as Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics and Division Head of Pediatric Gastroenterology. Dr. Thame received his medical degree from the University of the West Indies in Kingston, Jamaica in 1992 and an Advanced Diploma in Child Health in 1995 from the same institution. He completed his Pediatric Residency at Jackson Memorial Hospital and the University of Miami followed by a Pediatric Gastroenterology Fellowship at St. Louis Children's Hospital and Washington University. After training, Dr. Thame returned to Jamaica to establish the country and region's first pediatric gastroenterology service. He moved on to the University of Alabama at Birmingham in 2008 and then Vanderbilt University in 2014. At both universities, he created and fostered new services, including multidisciplinary clinics within Pediatric GI and established the first pediatric intestinal motility program at Vanderbilt. Here at LSU Pediatrics, Dr. Thame will also serve in the roles of Vice Chair of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion as well as the Service Line Chief and Senior Diversity Officer at Children's Hospital. Welcome to LSU Pediatrics, Dr. Thame!



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#### LSU Pediatrics Cub Corner Newsletter

The bimonthly issue of the Department of Pediatrics newsletter, "The Cub Corner", has been released for the November/December season! This issue covers the recent Town Hall, the Second

Harvest Food Drive, the Gender-diverse Youth Social, and more! Be sure to take a look, and all suggestions for feature in the next issue can be sent to Sarah Brooks (sbroo9@lsuhsc.edu).

[Cub Corner Nov/Dec 2023](#)



## Book Drive: LSU & Tulane Resident Clinic

The LSU and Tulane Residents will be holding a drive to collect books for patients. New or gently used books in Spanish or English appropriate for any age will be accepted. Books will be collected through **January 31st** and boxes will be available in the resident lounge and physician's lounge.

If you would prefer to donate cash, please venmo @Shivani-Patel-83. All donations will be put towards new books for the children and families who need them. Thank you for your support!



Order free  
CDC pediatric  
books here:



Take a look  
at our  
wishlist here:



## Pennington / Louisiana NORC - 2024 P&F RFA

The Pennington/Louisiana NORC is pleased to announce a Pilot and Feasibility

Grant Program. The full text of the Application Instructions can be found [here](#).

The major objective of this program is to provide research support to early-stage scientists and multidisciplinary teams to develop preliminary data and/or novel methods involving nutrition and/or obesity-related research.

The highest priority will be given to translational research projects related to nutrition and/or obesity throughout the lifespan. The P&F awards are intended to generate preliminary data for the investigator to obtain extramural research funding from the NIH (e.g., K01, R01).

- **Submission Deadline for LOI: February 2, 2024**
- Funding available: \$100,000
- Submission: Apply through the Pennington NORC P&F [web portal](#)

Questions about the P/F grant program can be directed to:

Jacqueline Fox  
NORC Administrator  
[jacqueline.fox@pbrc.edu](mailto:jacqueline.fox@pbrc.edu)

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## Share Your News!

The department wants to highlight your success! Please send any news to include in *Tuesday Tidbits* to [Sarah Brooks](#).



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## FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

*New video monthly*

### January Video: RIME

RIME - Reporter, Interpreter, Manager, and Educator are skills we expect our learners to master throughout training. This 11 minute video reminds us of how these categories can be useful in giving meaningful feedback and in writing evaluation comments. Invest a few minutes to review as this video can help you strengthen your feedback and evaluations.

<https://vimeo.com/76308600>

Please send any suggestions or areas of faculty development need to [acree1@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:acree1@lsuhsc.edu).

If you are interested in other forms of Faculty Development, visit these websites:

- [LSU Pediatrics Faculty Development Page](#)
- [LSUHSC GME Medical Education Development Site](#)
- [ACGME LEARN](#)

## Tiger Bites Podcast

The Faculty Development and Evaluation Committee is excited to announce that **Season 2 of Tiger Bites** is now [available online](#)! We have 12 episodes for you to chew on, and hope that you learn something new. After listening, complete the evaluation to receive your CME credit.

This Season's episodes include:

- Building a Successful Research Career with Dr. Steve Nelson
- Effective Questioning with **Dr. Robin English**
- Career Development for New Faculty with Dr. Daniel Raines
- Professionalism with Dr. Randy Roig
- Role of Faculty Assembly with **Dr. Pinki Prasad**
- Inside the Fiscal Affairs Office with Ms. Katherine Diodene
- Understanding the Office of Academic Affairs with Dr. Lee Engel
- Being a Successful Basic Science Chair with Dr. Carmen Canavier
- Roles of Clerkship Directors with Drs. Jaime Alleyn and La'Nasha Tanner
- Nuts and Bolts of Mentorship with Dr. Nick Gilpin
- Leadership Academy with Drs. Cynthia Brown and Cathy Lazarus
- Understanding the Office of Student Affairs with Drs. Cathy Lazarus and Taniya DeSilva

For questions or comments regarding Faculty Development, please contact [Amy Creel](#).

## CHNOLA Announcements

### Grand Rounds

There are no Grand Rounds this week. We will resume next Wednesday!

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## Department Wellness

CHNOLA's childcare center open for children of providers/staff working at Children's Hospital ([flyer](#))

LSU Pediatrics Wellness Resources ([information](#))

## Other Announcements

*Latest Edition of The Pulse* ([link](#))

### *Resident Education*

- Resident Participation in Research ([information](#)) - complete a shared spreadsheet with a brief description of the project you are looking for

collaboration or assistance with.

### ***Research and Grants***

- Updated: Several Avenues of Stats Support, Education and Consultation ([information](#)) ([using stats models through CITI](#))
- New Pre-Review for Grant Proposals service offered by LSU ([information](#))

### ***Administrative Reminders***

- Importance of Time Certification ([information](#)) - learn more about why we certify time each month!
- Use of Non-LSUHSC Email ([information](#))
- Download the new Department Composites for the 2023-2024 academic year! ([Resident](#), [Fellow](#), [Faculty](#), and [Admin Staff](#)).
- LSU travel policy and procedures ([information](#))

## **Department Anniversaries**

The following employees celebrate another year with the department this month. Thank you for your continued service to LSU Pediatrics!

Maria Velez, 29 years  
Renette Jones, 10 years  
Tatjana Saunders, 1 year

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