

**Week of  
February 3, 2025**

**North Kent  
(616)696-3990**

If your child's classroom is in the hallway or outside, that is considered a transition and teachers CANNOT release your child to you during that time, this includes the bus line. We do have a few classrooms who are scheduled for recess near the end of our day, so please be patient as pick-up may take a bit longer. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping all students safe here at school.

February – Parent Teacher Conferences  
February 17 – CLOSED  
February 18 – Family Night  
March 17 - CLOSED

Parent Teacher Conferences are taking place this month. Please reach out to your child's teacher to schedule a conference if you have not already. This is a **program requirement** that you agreed to and signed when you completed enrollment for your child.



Kindergarten is right around the corner for our four year old classrooms! Below, you will find the dates and links for specific school districts.

#### **GRPS Theme Schools**

- Round 1 applications – January 6-February 14
- Round 2 applications – March 3-April 11
- Round 3 applications – April 28-May 23
- Round 4 applications – June 9-July 4

<https://app.grps.org>

GRPS regular enrollment for 24-25 school year has not yet started but can be found here

<https://grps.org/departments/css/enrollment/>

#### **Kent ISD School of Choice**

Applications will be accepted between April 14-May 16. You can look at the school website that you are interested in having your child attend for School of Choice information. More information can be found here <https://www.kentisd.org/parents--community/schools-of-choice/>

Most school districts will be posting their information in the months to come. You can look at the school website that you are interested in having your child attend for enrollment information



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

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



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# Medication Safety

We want to encourage our children to explore and discover their world, and at the same time keep them safe. Medicines are the leading cause of child poisoning.

Here are a few tips on how to keep children safe around medicine:

**Keep medicine up and away**, out of the reach and sight of children, even medicine you take every day. Put all medicines at or above counter height where children can't reach or see them.

**Consider places where children get into medicine.** Children often find medicine in purses or on counters or nightstands.

**Remember products you might not think about as medicine.** Products such as vitamins, diaper rash cream and even eye drops can be harmful if children get into them. Keep these items out of reach and sight of children.

**Save the Poison Help number** on your phone and post it where it's visible at home (on the refrigerator is a good place): 1-800-222-1222.

## 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.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Share ideas with other parents for getting to school on time.

Visit Attendance Works at [www.attendanceworks.org](http://www.attendanceworks.org) for free downloadable resources and tools!

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

## February



### Preschool Activities

Think about ways your family could be involved at school. The educators might suggest helping in the garden, or cutting out letters, or making a bulletin board for parents.

Could you share a family tradition with the class?

### Family Activities

Add to your child's word "bank." Use and explain new words. Play word games, sing songs, and make up silly rhymes like giggle, wiggle, jiggle.

Help your child label emotions when different feelings arise (happy, sad, mad, disappointed).

### Kindergarten Activities

Complete the kindergarten registration forms at home or school (where your educator can offer you support). Do you have questions about the kindergarten program? Call the new school for information or check out their website.



# CAR SEAT SAFETY

**BIRTH – 12 MONTHS:** Your child should always ride in a rear-facing seat. Children typically outgrow the infant-only seat before their first birthday. We recommend purchasing a convertible car seat (can be installed both rear-facing and forward-facing) or an all-in-one car seat (transitions from rear-facing, to forward-facing, to a booster) to help your child stay rear-facing as long as possible!

**1 – 3 YEARS OLD:** Your child should ride rear-facing as long as possible, and at least until the age of 2. We recommend using a convertible or all-in-one seat to help your child stay rear-facing as long as possible. Once your child outgrows the height and weight limits for rear-facing set by your car seat manufacturer, your child should ride in a forward-facing seat with a harness and tether.

**4 – 7 YEARS OLD:** Your child should ride in a forward-facing seat with a harness and tether until they reach the top height and weight limit set by your car seat manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the forward-facing car seat with a harness, it is time to transition to a booster seat. When in a booster seat, your child should always ride in the back seat of the vehicle.

**HARNESS FIT TIPS:** The chest buckle should sit at armpit level. The shoulder straps should be tight – you should NOT be able to pinch together the strap on the child's shoulders.

**SEATBELT FIT TIPS:** The shoulder belt should lie snugly across the shoulder and chest, NOT the neck or face. The lap belt should lie snugly across the upper thighs or hips, NOT the stomach.