

# NEWS YOU CAN USE

Week of  
September 26, 2022

Comstock Park  
(616) 493-0744

## What's Happening?

Our All Agency Virtual Family Fun Night is on Wednesday from 5-6pm. We look forward to playing BINGO with everyone! The BINGO cards are on pages 4-7 of the newsletter. We will also be printing them off to send home with your child.

## Calendar of Events

28<sup>th</sup> – Virtual Family Fun Night  
October 10<sup>th</sup> - CLOSED

## Health-COVID

If your child is experiencing ANY of the following symptoms -**temperature of 100.4 or higher, cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, body aches, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, headache, extreme tiredness, congestion (stuffy) or runny nose, they MUST get a COVID test from a doctor/pharmacy to return to school. If you choose not to test, your child will need to stay home for 10 days.** If your child rides the bus, their transportation will be suspended until we receive their test results. *This is based off of new guidance from the Kent County Health Department.* You may take a picture of your child's results from their MyChart on your phone and send them to [jshumate@hs4kc.org](mailto:jshumate@hs4kc.org) or to your child's teacher via the Text Now app. Thank you for helping keep everyone healthy and safe  
Masks are no longer required on the bus or in our buildings 😊 We will also no longer be doing the daily health screener 😊

## Dress for the Weather

Don't forget to send your child with extra clothes and CLOSED HEEL/TOE SHOES!

The weather is always changing, please make sure your child is dressed appropriately.

If you need help with appropriate clothing, contact Ms. Liz at (616)493-0744 ext. 1922 or email [lduran@hs4kc.org](mailto:lduran@hs4kc.org)

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/hs4kc/events>

[www.hs4kc.org](http://www.hs4kc.org)

## Parent Engagement

### Family Engagement Events

Are you looking for a fun way to be involved in your child's education? Head

Start for Kent County offers lots of different opportunities for you to pick from. One of the opportunities that we offer is our monthly Family Engagement Events. Each month you will receive an invitation to attend an event at your site.

These events are fun ways that parents and family members can interact with their children at the school while learning about what is happening at their site and in the agency. Usually these events have fun games, activities, and even food!

This fall you can also attend a virtual event each month that is open to everyone at Head Start for Kent County (not just a specific site). Look out for an invitation to our virtual Family Fun Night on September 28!

## Tips for Selecting Diverse & Inclusive Books

**Children internalize messages about themselves and others from a very young age.**

Their brains are wired to categorize things somewhat rigidly, which can often result in misconceptions. ("Only boys can be firefighters!") Diverse and inclusive books encourage both positive self-image and acceptance of differences in others. But how can you know if the books you choose are really sending the right messages? *Here are some helpful guidelines:*

- **First and foremost, it should be a good book.** Is it a good story or, in the case of nonfiction, is it interesting and age-appropriate? Are the illustrations artistic and inviting?
- **Seek out diverse human characters.** Books with animal characters certainly have their place, but make sure you have books in your collection that feature diverse human characters too.
- **Look out for stereotypes.** Does the book contain stereotypes in either the language or illustrations?
- **Is it a "window" or a "mirror"?** Books can serve as windows through which children can learn about others, and also as mirrors in which they see their own lives reflected. Will children learn about others or see themselves in the book?
- **Make sure the information is accurate.** If the book talks explicitly about a country, culture, or group of people, it should be specific and precise in its presentation. For instance, a book about Native American characters should include details about the particular tribe or tribes being represented, as opposed to lumping all Native American people or customs into one category.
- **Check to see if it's relatable.** Books that depict diverse characters doing everyday things help children build empathy by showing that we all share things in common.
- **Think about the author's and illustrator's qualifications.** Do the author and / or illustrator come from the culture or group they are depicting? If not, what qualifies them to create this book sensitively, accurately and without bias?

Find a whole world of diverse and inclusive books at [www.barefootbooks.com](http://www.barefootbooks.com).



Head Start for Kent County  
Presents A Virtual

# FAMILY FUN NIGHT!



\*BINGO cards  
will be sent  
home with all  
children before  
event.

## ZOOM DETAILS

Meeting ID:  
**812 0654 9002**  
Passcode:  
**836228**

**SEP.  
28TH  
5-6PM**

Join us for a *Family Fun Night* as  
we enjoy a fun game together  
and talk more about the  
importance of being engaged  
in your child's early education!



HEAD START FOR KENT COUNTY

# BINGO

Get to know your child's school better!

<p>Parents, Staff, &amp; Community</p>  <p><b>U.R.O.C.</b> Understanding ourselves is outcomes control this</p>	<p>ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT!</p>	<p>Parent Cafes</p> 	 <p>Stronger Families Program</p>
 <p><b>WATCH D.O.G.S.</b> Watches of Great Educators</p>	<p>Read to the classroom</p> 	<p>Success Basics</p> 	<p>Family Engagement Event Planning</p> 
<p>Young Athletes</p> 	<p>Parent Policy Council (PPC)</p>	<p>Transition Activities</p> 	<p>Field Trips</p> 
<p>Health Advisory Committee &amp; Education Task Force</p>	<p>CCI workgroup</p> 	<p>Bus Aid</p> 	<p>Resources</p> 

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