

Week of  
September 26, 2022

Plainfield Head Start  
616-454-8874

**PBIS = Positive Behavior  
Interventions and Support**

**A = Always Kind -  
Use Teamwork**

**B = Be Safe -  
Stay with an Adult**

**C = Care for Your Space -  
Help Clean UP**

Dates to Remember

October 10<sup>th</sup>  
School Closed

Fredrick Meijer Garden  
Field Trips

October 12 - Rms 1 & 2

October 13 - Rm 4

October 17 - Rms 6 & 7

The Parent Policy Council  
meets one (1) Friday  
morning a month and it  
allows you as the  
parent/guardian to  
represent your student's  
site and be an active mind  
and voice for the agency.

NO TREATS / DRINKS AT SCHOOL:

Some children have food allergies  
and therefore the treats may not  
be safe for them. We are a nut/fish  
free agency. Some foods are made  
in the same area as these allergen  
foods.

Keep all food/drink at home.  
Tell your child you will have their  
snack ready when  
s/he returns home after school.  
They will be eating a snack before  
they come home.

<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!



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# BINGO

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	ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT!	Parent Cafes 	
	Read to the classroom 	Success Basics 	Family Engagement Event Planning 
Young Athletes 	Parent Policy Council (PPC)	Transition Activities 	Field Trips 
Health Advisory Committee & Education Task Force	CCI workgroup 	Bus Aid 	Resources 

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