



“BEE” Informed

Green Bay Public Schools Head Start

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Dear Families,

Thanks to all the families who completed the “Parent Satisfaction” Survey. The results were very positive and a HUGE complement to our Head Start program. We could not be so successful without the dedication and support of our staff and parents.

Just a reminder, that due to two weather related missed school days this year, we will be extending our school year. We will now have school on Wednesday, May 24 and Thursday, May 25 for both AM and PM sessions

Parents Make the Difference

Written by Parents, For Parents

My name is Shannon and I have had two children go through the Head Start program. Currently my four year old son is in Head Start 4K. One word I would use to describe my family’s experience over the years is spectacular. My children learn math during class and broaden those skills with handmade games sent home by teachers, which we do together. Their reading skills come with story time and songs filled with rhyming words. Monthly book clubs encourages us to read as a family with a new story book, a game to play, or other story related activities. They learn to how to problem solve, be independent and be a part of a community. Parents have awesome benefits as well. It’s great to get involved with Policy Council in order to gain a more in depth look at what goes into our children’s education. I currently serve as treasurer on the executive board. The entire executive board along with other staff members went on an all-expenses paid trip to the Wisconsin Head Start Association Conference in the Wisconsin Dells. We stayed at the Kalahari Resort. It was three full days devoted to becoming more familiar with Head Start, the benefits and how great a role we play being parents as teachers! It rocked!! We had a motivational and hilarious speaker by the name of Jon Walker and a demonstration by a famous 40 plus year educator Dr. Jean Feldman. Head Start isn’t only here to give our kids a leg up in school but to change our lives as parents. I hope to one day return the favor.



Upcoming Events

April 3

Nutrition Class

April 6

Family Fun Night

April 10

Family Safety Night

April 11

Health Advisory Committee

April 13

No Classes



April 17

Men, Kids and Supper

April 25

Policy Council

April 27

Scrapbooking



Come spend all those “Parent Bucks” you have been earning all year. May 10 is the date for our Spring Parent Buck Shopping Day!! It will take place at the Parent Center. More details to follow

Just Playing

When you ask me what I did at school today, and I say "I just played," please don't misunderstand me.

For, you see, I'm learning as I play.

I'm learning to enjoy and be successful in my work.

I'm preparing for tomorrow.

Today, I am a child... and my work is play.



School Readiness

Your child's school readiness is an important focus in Head Start. There are many ways you can help your child develop school readiness skills and most do not include worksheets. In school, one of our goals is to help your child interact with peers and teachers when talking about a book. You can support your child at home by reading a book together. Talk about the pictures. Stop and ask what they think might happen on the next page, or how a character is feeling. If there are words that rhyme, point them out, or help your child to guess the word. Help your child connect what is happening in the book to something in their own lives. Encourage your child to talk about the story. Most importantly, make it fun.

If you are looking for ideas to work with your child, please feel free to reach out to our Education Coordinator, Patty (pamevis@gbaps.org or 492-7209) or ask your child's teacher or family advocate.

Healthy Snacks

Ants on a Log

8 ounce package of cream cheese
3-4 stalks of celery, cut 2 inch pieces
Raisins or mini chocolate chips ants
Fill celery with cream cheese.
Arrange ants on each log.
Refrigerate in covered container or serve right away.

Fishing for Snack

Celery stalk
Cream cheese
Fish shaped crackers
Clean celery stalks, dip the end in cheese. This is the fishing pole. Put crackers in a bowl kids catch a fish on the end.

PARENT POINTERS! for challenging behavior

"HELP!" My child has a hard time following directions when I ask them to do something.

What you can do:

- Listen to your own instructions - make sure you are clear, specific and consistent.
- Make sure directions are positive (ex: tell your child what you **want them to do** rather than what **not** to do).
- Make sure when your child follows the instruction correctly you praise them – use encouraging words, hugs, or smiles.
- If your child is having a hard time following directions with more than one step (ex: 1. Put your lunch in your backpack 2. get your coat on and 3. tie your shoes), try to give them only **1** step at a time, and give the next step only **after** they finish the first.
- Here are some examples of good directions — "When you are finished eating, put your bowl in the sink." "First wash your hands then come to the table for dinner." "Put your pajamas on please... (*wait...*) Now brush your teeth." "Climb into your car seat please."
- Make sure to praise your child for each step they complete. Use specific praise — say, "I like how you _____." Kids will repeat behaviors when it gets them attention... (*positive or negative*) so focus on the behavior you want to see.

Perfect 
Attendance!

We had 108 children
with perfect
attendance in
February.. WAY TO GO!!