

# Delta County Great Start Parent Coalition Newsletter



## January 2020 Community Family Events

1/3, 1/10, 1/17, 1/24 & 1/31/20 **Grace Church of Gladstone Playgroup** Fridays 10am-11:30am at Grace Church. Kids 0-5 years old. Free play. Open to the public. Contact Megan with questions 906-396-8346 or guindon.megan@gmail.com

1/4 & 2/1/20 **Happy Tails Story Time** 10:30am-11:15am the first Saturday of the month for ages 3-5 years old. Animal related stories, followed by a craft and an opportunity to meet some animal guests. No fee, but request that participants bring an item from their wish list to help the animals being cared for. [www.deltanimal.org](http://www.deltanimal.org)

1/4 & 2/1/20 **Family Games at the Escanaba Library/Make & Take** 1pm-3pm. Screen-free family fun the 1st Saturday each month through May. Board games available or bring your own! All ages are welcome. No sign up required. [www.escanabalibrary.org](http://www.escanabalibrary.org)

1/8, 1/15, 1/22, & 1/29/20 **MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)** meets every Wednesday from 6:30pm-7:45pm at New Life Church in Escanaba. Childcare available. Find them on Facebook (Delta County MOPS) for the most up to date information and events.

1/9, 1/16, 1/23 & 1/30/20 **Toddler Art and Music at the Bonifas** Runs Thursdays 9:30am-10:30am through March 26th. Toddlers ages mobile though age 3 and their caregivers enjoy creative play activities and music fun! Lead by professional teachers and musicians, toddlers will be learning and nurturing imagination, problem solving and developing motor skills. Art stations and music provide hands on fun. Student fee: \$5 per day. Registration: \$5 Walk-ins welcome. [www.bonifasarts.org](http://www.bonifasarts.org)

1/9/20 **Kids Bowl Free Night** 5pm-9pm at Bowl-a-Rama. Kids bowl free with each paying adult. \$1 each for hot dogs, fries and small soda. The 2nd Thursday of each month. Visit Bowl-a-Rama on Facebook for more details.

1/8 & 1/22/20 **Kinder-Light Play Group** 12:30am-1:30pm meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month through May 13th at the Wells Center. This play group is for families of little ones ages 0-5 years to play and socialize with others. FREE to Members /\$10 General Public Family. [www.nlymca.com](http://www.nlymca.com)

1/9/20 **\$1 Bowling Night** 4pm-9pm 1st Thursday of the month at Bowl-a-Rama. \$1 per game, \$1 shoes, \$1 small pop, \$1 slice of pizza, \$1 small fries, \$1 hotdogs. [www.upbowling.com](http://www.upbowling.com) for more specials.

1/10/20 **YMCA Parents Night Out** 5:30pm-8:30pm. Bring your kids ages 5-12 years to the YMCA for games, swimming, pizza and fun while you enjoy a night out. \$10 members/\$15 gen public. Register at [www.nlymca.com](http://www.nlymca.com)

1/11/20 **Sibshops** 10am-1pm Sibshops are free recreational workshops providing support and friendship for children ages 7-13 years old who have a brother or sister with special needs. Contact Laurie Mold at 419-320-5542 or [lauriemold@gmail.com](mailto:lauriemold@gmail.com) to register and for more information.

1/11/20 **Lego Club** 10:30am-12pm at the Escanaba Library (winter snow fun theme) for children ages 5 and up with caregiver. Bring a gallon sized zip lock bag of Legos and create together. No registration required. [www.escanabalibrary.org](http://www.escanabalibrary.org)

1/11/20 **Chase the Chill** 1pm-3pm at Sav-Mor IGA 306 Stephenson Ave., Escanaba. Help keep the community warm by donating any new cold weather apparel item (hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, coats, snow pants, boots, etc.), and you may enjoy a hot cocoa bar! Keep our community warm. Call 906-786-4222 with questions.

1/11/20 **YMCA Nerf & Turf Night** 5pm-6:30pm for ages 6-12 years at the HIT Room, Hannahville Ice & Turf Room, 1647 17.4 Road, Escanaba (inside Wells Sports Complex). The Y provides the space, obstacles, supervision and fun. Kids bring their own NERF gear: guns, bullets (must be Styrofoam with rubber ends), vests and goggles. \$8 Members \$12 General Public. If 5pm time gets filled an additional time will be added from 6:30pm-8pm. [www.nlymca.com](http://www.nlymca.com)

1/14/20 **Grand-Families Support Group** 5pm-7pm 1905 South 21st St. A group for grandparents raising grandchildren, foster, adoptive and kinship parents. Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month. Dinner & childcare for children 12 and under included. Call 786-7080 ext. 167 to RSVP.

1/14/19 **Great Start Journey to Vitality Series and Vitality Café 3 of 3** 5:30-8:30pm onsite is full but you can join the conversation streaming online at <https://zoom.us/j/964511776> Contact [lmold@dsisd.net](mailto:lmold@dsisd.net) or at 419-320-5542 with questions.

1/15/20 **Community That Cares Public Meeting** 5:30pm-7pm at the Delta Menominee Health Department. Communities That Care works to prevent substance abuse by changing attitudes about the dangers of substance misuse and abuse. They are looking for members of the community to help. Food will be provided. Everyone is welcome. Contact [mchallier@phdm.org](mailto:mchallier@phdm.org) or 906-89-8104 with questions.

1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13 & 2/20/20 **Conscious Discipline Parent Café Series** 5:30-7pm runs Thursdays for 6 weeks in 2 locations! The Escanaba Early Childhood Center 1905 South 21st Street and at the Gladstone Early Childhood Center, 207 S. 12th Street. (same time/same topics) Participants will learn effective ways to build positive loving relationships with your children based on the teachings of Dr. Becky Bailey. Childcare and meals provided. Registration is required by noon the day before the event by calling 906-789-0997 for the Escanaba location or 906-428-4231 or 906-474-3538 for Gladstone.

1/16/20 **Delta County Great Start Parent Coalition Meeting** 6pm-7:30pm at the Delta-Schoolcraft ISD. Learn about our new Talking is Teaching campaign. Parents will have rich conversations around natural ways to build your child's literacy and language skills and ways to nurture their love for reading. Childcare by Small Wonders, a free book and dinner are included!! RSVP to Laurie Mold at 906-786-9300 ext. 111 or [lmold@dsisd.net](mailto:lmold@dsisd.net) with ages and # of children attending.

1/17/20 **YMCA Frozen Themed Sock Hop** 6pm to 8pm for ages 5-12 years old at the Wells Center. Kids can bop, jump and jam, with dancing, contests, food & fun on a cold winter night! \$5 members/\$8 general public. Space is limited. Register at [www.nlymca.com](http://www.nlymca.com)

1/18/20 **Mid Pen Lego Club** 10:30-11:30am at Mid Peninsula School. Meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Open to children and their family's who love to create and build together with Legos! Bring your own Legos. Free and open to the public, your child does not need to be a student at Mid Pen to attend.

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1/18/20 **Escanaba Public Library Story time** Monthly story hour is on the 3rd Saturday of the month Oct-May, 1:30pm in the Children's Library. FREE for children 4 years and older. No registration is required. Toddler Time meets Wednesdays at 10:30am. Library Babies meets Fridays 10:30am. Registration required for these times. [www.escanabalibrary.org](http://www.escanabalibrary.org)

1/18/20 **Family Movie Night** 6pm-8pm on the 3rd Saturday of the month at Memorial United Methodist Church 1920 Lakeshore Dr., Gladstone. FREE to all. Features a kids movie in the gym and teen movie in the youth room. Bring a comfy chair or sleeping bag to sit on while you enjoy the show. Free popcorn and beverages.

1/19/20 **Soup-er Bowl V** 2pm-6pm at Rapid River Elementary 10070 US-2, Rapid River. Local businesses and community members battle it out for the best soups! Soup, homemade rolls, drinks and desserts included with your donation. 50/50 & Bucket Raffles. Call Brooke at 280-7875 or email [brookes.prints@yahoo.com](mailto:brookes.prints@yahoo.com) to enter your soup or with questions.

1/21/20 **Bedtime Stories** 6:30pm-7:30pm at the Escanaba Public Library Children ages 4 and up are invited to this library classic! Get on your comfy PJs, grab your favorite stuffed animal, and head down to the Escanaba Library for Bedtime Stories! No registration. Free and open to the public.

1/22/20 **Free Cholesterol & Blood Sugar Screen** noon-2pm at the at the Delta YMCA fitness center office. These events are free to the community. Visit [www.nlymca.com](http://www.nlymca.com) or call 906-789-0005 to register.

1/23/20 **Great Start Wonders of Weather Family Fun Night at Bay** 6pm-7pm at the Bay College Library. Learn about all of the amazing types of weather we experience. We will talk about rain, snow, sun, wind, clouds and more. The evening will include fun activities, a craft, free book and a snack. Be sure to bring a gently used children's book to exchange and keep your home library as fresh and exciting as a spring day!! No registration! This is a FREE event! Contact [lmold@dsisd.net](mailto:lmold@dsisd.net) or call Laurie at 419-320-5542 with questions.

1/24/20 **Winter Party for Adoptive, Foster, and Guardianship Families** 5:30pm-7:30pm at UPutt Family Fun Center 2805 N Lincoln Rd, Escanaba Friendship makes the heart warm! Join us for a free round of mini golf to celebrate our families this winter season. Must RSVP to Sarah Sorensen by January 20th at [sarahs@upkids.com](mailto:sarahs@upkids.com) or call/text 906-231-6056. This event is brought to you by MDHHS, UP KIDS Post Adoption Resource Center, and Great Lakes Recovery Foster Care Regional Resource Team.

1/24/20 **Child Find** Do you have concerns about your child's development? Want to make sure they are on track? Free developmental screenings for children 0-5 years old at the DSISD. Call 906-786-9300 ext. 201 to schedule an appointment.

1/25/20 **Fayette Lantern Lit XC Ski/Snowshoe/Hike** 6pm to 8pm at Fayette State Park in Garden. A 1.5 mi Bluff Trail will be lit with kerosene lanterns for an evening of snow fun. A warm bonfire marks the beginning and ending points. Marshmallows & hot chocolate behind park contact station. Dress warm. Recreation passport required. Call 906- 644-2603 for more information.

1/31/20 **Mother Son Sports Date Night** 6:30pm-8pm A special time for Moms and their boys in grades K-6th at the Bonifas Art Center. Games, fun project and pizza. \$20 mother + 1 son/\$5 per additional son. Call the Bonifas at 786-3833 to register for this event.

2/8/20 **YMCA Father/Daughter Sweetheart Dance** 5:30pm-8pm for ages 4 & up at the Terrace Bay Inn. Tickets sell out! On sale through 1/31/20 as available. \$55 members. \$65 non-members, \$25 per additional daughter. Visit [www.nlymca.com](http://www.nlymca.com) for details.

DELTA COUNTY GREAT START PRESENTS

# FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Bring a gently used book to exchange!

## WONDERS OF WEATHER!



**Thursday, January 23**  
**6:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

INCLUDES STORIES, ACTIVITIES, CRAFT AND SNACK!  
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
Questions? Contact [lauriemold@gmail.com](mailto:lauriemold@gmail.com)



TALKING IS TEACHING.

SO TALK, READ AND SING WITH YOUR LITTLE ONES, IT'S THE BEST WAY TO BOOST THEIR BRAIN POWER! IT'S ALSO A GREAT WAY TO LOVE THEM!



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