

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Week of
April 22, 2024

Rogers Lane Head Start
616-532-4229

Site Happenings

How unbelievable it is that we only have 23 more school days of school with our students. With this being said, teachers **MUST!** complete their **LAST** home visit the week of **May 10th**. Please be mindful of their time as they do to yours. Please reach out to your child's teacher to set up a date and time.

Calendar of Events

Family Engagement Event

VIP & Me (please see page 5)

5/16/24 **5pm-7pm**

Memorial Day 5/27/2024

Last Day of School 5/30/24

This week's spotlight is

Room 8

Check the next page for
more information

Attendance

ARRIVING ON TIME TO SCHOOL IS IMPORTANT!

- *This helps your child to learn routines and commitment.
- *Gives your child time to greet their friends.
- *Most important learning activity hours are in the morning.
- *Your Child does not feel embarrassed when on time, other children are not focused on them walking in late.

Children must be in attendance no later than 8:00 AM

All classrooms have received their Caterpillars

Ask your child about the caterpillars that are living in their classroom!
What is a Chrysalis?
What are their stages of life?
What do they eat?
What are their names?



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

These materials were developed under a grant awarded by the Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential."

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

 **Readiness Program**
Michigan's Nationally Recognized Pre-K Program

Room 8 Spotlight



Ms. Jessie:
A little bit about me--I grew up in a town called Gaylord, Michigan and I moved to Grand Rapids when I was 16. I lived in South Dakota for a few years, but I moved back and then started pursuing my Early Childhood Development degree at GRCC! This is my 5th school year at HS4KC, and I've always loved working with children, partly because I have a giant family with around 50 first cousins and 4 nephews 😊 I am having such a wonderful school year, and I can't wait to see my students' growth and bright futures within the next few months!



Ms. Aliya:
I am a 29-year-old woman who just started her first year as a teacher. I grew up with 5 brothers, but they are all older than me, so I have only child syndrome. I grew up part time in a little country town on with my country family and part time in the city. I went to EGR schools from elementary to graduation. I am currently attending college at GRCC. I own my house and live with my parents, partner, and dog. We have a pool and enjoy hosting pool parties. I like to ride my bike or walk to work.



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

www.hs4kc.org

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

These materials were funded in whole or in part under a grant awarded by the Michigan Department of Education.

 **Great Start
Readiness Program**
Michigan's Nationally Recognized Pre-K Program

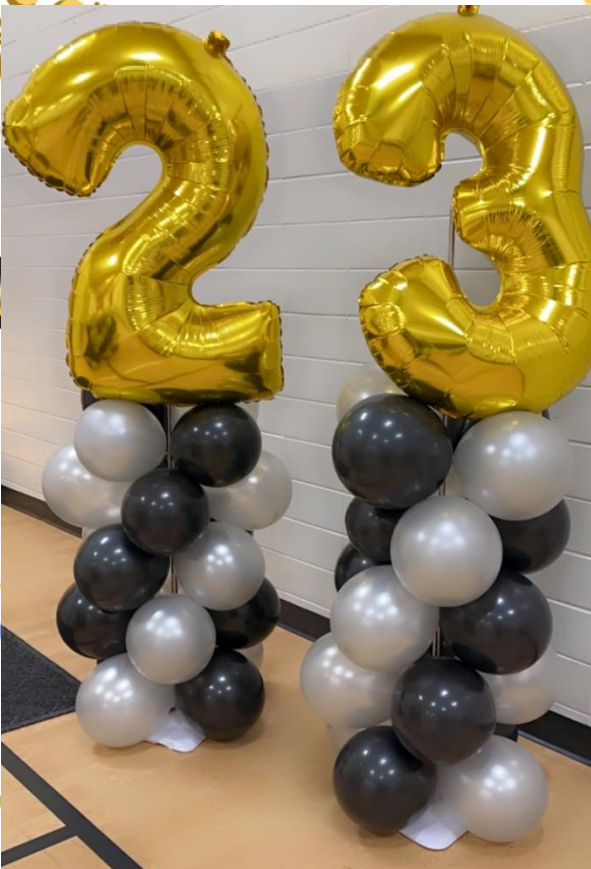




May Family Engagement Event

May 16th is our last FEE-our 2nd annual VIP & ME DANCE! We will be rolling out the red carpet to make this a night to remember!

We are looking for volunteers about 3-4 people to help us decorate—this would be from approximately from 12pm-2pm for setup. Please let our receptionist know as soon as you can at amartinez@hs4kc.org



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.

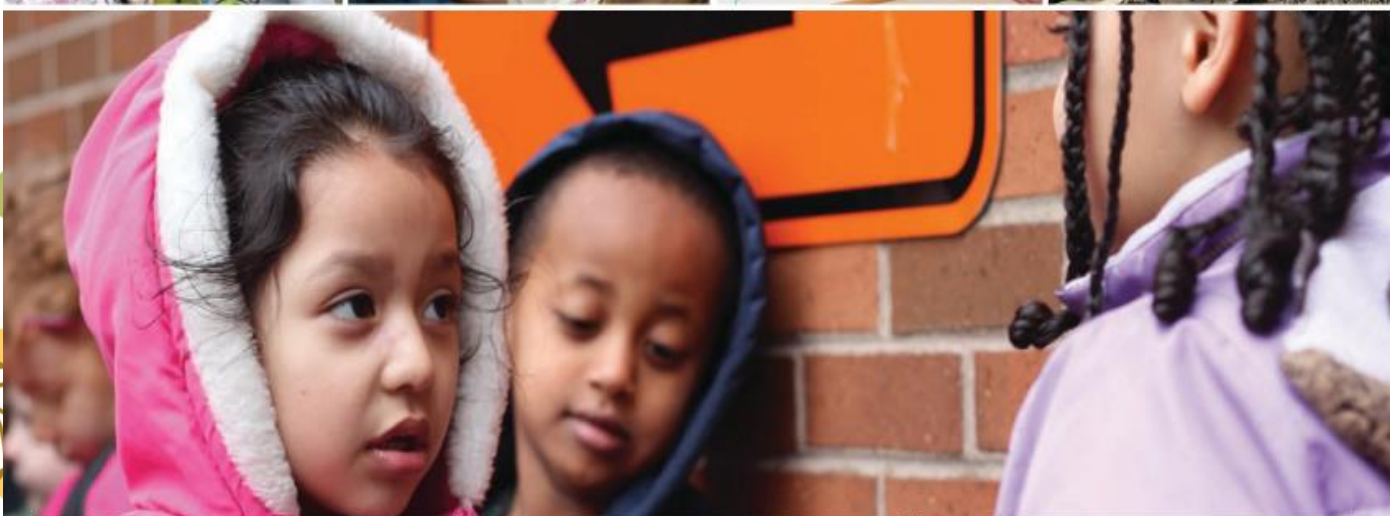
What to Do

- 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 use those languages.



©AttendanceWorks

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 – 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

These materials were developed under a grant awarded by the Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential.

Kent ISD 