



Menominee County Great Start Parent Coalition



Great Start Parent Newsletter

November 2016

GREAT START and EARLY ON FREE PARENT & CHILD PLAYGROUPS

In Menominee at Spies
Public Library from
10:30—noon on most
Mondays
(call 906-863-5665 ext.
1018 for details).



PARENT CAFÉS RETURN TO MENOMINEE COUNTY LIBRARY IN STEPHENSON!

Parent cafés at Menominee
County Library in
Stephenson will be held on
Friday 11/4 and Friday
12/2 (more dates to
follow) at 10:00 a.m.
Bring your children to the
library's story time while
you enjoy coffee,
refreshments, and



PARENT COALITION PARTICIPATION NEEDED

Parents, do you have a few hours a month to become more involved? Great Start is in great need.....of you!

The Great Start Initiative focuses on improving programs and services that are available to Menominee County families birth through age eight. Our Mission is 'Working together in our community to accomplish better results for all the families of young children in Menominee County'. The Michigan Office of Great Start oversees our initiative and has integrated four outcomes into our work. These four outcomes are 1) Children are born healthy, 2) Children are healthy, thriving and developmentally on track from birth through third grade, 3) Children are developmentally ready to succeed in school at time of school entry, & 4) Children are prepared to succeed in fourth grade and beyond by reading proficiently by the end of third grade.

We are looking to create a core parent group with members who will be willing to help us form a Strengthening Families team! Participating parents who attend a meeting can receive a stipend for their time, mileage reimbursement, and also possible daycare reimbursement! Use this as an opportunity to network with other parents with similar passions and goals while making a difference for the children of Menominee County! Join with a friend!



If this may not be of interest to you, we are also looking for participation in one of the following committees: School Readiness Advisory Committee, Parent Advisory Committee, and our Great Start Collaborative. For more info. on the individual committees, contact Cindy Grabowski at 906-863-5665 ext. 1028 or e-mail cgrabowski@mc-isd.org.



DID YOU KNOW?:

Your child can earn a Kids Cash for attending children's story time at Menominee County

Library in Stephenson? For the most current distribution and

redemption locations, visit www.greatstartmenomineecounty.org.





ONGOING EVENTS IN MENOMINEE COUNTY:

MOPS and MOMSnext

2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, 8:45 am @ North Shore Baptist Church, 511 47th Ave., Menominee. For more information, contact christy.casale@nshorechurch.org

Library Story Times

Spies Library – Menominee

Wednesdays @ 10:30am and Thursdays @ 10:30 am – for more information, please call 906-863-3911

Menominee County Library – Stephenson

Fridays – 10am – for more information, please call 906-753-6923

Stephenson Library – Marinette Itsy Bitsy

(Ages 0-3) Wednesdays at 11 am and Preschool (3-5) Tuesdays at 10 am and Family Night Wednesdays at 6 p.m. for more information, please call 715-732-7570



PLACES TO GO/THINGS TO DO

November 4

MENOMINEE COUNTY GREAT START PARENT COALITION PARENT CAFE AND STORY HOUR @ MENOMINEE COUNTY LIBRARY, STEPHENSON BRANCH - 10:00 am – story and craft for the children – Parent Café for adults



November 5

HOLIDAY FESTIVAL CRAFT SHOW. Held at the Stephenson High School in the multi-purpose room from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Menominee County Fair. Open house at the area businesses.

5K FUN RUN/WALK. Registration 8-8:45 a.m. Race starts 9. Cost \$20 before Oct. 8, \$25 after. Visit www.thedar.org to pick up a registration or stop by the DAR Boys & Girls Club, 901 8th Ave., Menominee. For more information, people may call 906-863-9512.



NORTHLAND VILLAGE CRAFT/BAKE SALE. Held from 8 a.m.-noon, at Northland Village, 1025 Pine Beach Road, Marinette. Many handcrafted items, holiday gifts, homemade baked goods, and raffle baskets.



November 7

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November 8



-ELECTION DAY – DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!!

-MOPS – MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS – held at Northshore Baptist Church, Menominee from 8:45a – 11:00a. For more information, please contact Christy Casale 908-208-9684
CONSCIOUS DISCIPLINE FREE TRAINING (see brochure to right)

November 9

STORY HOUR @ MENOMINEE COUNTY LIBRARY, HERMANVILLE BRANCH – 11:00 am – story and craft

November 9 and 10

STORY HOUR @ SPIES PUBLIC LIBRARY - 10:30am – story, craft, writing, songs and fun!



CONSCIOUS DISCIPLINE

FREE WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS & TEACHERS
From the teachings of Dr. Becky Bailey
Presented by Donna Russotto

Whether attending one or all in this series, participants will learn effective ways to build positive, loving relationships with children of ALL ages.

This series will cover topics like:

- What to say when your child does not want to listen
- How to use a positive approach when your child challenges you
- Helping your child make choices
- How to be calm during a tantrum
- And much more!

FUTURE DATES:
NOV- 8; 4 pm – 5:30 pm
DEC- 6; 7 pm – 2:30 pm
JAN- 10; 10 am – 11:30 am
More to be announced

LOCATION:
Menominee Early Childhood Center,
N1329 US Highway 41
Menominee

REGISTRATION REQUIRED:
CALL 906-863-7588
by the day before the event

FREE TRAINING
FREE CHILDCARE
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
DOOR PRIZES



1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM:

Free to children before they enter Kindergarten! Watch future newsletters for current participant progress. The picture below shows the wall at Spies where kids' progress is beginning to be recorded.



Register at Spies Public Library at any time or call for more info.!

**940 First St.
Menominee**

(906)863-3911



Place to Go/Things to Do (continued)

November 11

VETERANS' DAY – Contact your local school district and take part in their Veterans' Day celebration

No story hour @ Menominee County Library in Stephenson – Library Closed

MENOMINEE DOWNTOWN PARADE & TREE LIGHTING—6 p.m. Santa



will lead the way to the tree lighting immediately following the parade at the marina bandshell. There will be a food drive along the parade route. Festivities include: FREE Hot Chocolate & Cider, FREE horse drawn carriage rides from 7-9 p.m., DeYoung Petting Zoo, Dancing & Singing Performances, etc.



November 14

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November 15

LITERACY NIGHT @ SPIES PUBLIC LIBRARY – 6-7pm – story, craft and fun

November 16

STORY HOUR @ MENOMINEE COUNTY LIBRARY, HERMANVILLE BRANCH – 11:00 am – story and craft

MENOMINEE COUNTY GREAT START COLLABORATIVE MEETING –

noon-1:30pm @ the Menominee County ISD, 1201 41st Ave – join us and help to give the children of Menominee County a “great start”. For more info., please contact Sarah Hansen at 906-863-5665 ext. 1038



November 16 and 17

STORY HOUR @ SPIES PUBLIC LIBRARY - 10:30am – story, craft, writing, songs and fun!

November 18

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KIDS NIGHT OUT AT DUER GYM – 6-9pm – For children ages 5 and up. Arts & crafts, activities, movie & snacks. \$5/child. Pre-register @ Marinette Civic Center.

November 19

HOLIDAY BAZAAR AND CRAFT SHOW. Held by Respite Care of Marinette and Menominee Counties from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., at Riverside Golf Club, 3459 14th Ave., Menominee

THE PESHTIGO WOMAN'S CLUB FALL ART/CRAFT FAIR

AND BAKE SALE. Held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Peshtigo High School, 380 Green St

November 21

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ASTRONOMY AT THE ARBORETUM. 7:30—8:45 p.m. Intro to stars, constellations, star lore & other space-related topics; includes stargazing. Hot beverages provided; event is cancelled if rain or mostly overcast. Harmony

Arboretum Demonstration Gardens, 7 miles west of Marinette on Hwy 64, then 1/2 a mile south on E. Call 715-732-7780 for info.



WINTER FARMERS MARKETS



These locations in Menominee will continue to hold Farmers Markets during the colder months. Don't miss out!



Held Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to Noon:

1. Inside the M&M Plaza by Mighty Pet
2. At the Menominee Senior Center, 905 10th Street.



Place to Go/Things to Do (continued)

November 24

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER. Hosted by Northwood's Apostolic from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Crivitz Village Hall, 800 Henriette Ave. The meal will consist of the traditional foods such as turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, stuffing, coffee and various pies. Participants do not need to RSVP, but it would be appreciated, to the church at 715-938-4935.



YMCA TURKEY TROT 5K RUN/WALK. Held on Thanksgiving morning at the Greater Marinette-Menominee YMCA. The first 200 participants to register are eligible for a free pie courtesy of Jack's Fresh Market. This event is free, but participants are asked to donate a canned food item, winter apparel or snacks to be donated to the afterschool program. People may print off a brochure at www.mmymca.org under events and stop in or mail in a registration form with payment. Day of registration is from 7:15-7:45 a.m. Trot will begin at 8.



November 26

HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW AND GALA DINNER. Held by the CASA of Menominee County from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Riverside Golf Club, Menominee. Funds support Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Menominee County volunteers in their mission to advocate for children in the court system due to abuse or neglect. Basket raffles will be available. Need not be present to win. Dinner is from 4-8 p.m. People may call 715-923-7250 or email casa@new.rr.com for more information.

MENOMINEE DOWNTOWN SMALL BUSINESS DAY:

Support local small business owners by beginning your Christmas shopping in downtown Menominee. The Menominee Historic Downtown Farmers Market will also be involved with various vendors participating.

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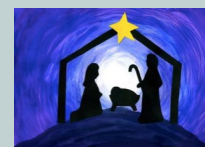
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December 2 and 3

LIVING NATIVITY. Held from 5-8 p.m. at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church and School, corner of Carney Boulevard and Colfax Street, Marinette. The presentations will last 20 minutes and be presented approximately every 20 minutes. Refreshments and entertainment will also be provided in the school gym. No charge.

For further information, people may visit www.trinitymarinette.com

or call the church office at 715-732-9868



**A PEEK AT OUR
GREAT START
READINESS
PROGRAM
CLASSROOMS:**

4-year old students in
Menominee's GSRP class
at Central Elementary.
..focused on learning
through play!



Place to Go/Things to Do (continued)

December 3

CHRISTMAS IN MARINETTE – parade, craft show, open houses at the Welcome Center, Library, Fire Department, horse carriage rides, tree lighting and more.

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December 6

CONSCIOUS DISCIPLINE WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS - 1-2:30pm @ Menominee Early Childhood Center, please call to register 906-863-7588

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YMCA JINGLE ALL THE WAY 5K RUN/WALK. Held at The Greater Marinette-Menominee YMCA. People may register alone, with a friend or create a four-person team. Create a team name and have it put on the back of your shirt when your whole team registers by 11/18. Day of registration is available 7:15-7:45 a.m. Race will start at 8. Donations will be accepted for local school food pantries. People may print off a brochure at www.mmymca.org under events and stop in or mail in a registration form with payment.

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