

# NEWS YOU CAN USE

**Week of  
September 2, 2024**

**Kentwood Head Start  
616-735-5345**

## Site Happenings

**We do require ID to pick children up or get them off the bus.**

**NO SCHOOL  
Monday Sept 2, 2024**

**Hearing and Vision  
September 4 and 5**

**Join us for Fall Family  
Fun Night  
Wednesday, Sept 25,  
2024  
3:30pm**



**Field Trip  
Oct 2 – Room 1**



**Oct 3 – Room 2**

**Oct 7- Room 3**

## Reminders

- **Please call the office if your child will be absence from school;** our telephone number is: (616)735-5345. If your child rides the bus, please call the Transportation Department: (616)735-0693.
- Please send a change of clothing to school in your child's backpack. You never know when your child might have an accident in the clothes.

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[www.hs4kc.org](http://www.hs4kc.org)

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

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

## Head Start Approach To School Readiness

The Head Start Approach to School Readiness means that **children are ready for school, families are ready to support their children's learning, and schools are ready for children.** Learn more about the approach:

- Physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development are all essential ingredients of school readiness.
- Head Start programs view school readiness as children possessing the skills, behavior, and knowledge necessary for success in school and for later learning.
- Programs must establish school readiness goals that are appropriate for the ages and development of enrolled children according to the following [Early Learning Outcomes \(ELOF\) Framework](#) domains:
  - Approaches to Learning
  - Social and Emotional Development
  - Language and Literacy
  - Cognition
  - Perceptual, Motor, and Physical Development
- Implementing and measuring progress toward school readiness goals helps programs individualize for each child and ensure that children know and can do what is needed to be ready for kindergarten.
- Head Start programs are required to consult with parents in establishing school readiness goals and to respect parents as their children's primary nurturers, teachers, and advocates, as described in the [Parent, Family, and Community Engagement \(PFCE\) Framework](#).
- As children transition to kindergarten, Head Start programs and schools should work together to promote school readiness and engage families.

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

## September



### Preschool Activities

Help the educators get to know your family. Ask questions and share hopes or concerns. Let the educators know the best way to contact you. Do you prefer to talk in person, or receive a note, phone call, text, or email?

### Family Activities

Ask your child to make a drawing of your family for the early childhood educator. Work together to make a checklist of steps in a daily routine. A checklist can help children get ready in the morning or go to bed at night.

### Kindergarten Activities

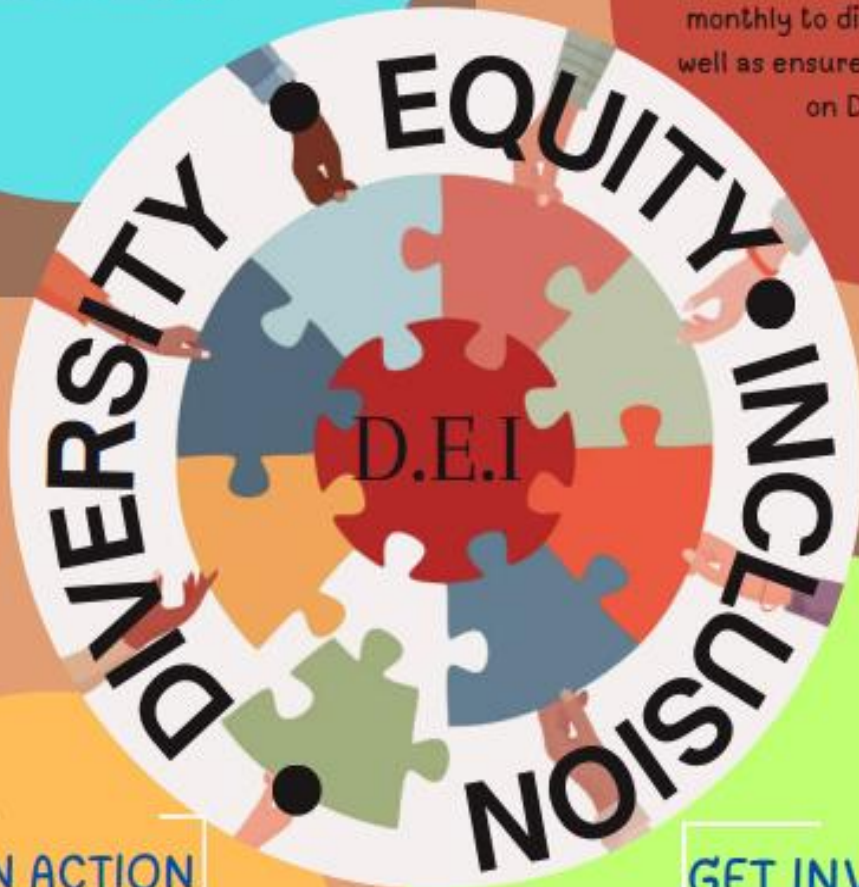
Find out if friends or family are familiar with the school your child will go to next year. Ask if they know about programs or activities at the school that your family could attend.

## WHY DEI ?

The overall purpose of the DEI workgroup is to create an inclusive and diverse workplace where employees feel safe, respected, valued, and have a sense of belonging.

## GETTING TOGETHER

DEI committee meetings are held monthly to discuss new efforts as well as ensure continuous progress on DEI projects.



## DEI IN ACTION

Responsibilities of DEI committee:

- Identifying inequities
- Developing strategies
- Providing professional development
  - Collaboration

## GET INVOLVED

The DEI committee welcomes staff, parents, and community members to become HS4KC DEI champions.

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