



**Great Start Delta County Parent Coalition Minutes
Thursday, November 16th, 2017**

Dinner

Inclusion Activity- How do you respond to conflict? (fox, lion, turtle, bird)

Great Start Business

1. Trusted Advisors Grant updates

A. Family Support & Resources –Chose Elegant Seagulls out of Marquette to work on Early Childhood website. Starting in December. Should be active by March 2018

B. Social Emotional Behavior Support

Four 4 part trainings with Donna Russotto dates set 5:30-7:30pm in the following areas:

1. Gladstone Mondays 12/11, 1/8, 2/5, 3/5
2. Mid Penn (2nd Tuesday of the month) 12/12, 1/9, 2/13, 3/13
3. Escanaba Pathways (4th Monday of the month) 11/27, 12/18, 1/22, 2/26
4. Bark River Tuesdays 11/28, 12/19, 1/23, 2/27

We will have childcare at Bark River & Mid Penn. Using a zoom video feed for people who cannot make it in person. So far we have several registered for Pathways, 2 for Mid Pen, 1 for Bark River and 0 for Gladstone locations. Flyers are going out to 5 schools and several day cares. Please help us get the word out.

2. Bay Fun Night 11/9/17-All Aboard for Reading with Julie Mallard 45 in attendance. UW provided books.
3. Escanaba Fun Night 10/25/17- Pumpkin Party (Lydia, Stephanie & Sara Thill from Growing Families leading) 60 in attendance
4. Childcare planning committee-still need help
5. Christmas Party on 12/13 help needed
6. Guest Speaker: Michele Chenier from the Early Childhood Investment Corporation (ECIC) continues conversation around effective communication and conflict resolution skills.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday December 13th, 2017
Holiday Party with potluck & family games
6pm-8pm in the DSISD Large Conference Room
(Bring a dish to share)

Upcoming events:

- 11/27/17 Positive Parenting Workshop at Pathways (5:30pm-7:30pm)

- 11/28/17 Positive Parenting Workshop at Bark River (5:30pm-7:30pm)
- 11/29/17 *Family Fun Night at Escanaba Library- What Pet Should I Get? 6:30pm -7:30pm*
- 12/11/17 Positive Parenting Workshop in Gladstone (5:30pm-7:30pm)
- 12/19/17 Positive Parenting Workshop at Bark River (5:30pm-7:30pm)
- 12/12/17 Positive Parenting Workshop at Mid Penn (5:30pm-7:30pm)
- 12/13/17 **Great Start Parent Coalition Christmas Party at DSISD 6pm-8pm**
- 12/18/17 Positive Parenting Workshop at Pathways (5:30pm-7:30pm)
- 1/8/18 Positive Parenting Workshop in Gladstone (5:30pm-7:30pm)
- 1/9/18 Positive Parenting Workshop at Mid Penn (5:30pm-7:30pm)
- 1/18/18 **Great Start Parent Coalition Meeting at DSISD 6pm-7:30pm**
w/ Cori Towns, Great Start to Quality-Childcare Subsidies & Quality Care
- 1/24/18 *Family Fun Night at Escanaba Library- TBD 6:30pm -7:30pm*



Fun Family Thanksgiving Activities

Grateful for Fun: Family Thanksgiving Crafts, Games, and Activities

Keep your kids busy this Thanksgiving with an assortment of activities that they are sure to love. Make easy crafts that can serve as seasonal décor and play exciting themed games. These fun ideas will keep the whole family entertained for hours.

<http://www.parents.com/holiday/thanksgiving/grateful-for-fun/#page=10>

Gratitude conversation starters

A great way to talk about gratitude with your family. Turn it into a countdown to Christmas activity where you count your blessings together each day leading up to Christmas morning.

www.creativefamilyfun.net/gratitude-conversation-starters

