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Health Clinic Ensures Students ‘Healthy As A Horse’

Baton Rouge, La. – The Baton Rouge Children’s Health Project, a school-based mobile medical and mental health program, is bringing new meaning to the term “healthy as a horse.” That’s because the clinic has invited a special visitor to two **East Baton Rouge Parish School System schools next week**. The special visitor? **Thumbelina, the world’s smallest horse**.

The Health Project is a part of the **LSU Health Sciences Center’s Earl K. Long Medical Center Pediatrics Department**.

Thumbelina, along with the Health Project, will visit schools **Monday, October 20 -- 9-9:45 am at Crestworth Elementary School, 11200 Avenue F, and 10-10:45 am at Ryan Elementary School, 10337 Elm Grove Garden Dr.** The horse will arrive in the **ThumbyMobile**, which includes a doghouse for the horse. Her owners will make a presentation about the challenges the horse has faced and how even the smallest can make large contributions in life.

Thumbelina is a stout dwarf chestnut mare that is just 17.5 inches tall and weighs in at a mere 58 pounds. Born May 1, 2001, at Goose Creek Farms in St. Louis, the horse carries the official title of **World’s Smallest Horse from the Guinness Book of World Records**. The affection people have for Thumbelina has inspired the **Thumbelina Charitable Trust** to raise awareness and funds for various children’s charities. Tours are conducted across the country. On Monday, the **ThumbyMobile** will be passing through Baton Rouge following a visit at the **Shriner’s Hospital in Shreveport**.

For more information, call Linda Lee, program administrator with the Baton Rouge Children’s Health Project, at (225) 358-1068 or contact Goose Creek Farms at (314) 606-5747 or visit www.worldssmallesthorse.com.

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