

# NEWS YOU CAN USE

**Week of**  
**September 26, 2022**

## Spotlight

**Henry Head Start**  
**616 774-8822**

**Chandra Burris (Site Supervisor)**

Chandra has worked with Head Start for over 30 years and still finds great passion in working with Children & families, staff, and the community.

Chandra also directs day to day operation, administration, and maintenance of Henry Head Start and the facility. She manages and develop staff to operate a safe and efficient center including being available to address parent, child, and staff concerns. What Chandra likes the most about her job is the opportunity to build relationships with children & families, as well as coaching and developing staff.

3 words to best describe Chandra

Loyal

Committed

Caring

Chandra's favorite food is anything Italian.

## ❖ Attention Parents!!

Effective Wednesday, September 21, 2022 all individuals ages 2 and older *will NO longer* need to wear a mask while inside of our buildings or busses.

## ❖ Dress for the Weather

As our weather changes please keep in mind we go outside EVERYDAY!

Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for all weather conditions, layers work best as it tends to be cool in the morning and warmer in the afternoon.

Please send extra clothes for child to leave at school or in their backpack

## ❖ Calendar of Events

- Field Trips
- Frederik Meijer Gardens
  - Room 1 – Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>
  - Room 2 – October 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Room 4/5 – October 5<sup>th</sup>

❖ *Family Fun night*  
September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Time: 5-6pm

*Virtual*

Meetin ID- 812 0654 9002

Passcode 836228

*\*Bingo cards are attached.*

## ❖ Attendance

Regular attendance ensures children benefit from participating in HS4KC quality early education. Research shows that students who miss too many days of preschool have weaker literacy and numeracy skills entering kindergarten.

<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!

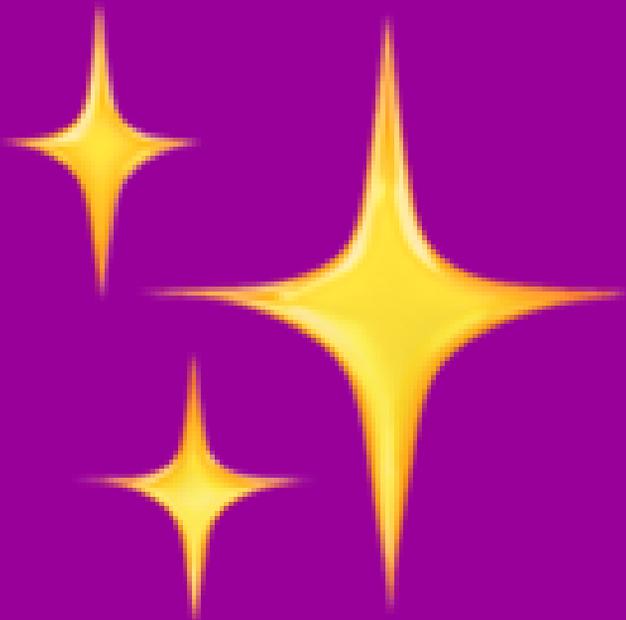
## Tips for Selecting Diverse & Inclusive Books

### 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

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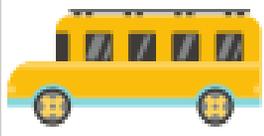
Join us for a *Family Fun Night* as  
we enjoy a fun game together  
and talk more about the  
importance of being engaged  
in your child's early education!



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Get to know your child's school better!

 <p>Parents, Staff, &amp; Community</p> <p>U.R.O.C.</p> <p>Understanding Relationships, Roles, and Connections</p>	<p>ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT!</p>	<p>Parent Cafes</p> 	 <p>Strengthening Families Program</p>
 <p>WATCH D.O.G.S.</p> <p>Watch Dogs of Great Schools</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> 
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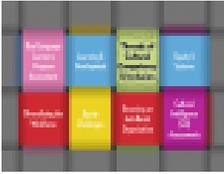
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