

Tue, September 1

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Diggers and Dump Trucks

District: Kent City

Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler

CB Lever Park

Address: 190 East Muskegon Street, Kent City, 49330

This is an outdoor playgroup and will be cancelled in the event of rain. For more information contact Marlene at 616-528-0866. The Bookmobile will be there!

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Monkey Business

District: Grandville

Parent Educator: Ainot Crees

Wedgewood Park

Address: 3391 Wilson Ave SW, Grandville, 49418

This is an outside playgroup and will be cancelled in case of rain. Contact Ainot for more information at 616-287-0442.

Wed, September 2

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Diggers and Dump Trucks

District: Lowell

Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler

Creekside Park

Address: 1550 Gee Drive, Lowell, 49331

This is an outdoor playgroup and will be cancelled in the event of rain. For more information contact Marlene at 616-528-0866.

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Monkey Business

District: Grand Rapids

Parent Educator: Ainot Crees

Aberdeen Park

Address: 2230 Eastern Ave. NE, Grand Rapids, 49505

This is an outside playgroup and will be cancelled in case of rain. Contact Ainot for more information at 616-287-0442.

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Ocean Wonders

District: Cedar Springs

Parent Educator: Lora Jenema

Early On Provider(s): Tari Howland

Cedar Springs Early Childhood Center

Address: 204 E Muskegon Ave, Cedar Springs, 49319

For more information call Lora at 616-439-1745. Use entrance off of Northland Dr. Enter in the Early Childhood Entrance

Thu, September 3

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Diggers and Dump Trucks

District: Grand Rapids

Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler

Garfield Park

Address: 2111 Madison Ave SE, Grand Rapids, 49507

This park is a Neighborhood Park with a Splash Pad. This is an outdoor playgroup and will be cancelled in the event of rain. Call Marlene with questions at 616-528-0866.

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Park Days

District: Rockford

Parent Educator: Emily Elliott

Early On Provider(s): Denise Mathison

Algoma Sports Park

Address: 10531 Algoma Ave NE, Rockford, 49341

For information contact Emily at 616-425-9819. The Bookmobile will be present!

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Monkey Business

District: Sparta

Parent Educator: Ainot Crees

Sparta Early Childhood Center

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 6162870442

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

Fri, September 4

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Sunshine and Sunflowers

District: Comstock Park

Parent Educator: Heidi VanOverloop

Early On Provider(s): Erin Calkins

Wahlfield Park

Address: 6811 Alpine Ave, Comstock Park, 49321

CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER!!

This is an outdoor playgroup and will be canceled in event of inclement weather. Call Heidi at 616-552-9931 for more information .

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Monkey Business

District: Thornapple Kellogg

Parent Educator: Ainot Crees

Calvin G. Hill Memorial Park

Address: 127-199 Ellis St, Middleville, 49333

CANCELLED DUE TO RAIN. Stay dry and cozy! Contact Ainot at 616-287-0442 for more information.

Tue, September 8

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Mermaids and Treasure Chests

District: Caledonia

Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler

Caledonia Lakeside Park

Address: 370 North Lake St SE, Caledonia, 49316

We will be at the first playground on your left. This is an outdoor playgroup and will be cancelled in the event of rain. Call Marlene with questions at 616-528-0866

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Sunshine and Sunflowers

District: Kenowa Hills

Parent Educator: Heidi VanOverloop

Early On Provider(s): Alli Soukup

Walker Community Park

Address: 700 Cummings Ave NW, Grand Rapids, 59534

This is an outdoor playgroup and will be canceled in event of inclement weather. Call Heidi at 616-552-9931 for more information

Wed, September 9

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Mermaids and Treasure Chests

District: East Grand Rapids

Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler

Manhattan Park Pavillion

Address: 430 Manhattan Rd, East Grand Rapids, 49506

CANCELLED DUE TO RAIN! For more information contact Marlene at 616-528-0866.

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Apples, Apples, Apples

District: Wyoming

Parent Educator: Julie Woody

Wyoming Early Childhood Center

Address: 4334 Byron Center Ave. NE, Wyoming, 49519

For more information contact Julie 616-370-6748

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Monkey Business

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 6162870442

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

Thu, September 10

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Mermaids and Treasure Chests

District: Godfrey Lee

Parent Educator: Esther Gomez,

Marlene Raffler

Battjes Park

Address: 1655 Blandford SW , Wyoming, 49509

Bilingual- Grupo de Juegos en Español.

This is an outdoor playgroup and will be cancelled in the event of rain. For more information contact Marlene at 616-528-0866. The bookmobile will be present!

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Monkey Business

District: Byron Center

Parent Educator: Ainot Crees

Whistlestop Park

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

This is an outside playgroup and will be cancelled in case of rain. Contact Ainot for more information at 616-287-0442.

Fri, September 11

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Mermaids and Treasure Chests

District: Kelloggsville

Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler

Veterans Memorial Park

Address: 355 48th St, Kentwood, 49548

There is a splash pad at this location for those who wish to get wet. This is an outdoor playgroup and will be cancelled in the event of rain. Call Marlene with questions at 616-528-0866. The Bookmobile will be present!

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Camp out

District: Northview

Parent Educator: Kaley Rogers

Early On Provider(s): Lindsay

VanGelderren

DW Richardson Park

Address: 5255 Grand River Dr NE, Grand Rapids, 49525

Outdoor playgroup! Be sure to check for cancellations due to weather on our playgroup page and our social media. Please call or text Kaley, 616-419-8204, with any questions. Thanks!

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Bugs, Bees and Butterflies

District: Kent City

Parent Educator: Lora Jenema

Early On Provider(s): Amy Kurtz

Kent City Park/CB Leaver Park

Address: 190, Kent City, 49330

For more information call Lora at 616-439-1745. This is an outdoor playgroup and will be cancelled in the event of rain.

Mon, September 14

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Mermaids and Treasure Chests

District: Kentwood

Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler

Pinewood Park

Address: 1999 Wolfboro Drive SE, Kentwood, 49508

This is an outdoor playgroup and will be cancelled in the event of rain. For more information contact Marlene at 616-528-0866. The Bookmobile will be present!

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Apples, Apples, Apples

District: Lowell

Parent Educator: Pam Skinner

Early On Provider(s): Jackie Roepcke

Lowell Administration Building

Address: 300 High St, Lowell, 49331

Call or text Karen at (616)723-5084 for any additional information or questions. All are welcome!!

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Construction Site

District: Cedar Springs

Parent Educator: Ainot Crees

Spencer Library KDL

Address: 14960 Meddler Ave NE, Gowen, 49326

Park in the back of the building. Playgroup will be held in the lower level community room- not inside the library. Contact Ainot at 616-287-0442 for more information.

Tue, September 15

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Apples, Apples, Apples

District: Kenowa Hills

Parent Educator: Marlene Raffler

Walker Community Park

Address: 700 Cummings Ave, Grand Rapids , 49534

CANCELLED DUE TO RAIN! COME PLAY WITH US TOMORROW. For more information contact Marlene at 616-528-0866.

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Construction Site

District: Kelloggsville

Parent Educator: Ainot Crees

Veterans Memorial Park

Address: 355 48th St SE, Grand Rapids, 49548

CANCELLED DUE TO RAIN. Contact Ainot at 616-287-0442 for more information.

Wed, September 16

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Apples, Apples, Apples

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

Dwight Lydell Park

Address: 4040 Leland Avenue NE,
Comstock Park, 49321

This is an outdoor playgroup and will be cancelled in the event of rain. For more information contact Marlene at 616-528-0866.

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Construction Site

District: Godfrey Lee**Parent Educator:** Ainot Crees

Godfrey Lee Early Childhood Center

Address: 961 Joosten St SW, Wyoming,
49509

Pre-Registration is required. Contact Ainot via TEXT your name, number of adults, and number of children who will be attending at 6162870442

This is a bilingual English/Spanish Playgroup. Grupo de juego bilingue Ingles-Espanol. Contact Ainot at 616-287-0442 for more information. Dinner is provided.

Thu, September 17

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Apples, Apples, Apples

District: Cedar Springs**Parent Educator:** Marlene Raffler

Morley Park

Address: 60 Cedar Street, Cedar
Springs, 49319

CANCELLED DUE TO RAIN! This is an outdoor playgroup and will be cancelled in the event of rain. For more information contact Marlene at 616-528-0866.

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Construction Site

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

Lakeside Park

Address: 370 N Lake St SE, Caledonia,
49316

CANCELLED DUE TO RAIN. Stay dry and cozy! Contact Ainot at 616-287-0442 for more information. This is an outdoor playgroup and will be cancelled in the event of rain.

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Apples, Apples, Apples

District: Sparta**Parent Educator:** Emily Elliott**Early On Provider(s):** Emily Grix

Sparta Early Childhood Center

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

Fri, September 18

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Apples, Apples, Apples

District: Grandville**Parent Educator:** Marlene Raffler

Wedgewood Park

Address: 3391 Wilson Ave SW,
Grandville, 49418

This is an outdoor playgroup and will be cancelled in the event of rain. For more information contact Marlene at 616-528-0866.

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Construction Site

District: Northview**Parent Educator:** Ainot Crees

DW Richardson Park

Address: 5255 Grand River Dr NE,
Grand Rapids, 49525

This is an outside playgroup and will be cancelled in case of rain. Contact Ainot for more information at 616-287-0442.

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Outdoor fall fun

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

Manhattan Park

Address: 430 Manhattan Rd SE, Grand
Rapids, 49506

This is an outdoor playgroup and will be cancelled in the event of rain. Call Laura with questions at (616) 287-2924!

Mon, September 21

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Apples, Apples, Apples

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

Rogers Park

Address: 152 North State Street, Sparta,
49345

This is an outdoor playgroup and will be cancelled in the event of rain. For more information contact Marlene at 616-528-0866.

Tue, September 22

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Apples, Apples, Apples

District: Godwin Heights**Parent Educator:** Marlene Raffler

Southlawn Park

Address: 4125 Jefferson Ave SE, Grand
Rapids, 49548

Bilingual- Grupo de Juegos en Espanol.

This is an outdoor playgroup and will be cancelled in the event of rain. Contact Marlene with questions - 616-528-0866.

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Autumn Days

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

Huff Park

Address: 2399 Ball Ave NE, Grand
Rapids, 49505

Street parking is available on Aberdeen if lot is full. Go to the parking lot that is off Aberdeen St (the entrance is between Fuller and Ball). This is an outside playgroup and will be cancelled in case of rain. Contact Ainot for more information at 616-287-0442.

Wed, September 23

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Sunshine and Sunflowers

District: Wyoming**Parent Educator:** Marlene Raffler

Frog Hollow

Address: 2050 Metro Court, Wyoming,
49519

Frog Hollow is a universally accessible park. This is an outdoor playgroup and will be cancelled in the event of rain. Call Marlene with questions at 616-528-0866. The Bookmobile will be present!

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Autumn Days

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

Stomping Grounds Play Cafe

Address: 9028 N Rodgers Ct SE Suite E,
Caledonia, 49316

Pre-Registration is required. Contact PLAYGROUP IS AT CAPACITY- no additional families can sign up at this time. at 616-287-0442

Playgroup is at capacity- There are no spots available. SOCKS MUST BE WORN IN PLAY AREA. Dinner is provided. Contact Ainot at 616-287-0442 for more information.

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Thu, September 24

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Sunshine and Sunflowers

District: Rockford**Parent Educator:** Marlene Raffler

Grand Rogue Park

Address: 6400 West River Drive NE, Belmont, 49306

JOIN US at this recently enhanced park. These enhancements include: a modern playground, a pavilion, upgraded bathrooms and benches, expanded parking, paved pathways, paved service drives, picnic areas, and hiking trails.

This is an outdoor playgroup and will be cancelled in the event of rain. For more information contact Marlene at 616-528-0866. The Bookmobile will be present!

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Autumn Days

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

Wilcox Park

Address: 100 Youell Ave SE, Grand Rapids, 49506

Contact Ainot at 616-287-0442 for more information. This is an outdoor playgroup and will be cancelled in the event of rain.

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Apples, Apples, Apples

District: Grand Rapids**Parent Educator:** Sherry Reinbold

Richmond Park

Address: 1101 Richmond St NW, Grand Rapids, 49504

Look for sign and table up by the playground. Please call Sherry if you have any questions at (616)320-0884.

Fri, September 25

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Sunshine and Sunflowers

District: Northview**Parent Educator:** Marlene Raffler

DW Richardson Park

Address: 5225 Grand River NE, Grand Rapids, 49525

This is an outdoor playgroup and will be cancelled in the event of rain. For more information contact Marlene at 616-528-0866. The Bookmobile will be present!

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Outdoor fall fun

District: Forest Hills**Parent Educator:** Laura Westdale**Early On Provider(s):** Jackie Roepcke

Wycliffe Trailhead Park

Address: 2965 Wycliff Dr SE, Grand Rapids, 49546

This is an outdoor playgroup and will be cancelled in the event of rain. Call Laura with questions at (616) 287-2924

Mon, September 28

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Sunshine and Sunflowers

District: Cedar Springs**Parent Educator:** Marlene Raffler

Kent District Library - Nelson Township Branch

Address: 88 Bass Lake Rd, Sand Lake, 49343

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

Tue, September 29

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Going to the Doctor

District: Byron Center**Parent Educator:** Marlene Raffler

Whistle Stop Park

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

This is an outdoor playgroup and will be cancelled in the event of rain. Call Marlene with questions at 616-528-0866. The Bookmobile will be there!

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Apples, Apples, Apples

District: Kentwood**Parent Educator:** Julie Woody

Veteran's Memorial Park

Address: 355 48th St. SE, Grand Rapids, 49548

For more information: Julie 616-370-6748

Wed, September 30

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Going to the Doctor

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

Ada Township Park

Address: 1116 Buttrick Ave, Ada, 49301

This playgroup will be cancelled in the event of rain. Call Marlene with questions at 616-528-0866.

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Autumn Days

District: Godfrey Lee, Godwin Heights**Parent Educator:** Esther Gomez, Ainot Crees

Pinery Park

Address: 2301 De Hoop Ave, Wyoming, 49509

Bilingual playgroup! For more information contact Ainot at 616-287-0442. The Bookmobile will be there!

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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