

NEWS YOU CAN USE

SUMMER EDITION

Godwin Heights Early Childhood Center
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Thank you, families, for your continued dedication to this program. This year has seen a lot of transitions, additions, and resilience. Without your hard work and dedication to us we would not be able to give our 100% to your child. Thank you for inviting us into your home before the school year started. Thank you for bringing your child to school every day even when the weather doesn't want to cooperate. Thank you for understanding when we had to call off school at 7:30 am due to our staffing shortage. Thank you for showing up and showing out at our school dance and basketball game. Thank you for being you, letting your individuality show in your amazing children.



Goodbye Poem

The time has come to say goodbye
Each day has been filled with fun,
Always extremely busy
But our time together is done

We have read a lot of stories
And sang many different songs
From start to finish, so many weeks
What an adventure we've come along

But now the time has come,
We really must say goodbye
On to your next adventure,
I must let you spread your wings and fly

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

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Summer Events

Stop in and check out our tabling events this summer!

June
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2023

NEW CITY KIDS' RESOURCE FAIR AT SUMMER JAM

Time: 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Location: 960 Alpine Ave NW Grand Rapids

ROCK THE BLOCK

Time: 11 am to 4 pm

Location: Madison Ave between Hall
and Oakdale.

June
10
2023

June
23
2023

HEALTH AND UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY

Time: 11 am to 4 pm

Location: 51 Delaware Street SW

COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER

Time: 1 pm to 3 pm

Location: Garfield Park Gymnasium

July
22
2023

For more information regarding these summer events, please contact us at 616-453-4010.

 **Head Start
for Kent County**
Connecting Families and Community Resources



Low-Cost and Free Summer Activities

1. **Volunteer at Kids Food Basket** – kids 5 years and older are encouraged to help out
2. **Grand Rapids Public Library** – Join the Summer Reading Challenge -pick up a Summer Reading Challenge passport and complete reading challenges designed for all ages
3. **Explore the Parks** – there are so many great parks in our city, some even have streams/creeks to explore as well. Some great parks include Fallsburg Park, Roselle Park, Millennium Park, Rosewood Park, Pinewood Park, Hagar Park, Versluis Park and many more.
4. **GRR Observation Park** – enjoy a picnic while watching the planes fly in and out of the airport!
5. **Visit various Farmers Markets** and pick out some local produce. You can use your Double Up Food Bucks and get other items for just \$1 when you use your SNAP/Bridge Card benefits
6. **John Ball Zoo** – free admission for up to 9 people when you use your Bridge Card. You will need to show your ID with your Bridge Card at the ticket window
7. **Movies in the Park** – East Grand Rapids and the Yankee Clipper Library are hosting Movies in the Park this summer! Bring a lawn chair, drinks and snacks and enjoy a movie outside with the family <https://grkids.com/outdoor-concerts-movies-in-the-park/>
8. **Grand Rapids Children's Museum** - \$1.75 admission per person when you present your Bridge Card
9. **Kids Bowl Free** – Many bowling alley's allow kids to bowl 2 games for free each. Register and see the locations here: <https://grkids.com/kids-bowl-free/>
10. **Visit a Public Splash Pad or Pool** – there are so many great splash pads and pools around that are free
11. **Travel the State with a Michigan Activity Pass** – you can check out free or discounted admissions passes to hundreds of Michigan state parks, campgrounds, museums, trails, arts and cultural destinations, and more <http://www.plymouthrockets.com/michiganactivitypass/index.cfm>
12. **Climbing at Highland Park** – Climb the 15 newly installed climbing routes
 - <https://grkids.com/free-summer-grand-rapids/>
 - <https://grkids.com/summer-activities-for-kids-west-michigan/>



<https://www.grpl.org>

Go to the Grand Rapids Public Library website for more information on story time options.



Storytime on the Lawn

Join us outside at select GRPL locations for this story time on the lawn!

Participants are encouraged to bring a blanket or chair.

In case of inclement weather, this event series will be moved indoors. For ages 18 months – 5 years.

Storytime in Park with Storytime GR

Join StorytimeGR and partners on Tuesday nights in June, July, and August at Garfield Park for stories, free books and ice cream, special guests, and a whole lot of family fun!
Summer Celebrations with Storytime GR

See the website for locations and times

Outdoor Storytime

If you love stories, songs, and rhymes, join the Grand Rapids Public Library for a chance to get the wiggles out with your friends at the park on Monday mornings! Storytime Kits are available for every child to take home while supplies last. For ages 0 – 5 years old.

Family Storytime

Parents and caregivers are invited to bring their children to this storytime featuring great books, songs, fingerplays, and hands-on fun. Classes end with an art activity and playtime designed to help your child's brain grow.

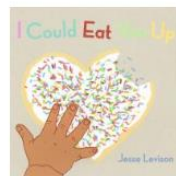
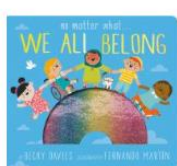
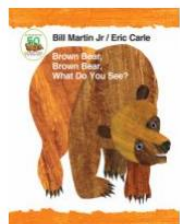
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Grab and Go Activity Kits

Get creative!

Grab & Go Kits are take home activities designed for kids, teens, and adults that can be picked up at any GRPL location.

To reserve any of our activity kits in advance, please contact your favorite GRPL location. Grab & Go Kits are available while supplies last and items rotate monthly.



City Pool and Splash Pad Information



Season Information 2023 Season Information

We have 3 public pools and 15 public splash pads across the city. The pool season will run from June 9 through August 19. Splash pads will be running from June 9 to September 10. **All pools and splash pads will be open as regularly scheduled on July 4.**

Closures

Closure information will be announced on our [Facebook page](#) and on the 24/7 cancellation hotline at [616-456-3699](tel:616-456-3699).

See website for locations and times

<https://www.grandrapidsmi.gov/Government/Departments/Parks-and-Recreation/Recreation/Aquatics/Pools-and-Splash-Pads>

Splash Pad Admission Free for all visitors

Open Swim Admission

(cash or credit card)

RESIDENTS

Youth (17 and under): \$1

Adults (over 17): \$3

NONRESIDENTS

Youth (17 and under): \$3

Adults (over 17): \$5

Punchcards

YOUTH ADMISSION = 1 PUNCH

ADULT ADMISSION = 2 PUNCHES

10-Punch: \$8/resident,

\$18/nonresident

20-Punch: \$15/resident,

\$25/resident

Punchcards can be purchased at all 3 pool locations. Cash or credit accepted.

HS4KC 2023 SUMMER ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

HS4KC will be hosting fun family events for 6 weeks during the summer.

There will be giveaways at each event!
We can't wait to see you there!



DATE	LOCATION	EVENT DETAILS
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14 3-4 PM	PLAINFIELD HEAD START 1710 Woodworth St NE Grand Rapids , MI 49525	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities with HS4KC staff • Explore Plainfield's playground
THURSDAY, JUNE 15 3-4PM	KENTWOOD DISTRICT LIBRARY Kentwood Branch 4950 Breton Rd SE, Kentwood, MI 49508	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Storytime with a KDL librarian • Info on resources KDL offers 
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21 3-4 PM	NORTH KENT HEAD START 14951 White Creek Ave NE Cedar Springs, MI 49319	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutrition & Garden info • Plant your own seeds • Explore North Kent's playground 
THURSDAY, JUNE 22 3-4 PM	Veteran's Park 355 48th St. SE, Kentwood, MI 49508	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities with HS4KC staff • Explore park playground
TUESDAY, JUNE 27 10-11 AM	Richmond Park 1101 Richmond NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities with HS4KC staff • Explore park playground
THURSDAY, JUNE 29 2:45 - 3:45 PM	Roger's Lane Head Start 2929 Rogers Lane SW Wyoming , MI 49509	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Truck • Explore Roger's Lane's playground 



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 <p style="text-align: center;">NO EVENTS WEEK OF JULY 4</p>		
<p>TUESDAY, JULY 11 3-4 PM</p>	<p>SYLVAN HEAD START 1875 Rosewood Ave SE Grand Rapids , MI 49506</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities with HS4KC staff • Explore Sylvan's playground
<p>THURSDAY, JULY 13 10-11 AM</p>	 <p>FREDERIK MEIJER GARDENS 1000 E Beltline Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI, 49525</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore the Meijer Gardens child play area and complete a scavenger hunt! - Free admission!
<p>WEDNESDAY, JULY 19 2:45-3:45 PM</p>	<p>SPRINGHILL HEAD START 2626 Walker Ave NW Walker, MI 49544</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities with HS4KC staff • Explore Springhill's playground
<p>THURSDAY, JULY 20 10-11 AM</p>	<p>GARFIELD PARK 2111 Madison Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49607</p>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play at the splash pad!
<p>THURSDAY, JULY 27 TIME TBD</p>	<p>TBD - use QR code listed below for details</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ready for school transition event • Lots of giveaways!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION:



*Event details are subject to change.

Use this QR code to check our website events calendar for the most updated information on our summer events!

We can't wait to see you this summer!