



KENT ISD EARLY CHILDHOOD PLAYGROUPS

December 2023



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FRIDAY, DEC 1 | 10-11

Location: Greenridge Elementary, Comstock Park
Parent Educator: Heidi VanOverloop
EO Provider: Erin Calkins
For Information: 616-552-9931
Theme: Holiday Fun

MONDAY, DEC 4 | 11:30-12:30

Location: Sparta ECC, Sparta
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Gingerbread and Gumdrops
To Note: We will be in Room #6051.

TUESDAY, DEC 5 | 10-11

Location: Kent City Elementary, Kent City
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Gingerbread and Gumdrops
To Note: Enter through the East Muskegon Street Entrance. Look for the Bright Beginnings sign and ring the door bell.

TUESDAY, DEC 5 | 10-11

Location: Godwin Heights ECC, Godwin Heights
Parent Educator: Teresa Gastaldi-Balhorn
EO Provider: Ann Stacey
For Information: 616-337-9715
Theme: Holiday Fun

To Note: **Bilingual- Grupo de Juego en Español.** Please enter Door 1 on playgroup days and will check in with the office.

The Book mobile and Wimee will be present!!



WEDNESDAY, DEC 6 | 10-11

Location: Meadow Ridge Elementary, Rockford
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Gingerbread and Gumdrops
To Note: We will be in the Gross Motor Room.

WEDNESDAY, DEC 6 | 10-11

Location: Wellerwood Early Childhood Center, Grand Rapids
Parent Educator: Kelsey West
For Information: 616- 951-3120
Theme: Holiday Fun

WEDNESDAY, DEC 6 | 10-11

Location: RedHawk Intermediate, Cedar Springs
Parent Educator: Lora Jenema
EO Provider: Tari Howland
For Information: 616-439-1745
Theme: Zippity Zoo Day
To Note: Come in OFF OF NORTHLAND DR. USE the Beach Entrance and use the Early Childhood ENTRANCE.

THURSDAY, DEC 7 | 10-11

Location: Grandville Education Center, Grandville
Parent Educator: Monique Vance
For Information: 616-929-2061
Theme: Snow Fun

THURSDAY, DEC 7 | 10-11

Location: KDL Cascade Township Branch, Forest Hills
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Gingerbread and Gumdrops

FRIDAY, DEC 8 | 10-11

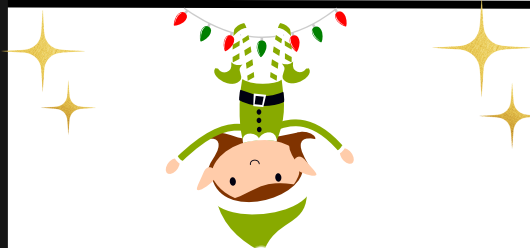
Location: Kelloggsville ECC, Kelloggsville
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Gingerbread and Gumdrops

FRIDAY, DEC 8 | 10-11

Location: Byron Center ECC, Byron Center
Parent Educator: Valerie Cassell
EO Provider: Brianne Blevins
For Information: 616-287-3453
Theme: Snow Fun
To Note: We will be in a GSRP classroom. Signs will be outside the door.

FRIDAY, DEC 8 | 10-11

Location: Buchanan Elementary, Grand Rapids
Parent Educator: Esther Gomez
EO Provider: Delilah Coronado
For Information: 616-447-4902
Theme: Gingerbread and Gumdrops
To Note: **Bilingual- Grupo de Juego en Español.**



FRIDAY, DEC 8 | 10-11

Location: Ada Elementary, Forest Hills
Parent Educator: Laura Westdale
EO Provider: Jackie Roepke
For Information: 616-287-2924
Theme: Mittens for Me
To Note: Go into the building through the double doors, go straight into the first GSRP classroom.

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PLAYGROUP GUIDELINES

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MONDAY, DEC 11 | 10-11

Location: Bushnell Elementary, Lowell
Parent Educator: Pam Skinner
EO Provider: Jackie Roepeke
For Information: 616-843-0179
Theme: Gingerbread and Gumdrops

MONDAY, DEC 11 | 10-11

Location: Duncan Lake ECC, Caledonia
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Holly Jolly

TUESDAY, DEC 12 | 10-11

Location: Woodcliff ECC, East Grand Rapids
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Holly Jolly
To Note: We will be in the gym.

TUESDAY, DEC 12 | 10-11

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



TUESDAY, DEC 12 | 10:30-11:30

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

WEDNESDAY, DEC 13 | 9-10

Location: Wyoming ECC, Wyoming
Parent Educator: Julie Woody
For Information: 447-3201
Theme: Gingerbread and Gumdrops
To Note: **The Bookmobile and Wimee will be present!**

WEDNESDAY, DEC 13 | 10-11

Location: Meadow Ridge Elementary, Rockford
Parent Educator: Nicole Burman
For Information: 616-951-3184
Theme: Holiday Fun
To Note: We will be in the Gross Motor room.

WEDNESDAY, DEC 13 | 10-11

Location: Red Hawk Intermediate, Cedar Springs
Parent Educator: Kristi Webber
EO Provider: Kara Rose
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.

WEDNESDAY, DEC 13 | 10-11

Location: Thornapple Kellogg ECC, Thornapple Kellogg
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Holly Jolly

THURSDAY, DEC 14 | 10-11

Location: Grandville Education Center, Grandville
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Holly Jolly
To Note: Enter through Door A. We will be in the gym.
The-e Bookmobile and Wimee will be present!

THURSDAY, DEC 14 | 10:30-11:30

Location: Hamilton ECC, Kentwood
Parent Educator: Julie Woody
For Information: 447-3201
Theme: Gingerbread and Gumdrops

FRIDAY, DEC 15 | 10-11

Location: Godwin Heights ECC, Godwin Heights
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Holly Jolly
To Note: **Bilingual- Grupo de Juego en Español. We will be in Room #23.**



FRIDAY, DEC 15 | 10-11

Location: West Oak Elementary, Northview
Parent Educator: Nicole Burman
EO Provider: Deanna Cowden
For Information: 616-951-3184
Theme: Holiday Fun

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WEATHER CANCELLATION

Playgroups may be cancelled in the event of severe weather. See our Facebook page for cancellation notifications.

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 Parent Educator: Valerie Cassell
 EO Provider: Heather Tamminga
 For Information: 616-287-3453
 Theme: Snow Fun
 To Note: We will be in a GSRP classroom. Signs will be outside the door. **The Bookmobile and Wimee will be present!**

FRIDAY, DEC 15 | 10-11

Location: Thornapple Kellogg ECC, Caledonia/Thornapple Kellogg
 Parent Educator: Kaley Rogers
 EO Provider: Joyce Irvine
 For Information: 616-419-8204
 Theme: Gingerbread and Gumdrops

FRIDAY, DEC 15 | 10-11

Location: Hamilton ECC, Kentwood
 Parent Educator: Rebecca Hodges
 For Information: 616-447-3101
 Theme: South Kent Baby Buddies
 To Note: Group is for babies under 14 months of age or those not yet walking.

MONDAY, DEC 18 | 10-11

Location: Wellerwood ECC, Grand Rapids
 Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
 For Information: 616-528-0866
 Theme: Sleigh Bells and Snow
 To Note: We will be in the school library.

*Come Enjoy
 Some Winter Fun
 with Us!*

TUESDAY, DEC 19 | 10-11

Location: Woodcliff ECC, East Grand Rapids
 Parent Educator: Laura Westdale
 EO Provider: Sarah Kugler
 For Information: 616-287-2924
 Theme: Mittens for Me
 To Note: Playgroups at Woodcliff will be held in the gym.

TUESDAY, DEC 19 | 10:30-11:30

Location: Kenowa Hills ECC, Kenowa Hills
 Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
 For Information: 616-528-0866
 Theme: Sleigh bells and snow

WEDNESDAY, DEC 20 | 10-11

Location: Greenridge Elementary, Comstock Park
 Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
 For Information: 616-528-0866
 Theme: Sleigh bells and snow

WEDNESDAY, DEC 20 | 2-3

Location: Kent County Health Department, Grand Rapids
 Parent Educator: Kelsey West
 For Information: 616-951-3120
 Theme: Holiday Fun
 To Note: Located in the WIC building on the garden level in the Lakes Room.



THURSDAY, DEC 21 | 9:30-10:30

Location: Murray Lake Elementary, Lowell
 Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
 For Information: 616-528-0866
 Theme: Sleigh bells and snow
 To Note: We will be in the gym.



THURSDAY, DEC 21 | 10-11

Location: Duncan Lake ECC, Caledonia/Thornapple Kellogg
 Parent Educator: Kaley Rogers
 For Information: 616-419-8204
 Theme: Gingerbread and Gumdrops

THURSDAY, DEC 21 | 2-3

Location: Sparta ECC, Sparta
 Parent Educator: Emily Elliott
 EO Provider: Emily Grix
 For Information: 616-425-9819
 Theme: Sleigh bells and snow

FRIDAY DEC 22 | 10-11

Location: West Oakview Elementary, Northview
 Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
 For Information: 616-528-0866
 Theme: Sleigh bells and snow

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LOCATION ADDRESSES

Directions to our playgroups

(Additional information at bbplaygroups.kentisd.org)

- Ada Elementary: 731 Ada Dr. SE, Ada, MI 49301**
- Byron Center ECC: 2300 84th Ave , Byron Center, MI 49315**
- Buchanan Elementary: 1775 Buchanan Avenue SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49507**
- Bushnell Elementary: 700 Elizabeth St SE, Lowell, MI 49331**
- Byron Center ECC: 2300 84th St SW, Byron Center, MI 49315**
- 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**
- 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**
- Ken-O-Sha Elementary: 1353 Van Auken St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508**
- Kenowa Hills ECC: 3971 Richmond Ct NW, Walker, MI 49534**
- Meadow Ridge Elementary: 8100 Courtland Drive NE, Rockford, MI 49341**
- Murray Lake Elementary: 3275 Alden Nash Avenue NE, Lowell, MI 49331**
- Pinewood Park: 1999 Wolfboro Dr. SE, Kentwood, MI 49508**
- Red Hawk Intermediate: 204 E Muskegon ST Cedar Springs, MI 49319**
- Sparta ECC: 480 S. State Street, Sparta, MI 49345**
- Thornapple Kellogg ECC: 3316 Bender Road, Middleville, MI 49333**
- 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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