### **NEWS YOU CAN USE**

Week of April 22, 2024

Kentwood Head Start 616-735-5345

#### Site Happenings

We received some caterpillars last week. We are starting to talk about the life cycle of a butterfly as we watch the caterpillars grow.



#### **Calendar of Events**

\*April 25<sup>th</sup> -Family Engagement 3:30pm-Recital

\*May 27<sup>th</sup> -SCHOOL CLOSED Holiday

\*May 30<sup>th</sup> -LAST DAY of SCHOOL



I need my comfortable shoes so that I can have fun outside.

Spring is here
Spring is here,
Goodbye snow,
Flowers grow
Birds and bees
Leaves on trees,
Hello spring!

**Hello spring!** 





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

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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!

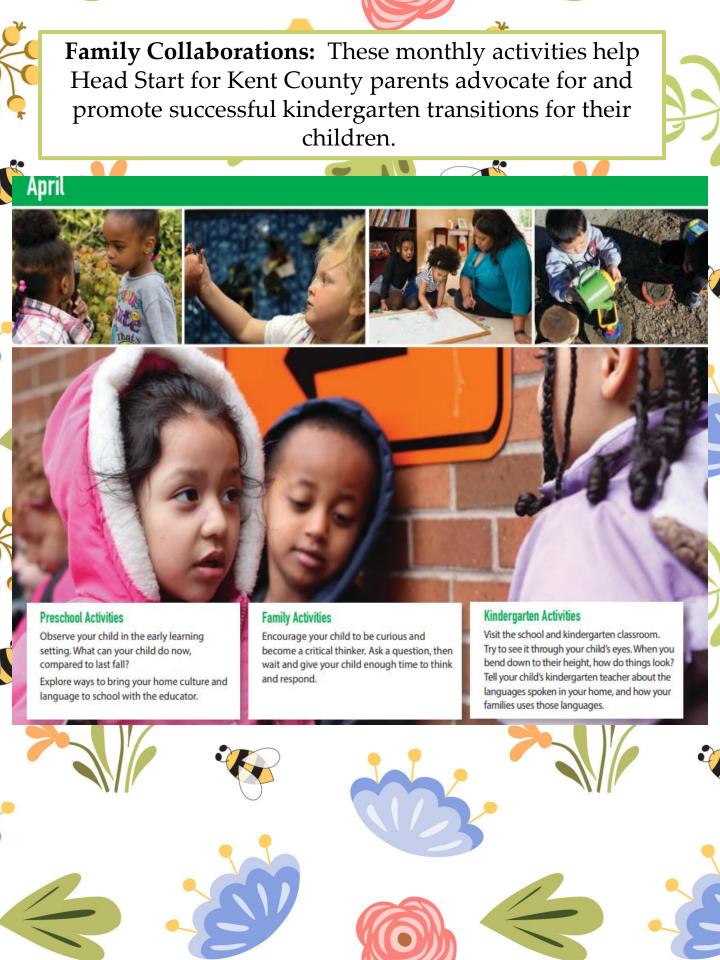
#### First Aid: Cuts and Scrapes

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.







## 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.





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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.





Scan for locations and schedules

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