

Mon, November 2

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Monster Size Fun

District: Kentwood**Parent Educator:** Marlene Raffler

KDL - Kentwood (Richard L. Root) Branch

Address: 4950 Breton Rd SE, Kentwood, 49508

Join us in the Program Room. Call Marlene with questions at 616-528-0866.

Tue, November 3

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Monster Size Fun

District: Kent City**Parent Educator:** Marlene Raffler

Kent City Elementary

Address: 29 College Street, Kent City, 49330

DUE TO ELECTION DAY, PLEASE PARK IN THE SCHOOL LOT OR PUBLIC PARKING ONLY. PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE TOWNSHIP LOT. Bright Beginnings Staff will meet you at the Main Office or the Muskegon Street Door. For more information contact Marlene at 616-528-0866.

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Outdoor fall fun

District: Kenowa Hills**Parent Educator:** Heidi VanOverloop**Early On Provider(s):** Alli Soukup

Walker Community Park

Address: 700 Cummings Ave NW, Walker, 49534

You asked and we listened! Join us for an OUTDOOR Fall Playgroup! Playgroup will be cancelled in the event of rain (or a blizzard :)) Call Heidi for more information 616-552-9931. The Bookmobile will be there!

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Going to the Doctor

District: East Grand Rapids**Parent Educator:** Ainot Crees**Early On Provider(s):** Sarah Kugler

East Grand Rapids Library

Address: 746 Lakeside Dr SE, East Grand Rapids, 49506

We will meet in the Lilypad Room downstairs! Contact Ainot with questions at 616- 287-0442

Wed, November 4

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle

District: Cedar Springs**Parent Educator:** Lora Jenema**Early On Provider(s):** Amy Kurtz

Cedar Springs ECC

Address: 204 E Muskegon Ave, Cedar Springs, 49319

Use entrance#2 off Northland Dr. Enter the Early Childhood Entrance. A staff member will meet you at the door. For more information call Lora at 616-439-1745.

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Going to the Doctor

District: Caledonia**Parent Educator:** Ainot Crees

Duncan Lake ECC

Address: 9751 Duncan Lake Ave SE, Caledonia, 49316

Contact Ainot at 616-287-0442 for more information.

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Monster Size Fun

District: Grand Rapids**Parent Educator:** Marlene Raffler

Wellerwood ECC

Address: 800 Wellerwood Street NE, Grand Rapids, 49505

Please sign in at the front office. Playgroup will be in the School Library. Call Marlene with questions at 616-528-0866.

Thu, November 5

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Night, Night, Sleep Tight

District: Lowell**Parent Educator:** Marlene Raffler**Early On Provider(s):** Rachel Denhof

Murray Lake Elementary

Address: 3275 Alden Nash Avenue NE, Lowell, 49331

Playgroup will be in the YMCA Room. For more information contact Marlene at 616-528-0866. The Bookmobile will be there!

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Going to the Doctor

District: Sparta**Parent Educator:** Ainot Crees

Sparta ECC

Address: 480 S State St, Sparta, 49345**Pre-Registration is required. Contact Ainot via TEXT your name, number of adults, and number of children who will be attending at 616-287-0442**

Dinner is provided. Contact Ainot at 616-287-0442 for more information.

Fri, November 6

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Going to the Doctor

District: Grandville**Parent Educator:** Ainot Crees**Early On Provider(s):** Emily Clay

Grandville ECC

Address: 3481 Fairlanes Ave. SW, Grandville, 49418

Please note the earlier start time of the playgroup. Contact Ainot at 616-287-0442 for more information.

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Autumn Days

District: Godfrey Lee**Parent Educator:** Teresa Gastaldi-Balhorn

Godfrey Lee ECC

Address: 961 Joosten St SW, Wyoming, 49509

Please stop at the office and present your ID. Bilingual English/Spanish playgroup. For additional information call Teresa at 616-337-9715.

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Night, Night, Sleep Tight

District: Kelloggsville**Parent Educator:** Marlene Raffler

Kelloggsville ECC

Address: 977 44th Street SW, Wyoming, 49509

Call Marlene with questions at 616-528-0866. The Bookmobile will be there!

Mon, November 9

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Going to the Doctor

District: Lowell**Parent Educator:** Ainot Crees**Early On Provider(s):** Jackie Roepcke

Lowell Administration Building

Address: 300 High St, Lowell, 49331

Park in the main lot by the playground and enter in the classroom door. Please contact Ainot at 616-287-0442 with any questions/concerns

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Night, Night. Sleep Tight

District: Sparta**Parent Educator:** Marlene Raffler

Sparta ECC

Address: 480 South State Street, Sparta, 49345

For more information contact Marlene at 616-528-0866.

Tue, November 10

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Night, Night. Sleep Tight

District: East Grand Rapids**Parent Educator:** Marlene Raffler

Manhattan Park Pavillion

Address: 430 Manhattan Rd, East Grand Rapids, 49506

YOU ASKED AND WE LISTENED! JOIN US FOR A FALL TIME OUTDOOR PLAYGROUP. This group will be cancelled in the event of rain. For more information contact Marlene at 616-528-0866.

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Going to the Doctor

District: Grand Rapids**Parent Educator:** Ainot Crees

Kent County Health Department

Address: 700 Fuller Ave NE, Grand Rapids, 49503

This is a bilingual English/Spanish Playgroup. Contact Ainot at 616-287-0442 for more information.

Wed, November 11

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

On the Go

District: Wyoming**Parent Educator:** Julie Woody**Early On Provider(s):** Heather Tamminga

Wyoming Early Childhood Center

Address: 4334 Byron Center Ave. SW, Grand Rapids, 49519

For more information: Julie 616-370-6748

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Night, Night. Sleep Tight

District: Comstock Park**Parent Educator:** Marlene Raffler

Greenridge Elementary

Address: 3825 Oakridge Avenue NE, Comstock Park, 49321

Come join us for 2 classrooms of fun!

For more information contact Marlene at 616-528-0866.

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Going to the Doctor

District: Kentwood**Parent Educator:** Ainot Crees

Langley Child Care

Address: 4220 Kalamazoo Ave SE, Kentwood, 49508

Pre-Registration is required. Contact Ainot via TEXT your name, number of adults, and number of children who will be attending at 616-287-0442

Dinner is provided. Contact Ainot at 616-287-0442 for more information.

Thu, November 12

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Trotting Turkeys

District: Kent City**Parent Educator:** Lora Jenema

Kent City Elementary

Address: 29 College St., Kent City, 49330

For more information call Lora at 616-439-1745. Enter through the East Muskegon St entrance. Look for the Bright Beginnings sign and ring the door bell.

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Friends and Families

District: Kenowa Hills**Parent Educator:** Marlene Raffler

Walker Community Park

Address: 700 Cummings Ave, Grand Rapids, 49534

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Fri, November 13

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Kids in the Kitchen

District: Northview**Parent Educator:** Kaley Rogers**Early On Provider(s):** Lindsay

VanGelderren

West Oakview Elementary School

Address: 3880 Stuyvesant Ave NE, Grand Rapids, 49525

For questions please call or text Kaley at 616-419-8204

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Going to the Doctor

District: Thornapple Kellogg**Parent Educator:** Ainot Crees

Thornapple Kellogg ECC

Address: 3316 Bender Rd., Middleville, 49333

Join us in a brand new dedicated playgroup classroom space fully stocked with toys, activities, pretend play, and more! For more information please contact Ainot at 616-287-0442.

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Friends and Families

District: Godfrey Lee**Parent Educator:** Esther Gomez,

Marlene Raffler

Godfrey Lee ECC

Address: 961 Joosten Street SW, Wyoming, 49509

Bilingual- Grupo de Juego en Español. For more information contact Marlene at 616-528-0866. The Bookmobile will be present!

Mon, November 16

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Friends and Families

District: Caledonia

Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler

Duncan Lake ECC

Address: 9751 Duncan Lake Ave SE, Caledonia, 49316

JOIN US in a BRAND NEW playgroup space! Please present your Michigan ID at the main office. Call Marlene with questions at 616-528-0866

Tue, November 17

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Friends and Families

District: Godwin Heights

Parent Educator: Esther Gomez, Marlene Raffler

Godwin Heights ECC

Address: 28 Bellevue Street SE, Grand Rapids, 49548

Please enter at the main entrance and check in at the office. Bilingual- Grupo de Juegos en Espanol. For more information contact Marlene at 616-528-0866

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Kids in the Kitchen

District: Byron Center

Parent Educator: Ainot Crees

Early On Provider(s): Brianne Blevins

Byron Township Community Center

Address: 2120 76th St SW, Byron Center, 49315

We will meet in room 3 of the Community Center. Contact Ainot at 616-287-0442 for more information.

Wed, November 18

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Kids in the Kitchen

District: Grand Rapids

Parent Educator: Ainot Crees

Yankee Clipper Library

Address: 2025 Leonard St NE, Grand Rapids, 49505

Contact Ainot at 616-287-0442 for more information.

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Friends and Families

District: Forest Hills

Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler

Early On Provider(s): Rachel Denhof

KDL - Cascade

Address: 2870 Jacksmith Ave SE, Grand Rapids, 49546

Please NOTE the start time! For more information contact Marlene at 616-528-0866.

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Kids in the Kitchen

District: Godfrey Lee

Parent Educator: Ainot Crees

Godfrey Lee ECC

Address: 961 Joosten St SW, Wyoming, 49509

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Thu, November 19

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Trotting Turkeys

District: Cedar Springs

Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler

Cedar Springs ECC

Address: 204 East Muskegon Street, Cedar Springs, 49319

Enter at the main entrance and Bright Beginnings Staff will accompany you to the Playgroup Room. For more information contact Marlene at 616-528-0866.

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Trotting Turkeys

District: Rockford

Parent Educator: Emily Elliott

Early On Provider(s): Emily Grix

Parkside ECC

Address: 156 Lewis St., Rockford, 49341
For information contact Emily at 616-425-9819

Vision and Hearing Screening

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Trotting Turkeys

District: Sparta

Parent Educator: Emily Elliott

Early On Provider(s): Emily Grix

Sparta ECC

Address: 480 S. State St, Sparta, 49345
For information contact Emily at 616-425-9819

Fri, November 20

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Trotting Turkeys

District: Grandville

Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler

Grandville Education Center

Address: 3481 Fairlanes Avenue SW, Grandville, 49418

JOIN US for GROSS MOTOR FUN! We will be in the Gym with the BOUNCE HOUSE! Call Marlene with questions at 616-528-0866.

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Kids in the Kitchen

District: Kelloggsville

Parent Educator: Ainot Crees

Early On Provider(s): Heather Tamminga

Kelloggsville ECC

Address: 977 44th St SW, Wyoming, 49509

Contact Ainot at 616-287-0442 for more information.

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Trotting Turkeys

District: Comstock Park

Parent Educator: Heidi VanOverloop

Early On Provider(s): Erin Calkins

Greenridge Elementary

Address: 3825 Oakridge, Comstock Park, 49321

For more information call Heidi 616-552-9931.

Mon, November 23

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Kids in the Kitchen

District: Northview

Parent Educator: Ainot Crees

We Rock the Spectrum Gym

Address: 4550 Plainfield Ave NE, Grand Rapids, 49525

Pre-Registration is required. Contact Ainot Crees at 616-287-0442 [Sign up, opens on November 16th at 8:00 AM.](#)

Space is limited to 30 children! Join us in this inclusive indoor playground with swings, trampoline, and so much more! Socks need to be worn in the play area.

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Trotting Turkeys

District: Cedar Springs

Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler

KDL - Nelson Township Branch

Address: 88 Bass Lake Rd, Sand Lake, 49343

Come see us at the KDL! For more information contact Marlene at 616-528-0866.

Tue, November 24

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Kids in the Kitchen

District: Grand Rapids

Parent Educator: Ainot Crees

Grand Rapids Public Library Main Branch

Address: 111 Library St NE, Grand Rapids, 49503

Contact Ainot at 616-287-0442 for more information.

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Autumn Days

District: Godwin Heights

Parent Educator: Esther Gomez

Godwin Heights ECC

Address: 28 Bellevue St. SE, Grand Rapids, 49548

Please enter at the main entrance and present your Michigan ID. Bilingual group! The Bookmobile will be there!

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Trotting Turkeys

District: Byron Center

Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler

Byron Center ECC

Address: 2300 84th Street SW, Byron Center, 49315

We will be in Room #119. Call Marlene with questions at 616-528-0866.

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

On the Go

District: Kentwood

Parent Educator: Julie Woody

Hamilton Early Childhood Center

Address: 3303 Breton Rd. SE, Grand Rapids, 49508

for more information contact Julie 370-6748

Mon, November 30

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Holly Jolly

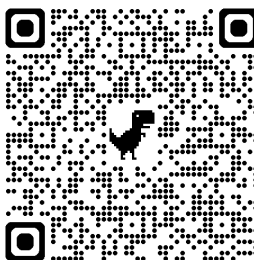
District: Rockford

Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler

Parkside ECC

Address: 156 Lewis Street, Rockford, 49341

JOIN US in the School Library. Call Marlene with questions at 616-528-0866.



Pre-registration for special playgroups

You may notice on the calendar that some playgroups require pre-registration and others do not. Each Parent Educator has different space within the school district and various materials that are needed for every playgroup. In order to maintain safety and quality of each playgroup, the Parent Educator may have to close registration after a certain number of families have registered. Please pre-register as indicated on that playgroup.

Playgroup Cancellation Policy

If the local school district in which the Bright Beginnings playgroup is being held cancels school, then the playgroup is also cancelled. Typically, a playgroup that is cancelled due to weather will not be rescheduled. School delays may affect playgroup scheduling, please contact your individual Parent Educator for information.



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Pre-Enroll Online:

New to Bright Beginnings?
Check out our new ONLINE enrollment option:

KentISD.org/BBEnrollment