



KENT ISD EARLY CHILDHOOD PLAYGROUPS

September 2023

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FRIDAY, SEPT 1 | 10-11

Location: Pinewood Park, Kentwood
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Hop, Skip, Jump and Roll
To Note: **Health and Nutrition Playgroup**

TUESDAY, SEPT 5 | 10-11

Location: Frog Hallow, Wyoming
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Hop, Skip, Jump and Roll
To Note: Frog Hollow is a universally accessible park. **Health and Nutrition Playgroup**
KDL Bookmobile will be there!

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 6 | 10-11

Location: Dwight Lydell Park, Comstock Park
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Hop, Skip, Jump and Roll
To Note: **KDL Bookmobile will be there!**

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 6 | 10-11

Location: RedHawk Intermediate, Cedar Springs
Parent Educator: Lora Jenema
For Information: 616-439-1745
Theme: Fall Fun!
To Note: Use Beach Entrance off of Northland Dr. Continue straight thru at stop sign. Park by preschool playground.

THURSDAY, SEPT 7 | 10-11

Location: Playground at Premier Park/Meijer Sports Complex, Rockford
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Hop, Skip, Jump and Roll

THURSDAY, SEPT 7 | 10-11

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

FRIDAY, SEPT 8 | 10-11

Location: Hillcroft Park, Godwin Heights
Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Hop, Skip, Jump and Roll
To Note: **Bilingual- Grupo de Juego en Español. Health and Nutrition Playgroup**

FRIDAY, SEPT 8 | 10-11

Location: Whistle Stop Park, Byron Center
Parent Educator: Valerie Cassell
EO Provider: Brianne Blevins
For Information: 616-287-3453
Theme: Bugs, Bees, and Butterflies

FRIDAY, SEPT 8 | 10-11

Location: Ada Township Park, Forest Hills
Parent Educator: Laura Westdale
EO Provider: Jackie Roepke
For Information: 616-287-2924
Theme: Amazing Corn

MONDAY, SEPT 11 | 10-11

Location: Whistle Stop Park, Byron Center
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Rodeo Roundup

MONDAY, SEPT 11 | 10-11

Location: Grand Rapids Township Park, Grand Rapids
Parent Educator: Kelsey West
For Information: 616-951-3120
Theme: Fall Harvest

MONDAY, SEPT 11 | 10-11

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

TUESDAY, SEPT 12 | 10-11

Location: Kent City Elementary, Kent City
Parent Educator: Lora Jenema
EO Provider: Deanna Cowden
For Information: 616-439-1745
Theme: Fall Fun!
To Note: Park and use the door by the 17 Mile entrance by the school sign.

TUESDAY, SEPT 12 | 10-11

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

TUESDAY, SEPT 12 | 10-11

Location: Oriole Park, Wyoming
Parent Educator: Julie Woody
For Information: 447-3201
Theme: Bugs, Bees, and Butterflies

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Location: Spring Park, Thornapple Kelloq
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Rodeo Roundup

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 13 | 10-11

Location: Ada Township Park, Forest Hills
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Rodeo Roundup
To Note: **KDL Bookmobile will be there!**

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 13 | 10-11

Location: Richardson-Sowerby Park, Rockford
Parent Educator: Nicole Burman
EO Provider: Rachel Denhof
For Information: 616-307-3991
Theme: Hop, Skip, Jump and Roll
To Note: Park in Rockford City lot- walk south in trail just past the bridge; playground on the left.

THURSDAY, SEPT 14 | 10-11

Location: Rogers Park, Sparta
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Rodeo Roundup

THURSDAY, SEPT 14 | 10-11

Location: Dwight Lydell Park, Comstock Park Northview
Parent Educator: Heidi VanOverloop
EO Provider: Erin Calkins
For Information: 616-552-9931
Theme: Apples, Apples, Apples

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

Location: Hamilton ECC, Kentwood
Parent Educator: Julie Woody
For Information: 447-3201
Theme: Bugs, Bees, and Butterflies

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

Location: Lions Spring Park, Caledonia/Thornapple Kellogg
Parent Educator: Rebecca Hodges
For Information: 616-447-3101
Theme: Outdoor Fall Fun

FRIDAY, SEPT 15 | 10-11

Location: Hamilton ECC, Kentwood
Parent Educator: Meredith Cornillie
EO Provider(s): Nicki Blain
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, SEPT 15 | 10-11

Location: Fuller Park, Grand Rapids
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Rodeo Roundup
To Note: **Bilingual- Grupo de Juego en Español**

THURSDAY, SEPT 15 | 10-11

Location: Hillcroft Park, Kelloggsville
Parent Educator: Valerie Cassell
EO Provider: Heather Tamminga
For Information: 616- 287-3453
Theme: Bugs, Bees, and Butterflies

FRIDAY, SEPT 15 | 10-11

Location: West Oak Elementary, Northview
Parent Educator: Nicole Burman
EO Provider: Denise Mathison
For Information: 616-307-3991
Theme: Hop, Skip, Jump and Roll

MONDAY, SEPT 18 | 10-11

Location: West Grand River Park, Lowell
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Hats Off to You!

TUESDAY, SEPT 19 | 10-11

Location: Walker Community Park, Kenowa Hills
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Hat's Off You

TUESDAY, SEPT 19 | 10-11

Location: Woodcliff ECC, East Grand Rapids
Parent Educator: Laura Westdale
For Information: 616-287-2924
Theme: Apples, Apples, Apples

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 20 | 10-11

Location: Palmer Park, Godfrey-Lee
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Hats Off to You!
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WEDNESDAY, SEPT 20 | 2-3

Location: Kent County Health Department, Grand Rapids
Parent Educator: Kelsey West
For Information: 616-951-3120.
Theme: Fall Harvest
To Note: Garden Level in the Lakes Room.

THURSDAY, SEPT 21 | 10-11

Location: DW Richardson Park, Northview
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Hats Off to You!

THURSDAY, SEPT 21 | 10-11

Location: Red Hawk Intermediate, Cedar Springs
Parent Educator: Caroline Galle
For Information: 616-788-8324
Theme: Apples, Apples, Apples

THURSDAY, SEPT 21 | 2-3

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

FRIDAY, SEPT 22 | 10-11

Location: Lakeside Park, Caledonia
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Hats Off to You!
To Note: We will be at the large playground in the back.

FRIDAY, SEPT 22 | 10-11

Location: Buchanan Elementary, Grand Rapids
Parent Educator: Esther Gomez
For Information: 616-447-3092
Theme: All About Me
To Note: Grupo de Juegos en Español

MONDAY, SEPT 25 | 10-11

Location: Wedgewood Park, Grandville
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Pet Shop
To Note: KDL Bookmobile will be there!

MONDAY, SEPT 25 | 10-11

Location: Ken-O-Sha Elementary, Grand Rapids
Parent Educator: Meredith Cornillie
For Information: 616-727-0695
Theme: Park Days
To Note: In the event of poor weather, playgroup will move inside.

MONDAY, SEPT 25 | 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 fence. Entrance closed at 10:10AM

TUESDAY, SEPT 26 | 10-11

Location: CB Lever Park, Kent City
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Pet Shop
To Note: KDL Bookmobile will be there!

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 27 | 10-11

Location: Manhattan Park Pavillion, East Grand Rapids
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Pet Shop
To Note: KDL Bookmobile will be there!

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 27 | 10:30-11:30

Location: Lakeside Park, Caledonia/
Thornapple Kellogg
Parent Educator: Rebecca Hodges
For Information: 616-447-3101
Theme: Outdoor Fall Fun

THURSDAY, SEPT 28 | 10-11

Location: Morley Park, Cedar Springs
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Pet Shop

FRIDAY, SEPT 29 | 10-11

Location: Veterans Memorial Park, Kelloggsville
Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler
For Information: 616-528-0866
Theme: Pet Shop
To Note: Health and Nutrition Playgroup

FRIDAY, SEPT 29 | 10-11

Location: Palmer Park, Godfrey-Lee
Parent Educator: Teresa Gastaldi-Balhorn
For Information: 616-337-9715
Theme: Community Helpers

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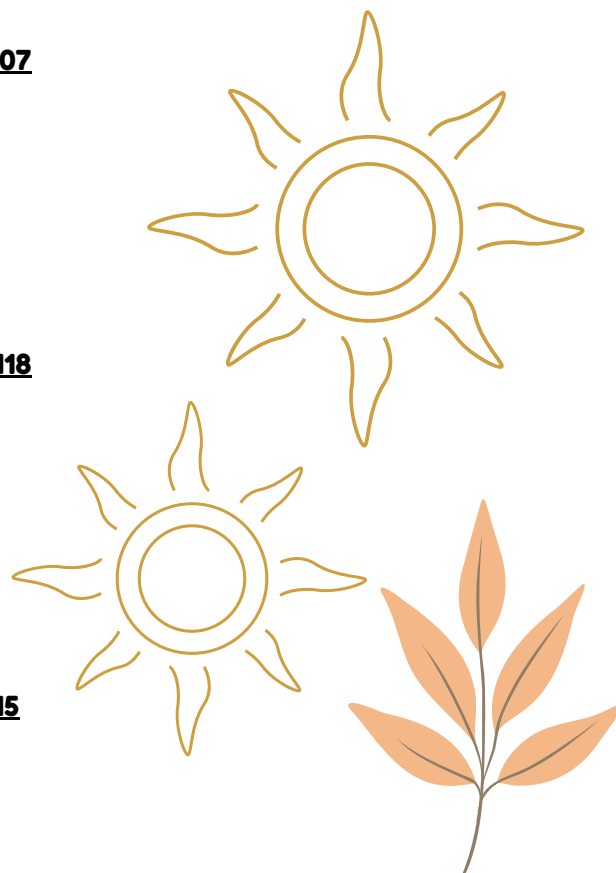


LOCATION ADDRESSES

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
Bushnell Elementary: 700 Elizabeth St SE, Lowell, MI 49331
CB Lever Park: 190 East Muskegon Street, Kent City, MI 49330
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
Fuller Park: 250 Fuller Avenue NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Grand Rapids Township Park: 1836 East Beltline, Grand Rapids MI 49525
Grandville Education Center: 3481 Fairlanes AVE SW, Grandville, MI 49418
Hamilton ECC: 3303 Breton RD SE Grand Rapids, MI 49512
Hillcroft Park: 340 32nd. St. Wyoming, MI 49548
Kent City Elementary: 29 College St., Kent City, MI 49330
Kent County Health Department: 700 Fuller NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Ken-O-Sha Park: 4040 Leland Ave, Comstock Park, MI 49321
Kenowa Hills- ECC: 3971 Richmond Ct NW, Walker, MI 49534
Lakeside Park: 370 N Lake St SE, Caledonia, MI 49316
Lions Spring Park: 615 Broadway Street, Middleville, MI 49333
Manhattan Park Pavilion: 430 Manhattan Rd. East Grand Rapids, MI 49315
Morley Park: 60 Cedar St. Cedar Springs, MI 49319
Oriole Park: 1380 42nd St. SW, Wyoming, MI 49509
Palmer Park: 1275 52nd St SW, 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
Spring Park: 615 Broadway, Middleville, MI 49333
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
West Grand River Park: 11000 Bowes Rd. Lowell, MI 49331
West Oak 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



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