



KENT ISD EARLY CHILDHOOD PLAYGROUPS June 2023



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THURSDAY, JUNE 1ST | 10-11

Location: Ada Township Park
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Bugs, Bees and Butterflies
To Note: This is an outdoor playgroup, it will be cancelled in the event of rain.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1ST | 10-11

Location: Red Hawk Intermediate
Parent Educator: Kristi Webber
For Information: 616-439-4118
Theme: North Kent Baby Buddies
To Note: for babies under 14 months of age. Pull into the Beach entrance off Northland Dr. Go straight through stop. Park at Preschool playground. Enter through fence. Entrance closed at 10:10AM.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1ST | 10-11

Location: Grandville Education Center
Parent Educator: Monique Vance and Teresa Balhorn
EO Provider: Shea Eminhizer
For Information: 616-337-9715
Theme: Bugs, Bees and Butterflies
To Note: On the playground behind the school, weather permitting.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1ST | 10:30-11:30

Location: Hamilton ECC
Parent Educator: Julie Woody
EO Provider: Amber Mayfield
For Information: 447-3201
Theme: Oodles of Bubbles
To Note: We will meet on the playground weather permitting.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2ND | 10-11

Location: Buchanan Elementary
Parent Educator: Esther Gomez
EO Provider: Delilah Coronado
For Information: (616)447-3092
Theme: Let's Have a Ball
To Note: Grupo de juego en Español

FRIDAY, JUNE 2ND | 10-11

Location: Grand Rapids Township Park
Parent Educator: Trisha Domeier-Akers
For Information: 616-516-5148
Theme: Duck, Duck, Goose
To Note: We will be at the main pavilion.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2ND | 10-11

Location: Playground behind Lowell Administration Building
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Park Days
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MONDAY, JUNE 5TH | 10-11

Location: Rogers Park
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Bugs, Bees and Butterflies
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TUESDAY, JUNE 6TH | 10-11

Location: Morley Park
Parent Educator: Marleen Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Camp Out
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TUESDAY, JUNE 6TH | 10-11

Location: Lakeside Park
Parent Educator: Rebecca Hodges
For Information: 616-447-3101
Theme: Playtime
To Note: Outside playgroup, COME READY FOR MESSY PLAY! We will be at the first playground on the left.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6TH | 10:30-11:30

Location: Walker Community Park
Parent Educator: Monique Vance and Teresa Balhorn
EO Provider: Alli Soukup
For Information: 616-3379715
Theme: Bugs, Bees and Butterflies
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7TH | 10-11

Location: Kroc Center
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme:
To Note: This is an outdoor playgroup and will be cancelled in the event of rain.
Bilingual- Grupo de Juego en Español

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7TH | 10-11

Location: Dwight Lydell Park
Parent Educator: Heidi VanOverloop
EO Provider: Erin Calkins
For Information: 616-552-9931
Theme: Day at the Park
To Note: Park by Post Office or the library.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8TH | 10-11

Location: Premier Park/Meijer Sports Complex
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Camp Out
To Note: We will meet at the playground. This is an outdoor playgroup and will be cancelled in the event of rain.

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FRIDAY, JUNE 9TH | 9:30-10:30

Location: Whistle Stop Park
Parent Educator: Valerie Cassell
EO Provider: Michelle Kosiara
For Information: 616-287-3453
Theme: Oodles of Bubbles
To Note: Bright Beginnings yard signs will be in the grass.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9TH | 10-11

Location: Veterans Memorial Park
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.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9TH | 10-11

Location: Pinery Park
Parent Educator: Ruth Gutierrez Van-Beek
For Information: 616-287-2818
Theme: Camp Out
To Note: **Grupo de Juego en Español**

MONDAY, JUNE 12TH | 10-11

Location: Lakeside Park
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.

MONDAY, JUNE 12TH | 10-11

Location: North Grand River Riverside Park
Parent Educator: Pam Skinner
EO Provider: Jackie Roepke
For Information: 616-843-0179
Theme: Day at the Park

MONDAY, JUNE 12TH | 11:30-12:30

Location: Lemar Park
Parent Educator: Amy Lente and Kristy Elenbaas.
EO Provider: Liz Snow
For Information: 616-287-2191
Theme: Duck, Duck, Goose

TUESDAY, JUNE 13TH | 10-11

Location: DW Richardson Park
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Park Days
To Note: This is an outdoor playgroup and will be cancelled in the event of rain.



TUESDAY, JUNE 13TH | 10-11

Location: Kent City Park/CB Leaver Park
Parent Educator: Lora Jenema
For Information: 616-439-1745
Theme: Day at the Park
To Note: This is an outdoor playgroup and will be canceled in the event of rain.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14TH | 10-11

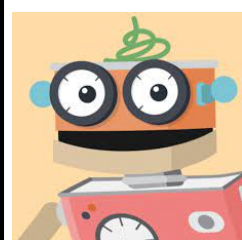
Location: Godwin Heights ECC
Parent Educator: Ruth Gutierrez Van-Beek
For Information: 616-287-2818
Theme: Camp Out
To Note: We will meet at the playground area.
Grupo de Juego en Español

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14TH | 10-11

Location: Frog Hallow
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Park Days
To Note: Frog Hollow is a universally accessible park. This is an outdoor playgroup and will be cancelled in the event of rain.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14TH | 10-11

Location: Richardson-Sowerby Park
Parent Educator: Nicole Burman
EO Provider: Rachel Denhof
For Information: 616-951-3184
Theme: Oodles of Bubbles
To Note: Park in Rockford City lot- Walk south in trail just past the bridge; playground on the left.



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THURSDAY, JUNE 15TH | 10-11

Location: Wedgewood Park
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Park Days
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THURSDAY, JUNE 15TH | 2-3PM

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



Come play
and learn
with us!

FRIDAY, JUNE 16TH | 9:30-10:30

Location: Veterans Memorial Park
Parent Educator: Valerie Cassell
EO Provider: Heather Tamminga
For Information: 616-287-3453
Theme: Oodles of Bubbles
To Note: Bright Beginnings yard signs will be in the grass.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16TH | 10-11

Location: Hillcroft Park
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Park Days
To Note: This is an outdoor playgroup and will be cancelled in the event of rain. **Bilingual- Grupo de Juego en Español**

FRIDAY, JUNE 16TH | 10:30-11:30

Location: Ada Park
Parent Educator: Trisha Domeier-Akers
EO Provider: Jackie Roepke
For Information: 616-516-5148
Theme: Duck, Duck, Goose
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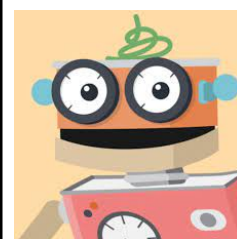
Location: Hamilton ECC
Parent Educator: Meredith Cornillie
EO Provider: Nicki Blain
For Information: 616-727-0695
Theme: South Kent Baby Buddies
To Note: This group will be outside on the playground! Group is for babies under 14 months of age or those not yet walking.

MONDAY, JUNE 19TH | 10-11

Location: Whistle Stop Park
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Day at the Park
To Note: This is an outdoor playgroup and will be cancelled in the event of rain.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20TH | 10-11

Location: Manhattan Park
Parent Educator: Laura Westdale
EO Provider: Sarah Kugler
For Information: 616-287-2924
Theme: Day at the Park
To Note: **Free vision and hearing screening**



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TUESDAY, JUNE 20TH | 10-11

Location: Walker Community Park
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Day at the Beach
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21ST | 10-11

Location: Pinewood Park
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Day at the Beach
To Note: This is an outdoor playgroup and will be cancelled in the event of rain.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22ND | 10-11

Location: Manhattan Park Pavillion
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Day at the Beach
To Note: This is an outdoor playgroup and will be cancelled in the event of rain.

FRIDAY, JUNE 23RD | 10-11

Location: DW Richardson Park
Parent Educator: Nicole Burman
EO Provider: Denise Mathison
For Information: 616-951-3184
Theme: Oodles of Bubbles
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THURSDAY, JUNE 29TH | 10-11

Location: Garfield Park
Parent Educator: Meredith Cornillie
For Information: 616-727-0695
Theme: Day at the Park
To Note: This playgroup is outside. There is a splash pad as well!

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Address Locations

(See additional parking details on our website, bbplaygroups.kentisd.org)

Ada Township Park: 1116 Buttrick Ave, Ada, MI 49301
Buchanan Elementary: 1775 Buchanan Avenue SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49507
Dwight Lydell Park: 4040 Leland Ave. Comstock Park, MI 49321
DW Richardson Park: 5255 Grand River DR NE Grand Rapids, MI 49525
Frog Hallow: 2050 Metro Court, Wyoming, MI 49519
Garfield Park: 2111 Madison Ave SE. Grand Rapids, MI 49507
Godwin Heights Early Childhood Center: 28 Bellevue ST SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49548
Grand Rapids Township Park: 1836 East Beltline, Grand Rapids MI 49525
Grandville Education Center: 3481 Fairlanes AVE SW, Grandville, MI 49418
Hamilton Early Childhood Center: 3303 Breton RD SE Grand Rapids, MI 49512
Hillcroft Park: 340 32nd. St. Wyoming, MI 49548
Kent City Park/CB Leaver Park: 190 E. Muskegon St. Kent City, MI 49330
Kroc Center: 2500 South Division Ave. Grand Rapids, MI 49507
Lakeside Park: 370 N Lake St SE, Caledonia, MI 49316
Lemar Park: 5216 Porter St. SW. Wyoming, MI 49519
Lowell Area School Administration: 300 High ST Lowell, MI 49331
Manhattan Park Pavilion: 430 Manhattan Rd. East Grand Rapids, MI 49315
Morley Park: 60 Cedar St. Cedar Springs, MI 49319
North Grand River Riverside Park: 11000 Bowes Rd. Lowell, MI 49331
Pinery Park: 2301 DeHoop Avenue, Wyoming, MI 49509
Pinewood Park: 1999 Wolfboro Dr. SE, Kentwood, MI 49508
Premier Park/Meijer Sports Complex: 3300 10 Mile Rd. NE, Rockford, MI 49341
Red Hawk Intermediate: 204 E Muskegon ST Cedar Springs, MI 49319
Richardson-Sowerby Park: 65 S. Main St. Rockford, MI 49341
Rogers Park: 152 North State St. Sparta, MI 49345
Sparta Early Childhood Center: 480 S State ST, Sparta, MI 49345
Veterans Memorial Park: 355 48th St. Kentwood, MI 49548
Walker Community Park: 700 Cummings Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534
Wedgewood Park: 3391 Wilson Ave. SW, Grandville, MI 49418
Whistle Stop Park: 2120 76th St. SW, Byron Center, MI 49315



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