

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Week of
September 26, 2022

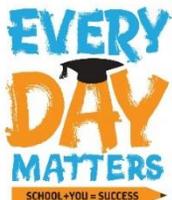
Kentwood Head Start
(616) 735-5345

What's Happening?

There are many benefits to having your child to school on time and ready to learn. At breakfast time, we go over all the learning activities that will take place that day. If your child is not present for this discussion, they may not know what is going to happen that day.

Please try to be on time for school everyday.

Preschool program hours:
7:35am to 2:40 pm



Calendar of Events

All Agency Family Engagement Event

Wednesday, September 28th
5 – 6 P.M.

(See Flyer & BINGO Card Included)
A BINGO card and stamper will be sent home
next week as well.

Field Trip

Room 1 – September 29th

NO SCHOOL

Monday, October 10th

Dress for the Weather

We are required to have the kids go outside, even in the winter.

If the temperature is below 20 degrees or the Wind Chill is below 0 degrees, the kids will stay inside.

Please make sure your student is dressed appropriately (Dressing in layers is always a good thing).

Also, please make sure your student has extra clothes in their backpack. Accidents of all kinds can/and do happen, and we'd like to have extra clothes at school just in case!

Kaymbu

We have a new way for you to communicate with your student's teacher. It is called Kaymbu. Please make sure you have the app on your phone.

If you have any questions about this app, please talk with the Teacher.

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

www.hs4kc.org



Classes begin on October 3

Free English Classes FOR PARENTS



Location

Rogers Lane Head Start
2929 Rogers Ln Ave SW,
Wyoming, MI 49509

Mondays & Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30am

***Free childcare
is provided***

This class will help you:



Improve your
English skills



Talk with your
family doctor



Help your child
with homework



Connect with your
child's school

Call Cynthia at (616) 459-5151 to sign up!



Las clases comienzan el 3 de octubre

Clases de inglés gratis

PARA PADRES



Ubicación

Sibley Elementary
943 Sibley St NW,
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

Los lunes y miércoles, 9:30-11:30 am

**Cuidado de niños gratis
está provisto**

Esta clase le ayudará a:



Mejorar su inglés



Hablar con
su doctor



Ayudar a su hijo
con su tarea



Conectarse con la
escuela de sus niños

¡Llame Cynthia al (616) 459-5151 para registrarse!

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.



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, & Community</p>  <p>U.R.O.C. Understanding needs is outcomes created</p>	<p>ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT!</p>	<p>Parent Cafes</p> 	 <p>Strengthening Families Program</p>
 <p>WATCH D.O.G.S. Dads of Great Students</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 & Education Task Force</p>	<p>CCI workgroup</p> 	<p>Bus Aid</p> 	<p>Resources</p> 

*Mark each space as they are called out!