

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Week of
April 22, 2024

South Godwin Head Start
(616)735-5351

Reminder



Just a *friendly reminder* that we will be having our **Family Engagement Event (FEE)** next week.

Date: Wednesday, April 24th
Time: 5 – 6 pm
Place: 28 Bellevue, SE

Refreshments provided. We have lots of door and raffle prizes to give away!

A baby shower announcement card titled 'Oh Baby!' in a large, elegant script font. The card is decorated with gold and white balloons. It includes the following text: 'Please join us for a community baby shower honoring You!' (with 'You!' in script), 'Diapers, Wipes, Pack-N-Plays, Books, & More', and 'For Each Mom or Dad In Attendance'. Below this, it says 'Join us for food, games, raffles, resources and fun!', 'Saturday June 1, 2024', 'Paul I Phillips Boys and Girls Club', '726 Madison Ave SE GR, MI 49503', and '1:00pm - 3:00pm'. Logos for 'CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS', 'AmplifyGR', and 'Head Start for Kent County' are visible at the bottom.

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GOOD HEALTH

success
starts **early.**

CALL
TODAY!

NEED HELP WITH FINDING A
DOCTOR OR DENTIST?

Health Net of West Michigan
616-726-8204

SuccessStartsEarly.org

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

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**Head Start
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Preschool – Here I Come!

Open House

Thursday, April 25 - 4:15-5:45pm

Friday, April 26 - 9:00-11:00am

Visit Great Start Readiness Program preschool classrooms across Kent County and Thornapple Kellogg Schools to -

- Learn more about GSRP
- See our classrooms
- Meet our amazing teachers and ask questions
- Even complete a preschool application!

Schedules may vary by location. See our website for details.



freepreschoolkent.org



Scan for locations and schedules

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Help Your Child Succeed in Preschool and Kindergarten Build the Habit of Good Attendance

DID YOU KNOW...

Showing up on time every day is important to your child's success and learning from preschool forward.

Missing 10% of school (1 or 2 days every few weeks) can make it harder to:

- Gain early reading and math skills.
- Build relationships.
- Develop good attendance habits.

High quality preschool and kindergarten has many benefits!

- The routines your child develops will continue throughout school.
- Make the most of early grades by encouraging your child to attend every day.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Work with your child and his/her teacher to develop your child's strong attendance.

Talk about it – sing about it – make it an adventure!

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Share ideas with other parents for getting to school on time.

Before the school year starts

- Find out what day school starts and begin a countdown!
- Keep your child healthy and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Attend orientation with your child to meet teachers and classmates and find out about health and safety procedures.

Ready, Set, GO!

- If you are concerned your child may have Covid-19, call your school for advice. Ask for resources to continue learning at home if needed.
- Ask family members or neighbors for assistance if you need help.
- Try to schedule non-Covid-19 medical appointments and extended trips when school is not in session.
- If your child seems anxious about preschool or kindergarten, talk to the program director, teacher, your doctor or other parents for advice.



Preschool through first grade establishes the foundation for relationship building and life-long learning. Help your child gain comfort, self-confidence and delight in these milestone events.

Visit Attendance Works at
www.attendanceworks.org for free downloadable resources and tools!

First Aid: Cuts and Scrapes

Many children get cuts and scrapes once in a while. These wounds are usually minor and easily looked after. Large or deep wounds may need medical care.

What to Do

- Wash your hands so they are clean before you help your child.
- If possible, clean the wound by running it under cool water.
- Stop any bleeding by firmly pressing a clean towel or cloth over the wound.
- When the bleeding has stopped, put a bandage on the cut or scrape. Keep a bandage on until the wound has formed a scab; if the bandage becomes dirty, remove it and put a clean bandage on.
- If you don't have a bandage available, keep the cut or scrape clean and dry, especially until it forms a scab.

Take your child for medical treatment if you cannot stop the bleeding, if you think there may be a more serious injury, or if you see signs of infection while the wound is healing.

Family Collaborations: These monthly activities help Head Start for Kent County parents advocate for and promote successful kindergarten transitions for their children.

April



Preschool Activities

Observe your child in the early learning setting. What can your child do now, compared to last fall?
Explore ways to bring your home culture and language to school with the educator.

Family Activities

Encourage your child to be curious and become a critical thinker. Ask a question, then wait and give your child enough time to think and respond.

Kindergarten Activities

Visit the school and kindergarten classroom. Try to see it through your child's eyes. When you bend down to their height, how do things look? Tell your child's kindergarten teacher about the languages spoken in your home, and how your families uses those languages.