

“BEE” Informed



Green Bay Public Schools Head Start

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Dear Families,

The Green Bay School District is **NOW** accepting applications for **PRESCHOOL** for the 2017-2018 school year. **Will your child be 3 or 4 prior to September 1st?** Do you have a family member or neighbor who has a child who will be 3 or 4 prior to September 1st? Apply at your neighborhood elementary school or at the Head Start Learning Center during school hours or at the school district's Central Registration department at 200 South Broadway.

For current Head Start parents of 3 year old children – You will be notified by Head Start about your child returning to Head Start **OR** going to 4K for the 2017-2018 school year.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Teachers are in the process of setting up a time to meet with you regarding your child's progress in Head Start/4k. If you are unable to meet with your child's teacher at the scheduled time, please call to reschedule. Most conferences will take place on February 21, in the evening, and all day and evening on March 2. There will be no school on March 2.

- Arrive on time.
- Think of yourself and your child's teacher as a team whose shared goal is to help make your child's preschool experience a happy and productive one.
- Let your child's teacher know if you have questions.
- Keep the attention focused on your child.
- Be open to suggestions from the teacher.
- Try to be positive! The better your child feels about herself/himself, the better she/he will do in school!
- Before leaving, make sure you are clear about what you can do to encourage success for your child.
- If you need to talk more, please arrange for another conference

SCIENCE IS FUN

Penguins like to slide on ice. Let's try our own experiment to see which toys slide on ice and which don't. Here's what you need: a shallow pan, water, and 5 (more or less) items to test. Also a pen and paper to make a table showing results.

1. Add water to a shallow pan and then let it freeze (just stick it outside overnight)
 2. Make a recording sheet on paper. Will the toys slide or not.
 3. Put a bowl underneath the pan to create a small angle.
 4. Let your little one start testing out their objects. Have them make a prediction
- The full experiment can be found at <http://www.icanteachmychild.com/will-it-slide/>



Upcoming Events

February 2

No Head Start/4K

February 9

Parent Committee-Book Club

February 13

Nutrition Class



February 14

Positive Parenting Cafe

February 20

Policy Council

February 21

Evening P/T Conferences

February 27

Parents as Partners

February 28

Men, Kids and Supper

February is Dental Health Month

YOU can prevent dental disease. Remember “2x2”. Kids and adults should be brushing 2 times per day for 2 minutes each time. Make brushing fun by trying this:

- Race to the bathroom
- Hunt for leftover dinner in the teeth
- Count the teeth
- Make faces.
- Ask your child to sing you the brushing song from school. Make up a new song together
- Remind your child, that teacher will be glad you brushed
- End with hugs and tickles.

Remember to help your child brush correctly. Brush your teeth and tongue at the same time every day. Make brushing part of your daily routine. Use a little bit of fluoride toothpaste that they like and use a soft toothbrush.

Food Service Information

The Green Bay Area Public School District Food Service Department has implemented an innovative and interactive way for families to access school meal menus. **Nutrislice** is an online school menu service that allows users to view the nutrition facts, carbohydrate counts, and allergy information of each menu item quickly and easily. Students can also rate each meal online using a star system to provide instant feedback to the Food Service Department on a particular meal or menu item. We will continue to provide printed copies to you. Nutrislice for Green Bay Area Public Schools can be accessed at gbaps.nutrislice.com. There is also a free smartphone app available for download from the App Store and Google Play.

Parents Make the Difference

Written by Parents, For Parents

My name is Mandy and I have a 4 year old son in Head Start!! To be honest, I didn't think I would be as involved in Head Start as I am. I decided to attend my first Policy Council meeting. I was hooked after that! I am now the President of Policy Council and sit on the board of directors at a state level! I attend quarterly conventions and absolutely love being involved in my son's education! I truly believe that being hands on in your children's lives and education will help them not just while they're in Head Start but throughout the years as they further their education. I see the light in my son's eyes when he sees me in the hallways at school whether it be stuffing backpacks at fundraiser time or sitting in on the interview committee, or taking him to evening activities!! I love being involved and taking advantage of all the family oriented activities that are planned monthly, some activities include, book club, scrapbooking class, men kids and supper, nutrition class, policy council, and parenting cafe! All are great ways to come out and support your child and let them know you truly care about what they're learning and creating in Head Start!!! I really hope to see you soon!

**February 13-17
is “Love the
Bus/School Bus
Driver’s
Appreciation
Week.”**



**Celebrate
Attendance**



**132 Children had
PERFECT ATTENDANCE
in the Month of December**

Way to GO!!

Tips for Good Attendance

DID YOU KNOW...??

Starting in preschool, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school

- Build regular routines for bedtime and morning.
- Develop back up plans for getting to preschool if something comes up.
- Avoid scheduling trips when preschool is in session.
- Don't let your child stay home unless truly sick.
- Keep a chart of your child's attendance at home.
- Talk about the importance of attendance.

Find more information at:
www.attendanceworks.org