NEWS YOU CAN USE

Week of May 19, 2025

Sylvan Head Start (616) 241-0250

Site Happenings

Final home visits are happening now! Teachers are reaching out to schedule!

Our office is close Friday, May 23rd.

Calendar of Events

May 19th-Tie Dye Day
Dress in tie dye for our last dress up day of the year!

May 26th-No School

May 29th-Last Day of School

Reminders

Speak Up for Head Start! Share your story with our representatives so they can see the impact of our program. See the attached flyer.

Michigan weather is always changing. Make sure to dress your child appropriately and pack spare clothes.

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

Tips for Safe Outdoor Play

Summer offers many opportunities for exploration and play in outdoor learning environments. With proper planning, early childhood programs can make sure that children are able to take advantage of these experiences and safely enjoy the summer.

Water Safety: Water play is a favorite activity for many young children throughout the year. Families may ask about opportunities for children to have outdoor water play during the summer. CFOC Standard 6.3.5.3 does not recommend portable wading pools because they are hard to keep clean and can promote the spread of diseases. Sprinklers, hoses, or small, individual water basins are safer than wading pools. Always use active supervision when children play in or around water.

Drowning is the leading cause of injury death for young children ages 1 to 4. Always stay within arm's reach whenever a child is in or near water. All backyard swimming pools should be surrounded by a four-sided isolation fence, with self-closing and self-latching gates. Fences should prevent children from getting to the water without supervision.

If children use water tables, make sure that staff clean and sanitize the water table and that children use toys safely. All children should wash their hands before and after play. It is best to have an individual basin for children with cuts, scratches, or open sores on their hands.

Summer Safety Tips | HeadStart.gov

First Aid: Insect Bites and Stings

Insect stings and bites can be irritating, and in most cases, don't need medical care. However, children who are allergic to insect bites and stings might get life-threatening symptoms that need emergency medical attention.

What to Do:

- If your child was stung and you can see the insect's stinger, remove it as quickly as possible by scraping it with your fingernail.
- Wash the area with soap and water.
- Apply ice wrapped in a towel or cloth or a cool wet cloth to the area to relieve pain and swelling.

Get medical care if:

- The sting or bite is inside the mouth
- Your child has a known severe allergy to a stinging or biting insect
- Injectable epinephrine (EpiPen) was used
- The site looks infected (redness is getting worse, warmth, swelling, pain or pus several hours or longer after the sting or bite).

WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR HEAD START STORY

Help Us Show the Impact of Head Start!

Share a written testimonial about how Head Start has made a difference for you and your child!

Your voice will help support funding and awareness to our program.

Are you a Head Start Parent or alum?

Sharing is easy as 1- 2 - 3!

1. Scan the QR code.
2. Fill out the form and speak from your experiences.
3. Share out to other parents or Head Start alum!

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60 YEARS *of* RESULTS

HEAD START | *Since 1965*

Head Start is turning 60, and we're celebrating YOU—the heart of our success! Wish Head Start a Happy Birthday by scanning this QR Code and signing Head Start's birthday card and share your memories of how Head Start has impacted your life!

https://birthday.nhsa.org/birthday-sign-form/?code=REF689267bc951aaf570