

“BEE” Informed



Green Bay Public Schools Head Start

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Dear Families,

Welcome to a new year—2017! It's hard to believe we're almost halfway through the school year. We hope your Head Start or 4K experiences have been positive so far for both you and your child. Treasure these preschool years. Before you know it you'll be looking at a high school graduate.

Remember as the weather gets colder and snow falls, please be sure your child is safely brought out to the bus. On snowy days, bus times may vary a bit as our drivers are working very hard to get your child safely to school and back home. Thank you for your help to keep our bussing running smoothly.

Parents Make the Difference

Written by Parents, For Parents

"This is the first time any of my children have participated in the Head Start Program. I have four children who are 11, 7, 5 and 3. My 3 year old is already so much more advanced from where my other children were at her age and that is all thanks to the Head Start Program. She is able to count to 15, say her ABC's, draw shapes, knows a lot of her colors, and has much more confidence than when she started. She looks forward to school every day. Her teachers are absolutely amazing and work so well with her. I wish there was a Head Start program where we used to live so my other children could have taken advantage of this amazing program. Just looking back over the past 5 months and seeing just how much my little girl has grown is astonishing. The resources that this program provides is also amazing. I had fallen on hard times and lost my job. I was provided information as to where I could get some assistance within Brown County. I was never once made to feel like I wasn't worth it or that I shouldn't have needed assistance. They helped provide information to help us get back on our feet when no one else would. I want to thank each and every person who makes Head Start possible. A very special thank you to her teachers in particular. They make my little girl so happy every day she gets to participate in Head Start. I recommend this to anyone who is able to take advantage of it. You most certainly will not regret it and your child will be so much more advanced than most their age. Thank you again to everyone who helps make this program work, you are truly blessings and I am so grateful that my daughter has you to not only educate her but to make her more sociable as well. Thank you all so very much, we truly appreciate everything you do and will do in the future."

~Jennifer Fernandez, Head Start Parent



Upcoming Events

January 5

Scrapbooking class

January 10

Positive Parenting Cafe

January 12

Book Club

January 16

No School

January 24

Policy Council

January 31

Men, Kids and Supper



Intra-District Transfer Window

The application windows for students requesting to attend a different Green Bay Public School (other than the one in their attendance area) for the 2017-18 school year are as follows:

Preference Window: January 3 - February 3, 2017

Applications submitted during this window will be considered **prior** to those submitted through Open Enrollment.

Additional Window: February 6 - April 28, 2017

Applications submitted during this window will be considered at the **same** time as applications that are submitted through Open Enrollment.

School Lice Policy

Head lice are a common childhood concern. Please check your child's head on a weekly basis to look for nits (eggs) or lice (live bugs). If you find that your child has head lice, please let your child's teacher know. If your child is found to have lice/nits while at school, you will be notified. Your child will be able to spend the rest of the day at school or if you choose, you can pick your child up early to get started on the cleaning. It is expected that if your child has head lice, he/she will return to school after being treated, usually the next school day. Children who have Badgercare can receive over the counter treatment (Rid, Nix, etc) with a physician's prescription. It would just take a call to your child's doctor's office. If you have questions about head lice, please contact Mary, the school nurse, at 492-7232 or you can look at the Brown County Health Department's website for more information.



Math Games

Do you enjoy playing the math games your child's teacher sends home each month? We welcome your feedback and encourage you to continue to play them with your child. We track participation in order to help us understand how parent involvement impacts your child's school readiness. Help us by send in your response each month.



Winter Weather Reminder

Just a reminder that children go outside every day, weather permitting. Make sure you are sending snow pants, boots, hats and mittens with your child so they can enjoy the outdoors.

In Our Schools and Your Community

Parent Engagement

Head Start provides many opportunities for families to participate in their child's educational experience.

Here are just a few:

Family Partnership Agreement:

- ◆ Participate in home visits with your Family Advocate
- ◆ Identify your family's needs, interests, strengths & goals
- ◆ Develop a family action plan for success
- ◆ Receive support from staff to meet your needs & goals

Parent Leadership:

- Attend Parent Committee meetings
- Translate for Parent meetings
- Help out at the Parent Center
- Serve as a Policy Council member or officer
- Attend the Health & Education Advisory Committee meetings
- Participate in program self-assessment & improvement planning

Other Opportunities:

- * Participate in parent/teacher conferences
- * Attend trainings & events at our Parent Center
- * Attend your child's medical & dental appointments
- * Use the classroom "lending library" and read to your child
- * Read the program newsletters
- * Check your child's take home folder for information



There were 167 children who had 100% attendance for November. **WAY TO GO!!**