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- · Early or late loss of baby teeth
- Difficulty in chewing or biting
- · Mouth breathing
- · Jaws that shift or make sounds
- Speech difficulties
- Biting the cheek or the roof of the mouth
- Facial imbalance
- Grinding or clenching of the teeth
- Thumb or finger sucking



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BIG'S NEW SENSORY PLAYGROUND

Phase II of Behavioral Intervention Group's (BIG) sensory playground has been completed. The latest installments include two water-misting poles which allow children to cool down on hot, summer days, a drop top unit, and a tire swing. The goal of the playground is to allow the children to have fun but also to incorporate the different types of sensory play that are beneficial to children, especially those on the autism spectrum. All areas of the playground have a rubber safety surfacing system to protect the children from falls, are virtually maintenance free and fully wheelchair-accessible. ■ big-br.com

ST. THOMAS MORE OPEN HOUSE

St. Thomas Moore Catholic School invites you to "soar with the eagles" as it holds its Open House for parents of prospective K-8 students on January 15, 2015. Registration begins at 5 p.m. in the gym at 11400 Sherbrook Drive in Baton Rouge. A general session and tours will follow registration at 5:30 p.m. www.stmbr.org



When brother and sister, Rory and Maeve McCracken, who attend Episcopal High School in Baton Rouge, learned of the devastating injuries to animals because of the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. they sprung to action by designing t-shirts and wristbands whose profits help animal rescue efforts led by the Audubon Institute's Louisiana Marine Mammal and Sea Turtle Rescue Program.

The two then founded their nonprofit organization at www.KidsLoveTheGulf.com and published a children's book, G is for Gulf. After raising over \$11,000, speaking to school groups about ways to protect the oceans, and continual efforts to raise awareness in their cause, Rory and Maeve have been awarded \$5,000 with the Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes that honors 25 outstanding young leaders nationwide who have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet. "We've learned that if you dream it and work really hard, you can make anything happen," say Rory and Maeve. Parents Andy and Meghan are both scuba divers and have passed along their love of the underwater environment, particularly the Gulf of Mexico, to their two children, who are both certified to dive.

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