




KENT ISD EARLY CHILDHOOD PLAYGROUPS

May 2024



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<p>WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 10-11 Location: RedHawk Elementary, Cedar Springs Parent Educator: Lora Jenema EO Provider: Tari Howland For Information: 616-439-1745 Theme: Fantastic Flowers To Note: Use Beach entrance off of Northland Dr. Enter in the Early Childhood Entrance</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 10-11 Location: Meadow Ridge Elementary, Rockford Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler For Information: 616-528-0866 Theme: April Showers Bring May Flowers To Note: We will be in the Gross Motor Room.</p>	<p>THURSDAY, MAY 2 10-11 Location: Grandville Education Center, Grandville Parent Educator: Monique Vance EO Provider: Shea Eminhizer For Information: 616-929-2061 Theme: Monkey Business</p>
<p>THURSDAY, MAY 2 11:30-12:30 Location: KDL - Cascade Township Branch Parent Educator: Teresa Gastaldi-Balhorn For Information: 616-337-9715 Theme: April Showers Bring May Flowers</p>	<p>FRIDAY, MAY 3 10-11 Location: Kelloggsville ECC, Kelloggsville Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler For Information: 616-528-0866 Theme: April Showers Bring May Flowers</p>	<p>FRIDAY, MAY 3 10-11 Location: Greenridge Elementary, Comstock Park Parent Educator: Heidi VanOverloop EO Provider: Erin Calkins For Information: 616-552-9931 Theme: Kaleidoscope of Colors</p>
<p>MONDAY, MAY 6 11:30-12:30 Location: Sparta ECC, Sparta Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler For Information: 616-528-0866 Theme: Teddy Bear Picnic To Note: We will be in Room #6054</p>	<p>Welcome May</p> 	<p>TUESDAY, MAY 7 10-11 Location: Kent City Elementary, Kent City Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler For Information: 616-528-0866 Theme: Teddy Bear Picnic To Note: Enter through the East Muskegon Street Entrance. Look for the Bright Beginnings sign and ring the door bell.</p>
<p>TUESDAY, MAY 7 10-11 Location: Godwin Heights ECC, Grand Rapids Parent Educator: Teresa Gastaldi-Balhorn For Information: 616-337-9715 Theme: Rainforest Safari To Note: We will be in the Collaboration Room. Please stop and sign in at the office. Grupo de juego en Español! The Bookmobile will be there!</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, MAY 8 10-11 Location: Red Hawk Intermediate ECC, Cedar Springs Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler For Information: 616-528-0866 Theme: Teddy Bear Picnic To Note: Use Beach entrance off of Northland Dr. Enter in the Early Childhood Entrance.</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, MAY 8 10-11 Location: Wellerwood ECC, Grand Rapids Parent Educator: Sherry Reinbold EO Provider: Rachel Denhof For Information: 616-320-0884 Theme: Kaleidoscope of Colors To Note: Please sign in at the office. We will be in the library room.</p>
<p>FRIDAY, MAY 10 10-11 Location: Byron Center ECC, Byron Center Parent Educator: Allison Marrero EO Provider: Brianna Blevins For Information: 616-320-2156 Theme: Pet Shop</p>	<p>FRIDAY, MAY 10 10-11 Location: Ada Township Park, Forest hills Parent Educator: Laura Westdale EO Provider: Jackie Roepke For Information: 616-287-2924 Theme: Teddy Bear Picnic To Note: Bring a picnic blanket, a stuffed animal and a lunch/snack to enjoy during this special picnic play group.</p>	<p>FRIDAY, MAY 10 10-11 Location: West Oakview Elementary, Northview Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler For Information: 616-528-0866 Theme: Teddy Bear Picnic To Note: Look for the Bright Beginnings sign and enter through the gate near the playground.</p>
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MONDAY, MAY 13 | 10-11

Location: Bushnell Elementary, Lowell
Parent Educator: Pam Skinner
EO Provider: Jackie Roepke
For Information: 616-843-0179
Theme: Teddy Bear Picnic

MONDAY, MAY 13 | 10-11

Location: Caledonia Lakeside Park, Caledonia
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Fun on the Farm

TUESDAY, MAY 14 | 10-11

Location: The Playground at the Woodcliff ECC, East Grand Rapids
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
EO Provider: Sarah Kugler
For Information: 616-528-0866.
Theme: Fun on the Farm
To Note: This is an outdoor playgroup. In the case of rain we will move into the gym.

TUESDAY, MAY 14 | 10-11

Location: Kent City Elementary, Kent City
Parent Educator: Lora Jenema
EO Provider: Deanna Cowden
For Information: 616-439-1745
Theme: Fantastic Flowers
To Note: Enter through the East Muskegon St entrance. Look for the Bright Beginnings sign and ring the door bell.

TUESDAY, MAY 14 | 10:30-11:30

Location: Kenowa Hills ECC, Kenowa Hills
Parent Educator: Monique Vance
EO Provider: Alli Soukup
For Information: 616-929-2061
Theme: Monkey Business

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15 | 9-10

Location: Wyoming ECC, Wyoming
Parent Educator: Julie Woody
For Information: 447-3201
Theme: Hop Into Spring
Note: **The Bookmobile will be there!**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15 | 10-11

Location: Greenridge Elementary, Comstock Park
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Fun on the Farm
To Note: We will have 2 rooms of fun!



WEDNESDAY, MAY 15 | 10-11

Location: Algoma Sports Park, Rockford
Parent Educator: Kelsey West
For Information: 616-951-3120
Theme: Bugs, Bees and Butterflies
To Note: This is an outdoor playgroup. Please dress for the weather!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15 | 2-3

Location: Kent County Health Department, Grand Rapids
Parent Educator: Kelly Schaut
For Information: 616-259-0973
Theme: Bugs, Bees and Butterflies
To Note: Located in the WIC office on the garden level in the Lake Michigan Room.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15 | 10-11

Location: Red Hawk Intermediate, Cedar Springs
Parent Educator: Kristi Webber
For Information: 616-439-4118
Theme: North Kent Baby Buddies
To Note: Group is for under 14 months of age. Pull into the Beach entrance off Northland Dr. Go straight through stop. Park at Preschool playground. Enter through Early Childhood entrance

THURSDAY, MAY 16 | 9:30-10:30

Location: Murray Lake Elementary, Lowell
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Fun on the Farm
To Note: We will be in the gym.

THURSDAY, MAY 16 | 10:30-11:30

Location: Hamilton ECC, Kentwood
Parent Educator: Julie Woody
For Information: 447-3201
Theme: Hop Into Spring

THURSDAY, MAY 16 | 2-3

Location: Rogers Park, Sparta
Parent Educator: Emily Elliott
EO Provider: Emily Grix
For Information: 616-425-9819
Theme: Playground Exploration

FRIDAY, MAY 17 | 10-11

Location: Hamilton ECC, Kentwood
Parent Educator: Sherry Reinbold
EO Provider: Todd Sanders
For Information: 616-320-0884
Theme: South Kent Baby Buddies
To Note: Group is for babies under 14 months of age or those not yet walking.

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PLAYGROUP GUIDELINES

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<p>FRIDAY, MAY 17 10:30-11:30 Location: Thornapple Kellogg ECC, Thornapple Kellogg Parent Educator: Kaley Rogers EO Provider: Joyce Irvine For Information: 616-419-8204 Theme: Diggers and Dump Trucks</p>	<p>FRIDAY, MAY 17 12:30-1:30 Location: Playground Godwin Heights ECC, Grand Rapids Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler For Information: 616-528-0866 Theme: Fun on the Farm To Note: Outdoor playgroup! Bilingual- Grupo de juego en Español.</p>	<p>MONDAY, MAY 20 10-11 Location: Wellerwood ECC, Grand Rapids Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler For Information: 616-528-0866 Theme: Camp out To Note: We will be in the school library.</p>
<p>TUESDAY, MAY 21 10-11 Location: Manhattan Park Pavilion, East Grand Rapids Parent Educator: Laura Westdale EO Provider: Sarah Kugler For Information: 616-287-2924 Theme: Teddy Bear Picnic To Note: Bring a picnic blanket, a stuffed animal to enjoy during this special picnic play group.</p>		<p>TUESDAY, MAY 21 10:30-11:30 Location: Kenowa Hills ECC, Kenowa Hills Parent Educator: Monique Vance For Information: 616-929-2061 Theme: Camp out</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY, MAY 22 9-10 Location: Wyoming ECC, Wyoming Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler For Information: 616-528-0866 Theme: Camp out To Note: The Bookmobile will be there!</p>	<p>THURSDAY, MAY 23 10-11 Location: Wedgewood Park, Grandville Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler For Information: 616-528-0866 Theme: Camp out To Note: This is an outdoor playgroup and will be cancelled in the event of rain. The Bookmobile will be there!</p>	<p>THURSDAY, MAY 23 10-11 Location: Caledonia Lakeside Park, Caledonia and Thornapple Kellogg Parent Educator: Kaley Rogers For Information: 616-419-8204 Theme: Diggers and Dump Trucks</p>
<p>FRIDAY, MAY 24 10-11 Location: Battjes Park, Wyoming Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler For Information: 616-528-0866 Theme: Camp out To Note: This is an outdoor playgroup and will be cancelled in the event of rain. Bilingual- Grupo de Juegos en Español.</p>	<p>TUESDAY, MAY 28 10-11 Location: Byron Center ECC, Byron Center Parent Educator: Kelly Schaut For Information: 616-528-0866 Theme: Camp out</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY, MAY 29 10-11 Location: Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids Parent Educator: Leslie Delgado For Information: 616-287-2693 Theme: Dino-mite Discoveries To Note: We will be in the story time room on level 2. You may park in the East parking lot to receive validated parking. Grupo de juego en Español!</p>
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LOCATION ADDRESSES

Directions to our playgroups

(Additional information at bbplaygroups.kentisd.org)

- Ada Township Park: 1116 Buttrick Ave SE, Ada MI 49301**
- Algoma Sports Park: 10531 Algoma Ave NE, Rockford, MI 49341**
- Battjes Park: 1655 Blandford SW, Wyoming MI 49509**
- Byron Center ECC: 2300 84th Ave, Byron Center, MI 49315**
- Bushnell Elementary: 700 Elizabeth St SE, Lowell, MI 49331**
- Byron Center ECC: 2300 84th St SW, Byron Center, MI 49315**
- Caledonia Lakeside Park: 370 N Lake St. SE Caledonia, MI 49316**
- Duncan Lake ECC: 9751 Duncan Lake Ave SE, Caledonia, MI 49316**
- Godfrey-Lee ECC: 961 Joosten St. SW, Wyoming, MI 49509**
- Godwin Heights ECC: 28 Bellevue Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49548**
- Grand Rapids Public Library: 111 Library St NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503**
- Grandville Education Center: 3481 Fairlanes AVE SW, Grandville, MI 49418**
- Greenridge Elementary: 3825 Oakridge, Comstock Park, MI 49321**
- Hamilton ECC: 3303 Breton RD SE Grand Rapids, MI 49512**
- KDL Cascade Township: 2870 Jacksmith Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546**
- Kelloggsville ECC: 977 44th Street, Wyoming, MI 49509**
- Kent City Elementary: 29 College St, Kent City, MI 49330**
- Kent County Health Department: 700 Fuller NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503**
- Kenowa Hills ECC: 3971 Richmond Ct NW, Walker, MI 49534**
- Manhattan Park Pavilion: 430 Manhattan Rd. East Grand Rapids, MI 49506**
- Meadow Ridge Elementary: 8100 Courtland Drive NE, Rockford, MI 49341**
- Murray Lake Elementary: 3275 Alden Nash Avenue NE, Lowell, MI 49331**
- Red Hawk Intermediate: 204 E Muskegon ST Cedar Springs, MI 49319**
- Rogers Park: 152 N. State St, Sparta, MI 49345**
- Sparta ECC: 480 S. State Street, Sparta, MI 49345**
- Thornapple Kellogg ECC: 3316 Bender Road, Middleville, MI 49333**
- Wedgewood Park: 3391 Wilson Ave. Grandville, MI 49418**
- Wellerwood ECC: 800 Wellerwood St NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505**
- West Oakview Elementary: 3880 Stuyvesant Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525**
- Woodcliff ECC: 2915 Hall St. SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506**
- Wyoming ECC: 4334 Byron Center Ave. SW, Wyoming, MI 49519**



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