



# KENT ISD EARLY CHILDHOOD PLAYGROUPS

## April 2024



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### MONDAY, APRIL 8 | 10-11

Location: Duncan Lake ECC, Caledonia  
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler  
For Information: 616-528-0866  
Theme: Duck, Duck, Goose  
To Note: Join Us! We have 2 connecting classrooms with lots of room for play.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 9 | 10-11

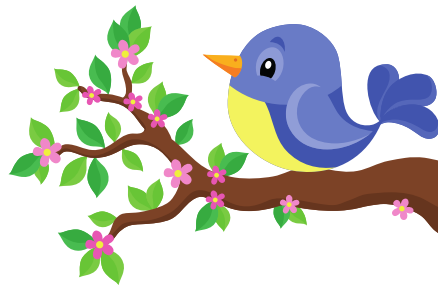
Location: Woodcliff ECC, East Grand Rapids  
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler  
EO Provider: Sarah Kugler  
For Information: 616-528-0866  
Theme: Duck, Duck, Goose  
To Note: We will be using half the gym.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 9 | 10-11

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

### TUESDAY, APRIL 9 | 10:30-11:30

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



### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 | 9-10

Location: Wyoming ECC, Wyoming  
Parent Educator: Julie Woody  
For Information: 447-3201  
Theme: Nursery Rhymes  
To Note: **The Bookmobile will be there!**

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 | 10-11

Location: Red Hawk Intermediate ECC, Cedar Springs  
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler  
For Information: 616-528-0866  
Theme: Duck, Duck, Goose

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 | 10-11

Location: Meadow Ridge Elementary, Rockford  
Parent Educator: Kelsey West  
EO Provider: Amy Kurtz  
For Information: 616-951-3120  
Theme: April Showers Bring May Flowers  
To Note: This playgroup will be located in the Gross Motor Room.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10 | 10-11

Location: Wellerwood ECC, Grand Rapids  
Parent Educator: Sherry Reinbold  
EO Provider: Rachel Denhof  
For Information: 616-320-0884  
Theme: April Showers Bring May Flowers  
To Note: Please sign in at the office. We will be in the library room.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 11 | 10-11

Location: Grandville Education Center, Grandville  
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler  
For Information: 616-528-0866  
Theme: Duck, Duck, Goose  
To Note: This is primarily a Gross Motor Playgroup. Enter through Door A. We will be in the gym.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 11 | 10:30-11:30

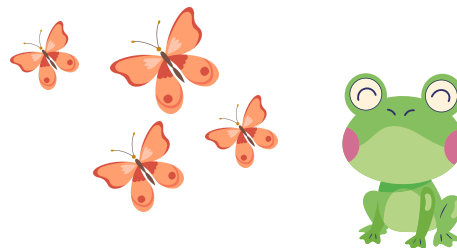
Location: Hamilton ECC, Kentwood  
Parent Educator: Julie Woody  
For Information: 447-3201  
Theme: Nursery Rhymes

### FRIDAY, APRIL 12 | 10-11

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

### FRIDAY, APRIL 12 | 10-11

Location: West Oakview Elementary, Northview  
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler  
For Information: 616-528-0866  
Theme: Duck, Duck, Goose



### FRIDAY, APRIL 12 | 10-11

Location: Ada Elementary, Forest Hills  
Parent Educator: Laura Westdale  
EO Provider: Jackie Roepke  
For Information: 616-287-2924  
Theme: Up, Up and Away

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<p><b>FRIDAY, APRIL 12   10-11</b>  <b>Location:</b> Byron Center ECC, Byron Center  <b>Parent Educator:</b> Valerie Cassell  <b>EO Provider:</b> Brianne Blevins  <b>For Information:</b> 616-287-3453  <b>Theme:</b> April Showers Bring May Flowers  <b>To Note:</b> <b>The Bookmobile will be there!</b></p>	<p><b>MONDAY, APRIL 15   10-11</b>  <b>Location:</b> Wellerwood ECC, Grand Rapids  <b>Parent Educator:</b> Marlene Raffler  <b>For Information:</b> 616-528-0866  <b>Theme:</b> Five Green and Speckled Frogs  <b>To Note:</b> We will be in the school library.</p>	<p><b>MONDAY, APRIL 15   10-11</b>  <b>Location:</b> Bushnell Elementary, Lowell  <b>Parent Educator:</b> Pam Skinner  <b>EO Provider:</b> Jackie Roepke  <b>For Information:</b> 616-843-0179  <b>Theme:</b> Our Friend Earth</p>
<p><b>MONDAY, APRIL 15   5:30-6:30</b>  <b>Location:</b> Cedar Springs ECC, Cedar Springs  <b>Parent Educator:</b> Lora Jenema  <b>EO Provider:</b> Tari Howland  <b>For Information:</b> 616-439-1745  <b>Theme:</b> Family Fun Night!  <b>To Note:</b> Use Beach entrance off of Northland Dr. Enter in the Early Childhood Entrance.  <b>The KDL Bookmobile and the Cedar Springs Library will be there!</b></p>	<p><b>TUESDAY, APRIL 16   10:30-11:30</b>  <b>Location:</b> Kenowa Hills ECC, Kenowa Hills  <b>Parent Educator:</b> Marlene Raffler  <b>For Information:</b> 616-528-0866  <b>Theme:</b> Five Green and Speckled Frogs</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17   10-11</b>  <b>Location:</b> Greenridge Elementary, Comstock Park  <b>Parent Educator:</b> Marlene Raffler  <b>For Information:</b> 616-528-0866  <b>Theme:</b> Five Green and Speckled Frogs  <b>To Note:</b> We will have 2 rooms of fun!</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17   10-11</b>  <b>Location:</b> Red Hawk Intermediate, Cedar Springs  <b>Parent Educator:</b> Kristi Webber  <b>For Information:</b> 616-799-3818  <b>Theme:</b> North Kent Baby Buddies  <b>To Note:</b> Playgroup for babies younger than 14 months or not yet walking.</p>		<p><b>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17   2-3</b>  <b>Location:</b> Kent County Health Department, Grand Rapids  <b>Parent Educator:</b> Kelly Schaut  <b>For Information:</b> 616-259-0973  <b>Theme:</b> Hop Into Spring  <b>To Note:</b> Located in the WIC office on the garden level in the Lakes Room.</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY, APRIL 18   10-11</b>  <b>Location:</b> Murray Lake Elementary, Lowell  <b>Parent Educator:</b> Marlene Raffler  <b>For Information:</b> 616-528-0866  <b>Theme:</b> Five Green and Speckled Frogs  <b>To Note:</b> We will be in the gym.</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY, APRIL 18   2-3</b>  <b>Location:</b> Sparta ECC, Sparta  <b>Parent Educator:</b> Emily Elliott  <b>EO Provider:</b> Emily Grix  <b>For Information:</b> 616-425-9819  <b>Theme:</b> Bugs, Bees and Butterflies</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY, APRIL 19   10-11</b>  <b>Location:</b> Kelloggsville ECC, Kelloggsville  <b>Parent Educator:</b> Valerie Cassell  <b>EO Provider:</b> Heather Tamminga  <b>For Information:</b> 616-287-3453  <b>Theme:</b> April Showers Bring May Flowers</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY, APRIL 19   10-11</b>  <b>Location:</b> Godfrey Lee ECC, Wyoming  <b>Parent Educator:</b> Leslie Delgado  <b>For Information:</b> 616-287-2693  <b>Theme:</b> Kids in the Kitchen  <b>To Note:</b> We will be in room #216.  <b>Grupo de juego en Español!</b></p>	<p><b>FRIDAY, APRIL 19   10-11</b>  <b>Location:</b> Hamilton ECC, Kentwood  <b>Parent Educator:</b> Sherry Reinbold  <b>EO Provider:</b> Todd Sanders  <b>For Information:</b> 616-320-0884  <b>Theme:</b> South Kent Baby Buddies  <b>To Note:</b> Group is for babies under 14 months of age or those not yet walking.  <b>To Note:</b> <b>The Bookmobile will be there!</b></p>	<p><b>FRIDAY, APRIL 19   10-11</b>  <b>Location:</b> West Oak Elementary, Northview  <b>Parent Educator:</b> Kelsey West  <b>EO Provider:</b> Deanna Cowden  <b>For Information:</b> 616-951-3120  <b>Theme:</b> April Showers Bring May Flowers</p>
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**Location:** Godwin Heights ECC, Grand Rapids  
**Parent Educator:** Marlene Raffler  
**For Information:** 616-528-0866  
**Theme:** Five Green and Speckled Frogs  
**To Note:** **Bilingual- Grupo de juego en Español!**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 19 | 10:30-11:30**

**Location:** Thornapple Kellogg ECC, Thornapple  
**Parent Educator:** Kaley Rogers  
**EO Provider:** Joyce Irvine  
**For Information:** 616-419-8204  
**Theme:** Bugs, Bees and Butterflies

**MONDAY, APRIL 22 | 10-11**

**Location:** KDL - Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch, Kentwood  
**Parent Educator:** Marlene Raffler  
**For Information:** 616-528-0866  
**Theme:** Space Station

**TUESDAY, APRIL 23 | 10-11**

**Location:** Byron Center ECC, Byron Center  
**Parent Educator:** Marlene Raffler  
**For Information:** 616-528-0866  
**Theme:** Space Station

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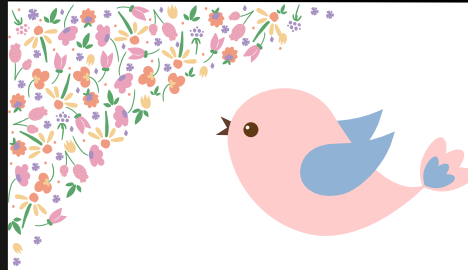
**Location:** Woodcliff ECC, East Grand Rapids  
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**Theme:** Up, Up and Away

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 | 10-11**

**Location:** Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids  
**Parent Educator:** Leslie Delgado  
**For Information:** 287-2693  
**Theme:** Kids in the Kitchen  
**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!**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 | 9-10**

**Location:** Wyoming ECC, Wyoming  
**Parent Educator:** Marlene Raffler  
**For Information:** 616-528-0866  
**Theme:** Space Station  
**To Note:** **The Bookmobile will be there!**



**THURSDAY, APRIL 25 | 10-11**

**Location:** Duncan Lake ECC, Caledonia  
**Parent Educator:** Kaley Rogers  
**For Information:** 616-419-8204  
**Theme:** Bugs, Bees and Butterflies

**THURSDAY, APRIL 25 | 10-11**

**Location:** Red Hawk Intermediate ECC, Cedar Springs  
**Parent Educator:** Marlene Raffler  
**For Information:** 616-528-0866  
**Theme:** Space Station

**FRIDAY, APRIL 26 | 10-11**

**Location:** Godfrey Lee ECC, Wyoming  
**Parent Educator:** Marlene Raffler  
**For Information:** 616-528-0866  
**Theme:** Space Station  
**To Note:** We will be in Room #210.  
**Bilingual- Grupo de juego en Español!**  
**The Bookmobile will be there!**

**MONDAY, APRIL 29 | 10-11**

**Location:** Kent District Library - Krause Memorial Branch, Rockford  
**Parent Educator:** Marlene Raffle  
**For Information:** 616-528-0866  
**Theme:** April Showers Bring May Flowers

**MONDAY, APRIL 29 | 10-11**

**Location:** Ken-O-Sha Park Elementary, Grand Rapids  
**Parent Educator:** Kelly Schaut  
**For Information:** 616-259-0973  
**Theme:** Hop Into Spring

**TUESDAY, APRIL 30 | 10-11**

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

**TUESDAY, APRIL 30 | 10-11**

**Location:** Godwin Heights, Grand Rapids  
**Parent Educator:** Teresa Gastaldi  
**EO Provider:** Ann Stacey  
**For Information:** 616-337-9715  
**Theme:** Fantastic Flowers  
**To Note:** We will be in the Collaboration space.  
**Grupo de juego en Español.**  
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## LOCATION ADDRESSES



### Directions to our playgroups

(Additional information at [bbplaygroups.kentisd.org](http://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**
- KDL Kentwood-Richard L Root: 4950 Breton SE Kentwood, MI 49508**
- KDL Krause Memorial: 140 East Bridge St. NE Rockford, MI 49341**
- KDL Main Library: 111 Library St NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503**
- 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 School: 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**
- Meijer Garden: 1000 E Beltline Ave. NE Grand Rapids, 49525**
- Murray Lake Elementary: 3275 Alden Nash Avenue NE, Lowell, MI 49331**
- 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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