



KENT ISD EARLY CHILDHOOD PLAYGROUPS OCTOBER 2023



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MONDAY, OCTOBER 2 | 11:30-12:30

Location: Sparta ECC, Sparta
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Apples, Apples, Apples

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3 | 10-11

Location: Kent City Elementary, Kent City
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Apples, Apples, Apples
To Note: Use the door closest to 17 Mile entrance by the school sign.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4 | 10-11

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4 | 10-11

Location: RedHawk Intermediate, Cedar Springs
Parent Educator: Lora Jenema
For Information: 616-439-1745
Theme: Let's Have a Ball
To Note: Use the Beach entrance off of Northland Dr. Go straight and park by the preschool playground.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5 | 10-11

Location: Grandville Education Center, Grandville
Parent Educator: Monique Vance
EO Provider: Shea Eminhizer
For Information: 616-929-2061
Theme: Music

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5 | 10-11

Location: Park at John Ball Zoo - Matthew Koepke Nature Play, Grand Rapids
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Apples, Apples, Apples
To Note: This is a universally designed playground located at the Southeast side of the John Ball Zoo.
Bilingual- Grupo de juego en Español.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 | 10-11

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



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 | 10-11

Location: Kelloggsville ECC, Kelloggsville
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Apples, Apples, Apples
To Note: **KDL BOOKMOBILE WILL BE THERE!**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9 | 10-11

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9 | 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 babies under 14 months or not yet walking. (Further parking information in the last page).

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9 | 10-11

Location: Duncan Lake ECC, Caledonia
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Fall Fun!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10 | 10-11

Location: Woodcliff ECC, East Grand Rapids
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Fall Fun!
To Note: Enter through Door #1

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10 | 10-11

Location: Kent City Elementary, Kent City
Parent Educator: Lora Jenema
EO Provider: Deanna Cowden
For Information: 616-439-1745
Theme: Let's Have a Ball
To Note: Use the door by the 17 Mile entrance by the school sign.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10 | 10:30-11:30

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

Online Pre- Enrollment:

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 | 9-10

Location: Wyoming ECC, Wyoming
Parent Educator: Julie Woody
For Information: 447-3201
Theme: Fall Harvest
To Note: **Free hearing and vision screening.**
KDL BOOKMOBILE WILL BE THERE!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 | 10-11

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 | 10-11

Location: Thornapple Kellogg ECC, Thornapple Kellogg
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Fall Fun!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12 | 10-11

Location: Grandville ECC, Grandville
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Fall Fun!
To Note: We will be in the gym.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12 | 10:30-11:30

Location: Hamilton ECC, Kentwood
Parent Educator: Julie Woody
For Information: 447-3201
Theme: Fall Harvest
To Note: **Free hearing and vision screening**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 | 10-11

Location: West Oakview Elementary, Northview
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Fall Fun!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 | 10-11

Location: Ada Elementary, Forest Hills
Parent Educator: Laura Westdale
EO Provider: Jackie Roepke
For Information: 616-287-2924
Theme: Pumpkins
To Note: We will be in a GSRP classroom and signs will indicate where to go.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 | 10-11

Location: Buchanan Elementary, Godfrey Lee, Godwin Heights, Grand Rapids
Parent Educator: Esther Gomez
For Information: 616-447-4902
Theme: Apples, Apples, Apples
To Note: **Grupo de juego en Español**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 | 10-11

Location: Whistle Stop Park, Byron Center
Parent Educator: Valerie Cassell
EO Provider: Brianne Blevins
For Information: 616-287-3453
Theme: Amazing Corn!
To Note: Bright Beginnings yard signs will be in the grass.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16 | 10-11

Location: Pinewood Park, Kentwood
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Amazing Corn!
To Note: **KDL BOOKMOBILE WILL BE THERE!**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17 | 10:30-11:30

Location: Kenowa Hills ECC, Kenowa Hills
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Amazing Corn!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18 | 10-11

Location: Greenridge Elementary, Comstock Park
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Amazing Corn!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18 | 2-3

Location: Kent County Health Department, Grand Rapids
Parent Educator: Kelsey West
For Information: 616-951-3120
Theme: Fall Fun!
To Note: We'll be on Garden Level in the Lakes Room.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 | 9:30-10:30

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 | 10-11

Location: Red Hawk Intermediate, Cedar Springs
Parent Educator: Caroline Galle
EO Provider: Tari Howland
For Information: 616-788-8324
Theme: Pumpkins

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 | 2-3

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 | 10-11

Location: Kelloggsville ECC, Kelloggsville
Parent Educator: Valerie Cassell
EO Provider: Heather Tamminga
For Information: 616-287-3453
Theme: Amazing Corn
To Note: Bright Beginnings yard signs will be in the grass.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 | 10-11

Location: Godfrey Lee ECC, Godfrey Lee, Godwin Heights, Grand Rapids
Parent Educator: Esther Gomez
For Information: 616-447-4902
Theme: Apples, Apples, Apples
To Note: **Grupo de Juego en español**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 | 10-11

Location: Hamilton ECC, Kentwood
Parent Educator: Meredith Cornillie
For Information: 616-727-0695
Theme: South Kent Baby Buddies
To Note: Group is for babies under 14 months of age or those not yet walking.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 | 10-11

Location: Thornapple Kellogg ECC, Thornapple Kellogg
Parent Educator: Kaley Rogers
For Information: 616-419-8204
Theme: Fall Fun!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 | 10-11

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23 | 10-11

Location: Ken-O-Sha Elementary, Grand Rapids
Parent Educator: Meredith Cornillie
For Information: 616-727-0695
Theme: Fall Harvest

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23 | 10-11

Location: Whistle Stop Park, Byron Center
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Pumpkins
To Note: **KDL BOOKMOBILE WILL BE THERE!**

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24 | 10-11

Location: Frog Hollow, Wyoming
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Pumpkins
To Note: Frog Hollow is a universally accessible park.
KDL BOOKMOBILE WILL BE THERE!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24 | 10-11

Location: Robinettes Apple Haus, East Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids
Parent Educator: Laura Westdale
EO Provider: Sarah Kugler
For Information: 616-287-2924
Theme: Outdoor fall fun
To Note: Park wherever and gather near the "bouncy pillow".

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25 | 10-11

Location: Ada Township Park, Forest Hills
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Pumpkins

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 10-11

Location: Red Hawk Intermediate, Cedar Springs
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Pumpkins
To Note: Use the Beach entrance off of Northland Dr. Go straight and park by the preschool playground.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26 | 10-11

Location: Duncan Lake ECC, Caledonia
Parent Educator: Kaley Rogers
For Information: 616-419-8204
Theme: Fall Fun!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27 | 10-11

Location: Godfrey Lee ECC, Godfrey Lee
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Pumpkins
To Note: **Bilingual- Grupo de juego en Español**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30 | 10-11

Location: Hillcroft Park, Godwin Heights
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Amazing Corn
To Note: **Bilingual- Grupo de juego en Español.**
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LOCATION ADDRESSES

Address Locations

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

Ada Elementary: 731 Ada Dr. SE, Ada, MI 49301

Ada Township Park: 1116 Buttrick Ave, Ada, MI 49301

Buchanan Elementary: 1775 Buchanan Avenue SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49507

Bushnell Elementary: 700 Elizabeth St SE, Lowell, MI 49331

Duncan Lake ECC: 9751 Duncan Lake Ave SE, Caledonia, MI 49316

Frog Hallow: 2050 Metro Court, Wyoming, MI 49519

Godfrey-Lee ECC: 961 Joosten St. SW, Wyoming, MI 49509

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

Hillcroft Park: 340 32nd. St. Wyoming, MI 49548

John Ball Zoo Matthew Koepke Nature Play: 1300 W Fulton ST, Grand Rapids, MI 49504

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. **Use the Beach entrance off Northland Drive. Drive straight through the stop sign and park by the playground. Use the Early Childhood entrance to the left of the fence to enter the building.**

Robinettes Apple Haus: 3142 4 Mile Rd NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525

Sparta ECC: 480 S. State Street, Sparta, MI 49345

Thornapple Kellogg ECC: 3316 Bender Road, Middleville, MI 49333

West Oakview Elementary: 3880 Stuyvesant Ave NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525

Whistle Stop Park: 2120 76th St. SW, Byron Center, MI 49315

Woodcliff ECC: 2915 Hall St. SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506

Wyoming ECC: 4334 Byron Center Ave. SW, Wyoming, MI 49519



Pre-register Online:

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