

Delta-Schoolcraft Great Start Family Coalition Newsletter

The Great Start Family Coalition serves families with young children from pregnancy through 3rd grade in Delta and Schoolcraft Counties. We work to give kids a great start in school and in life!



We welcome you and your family!
Contact Laurie Mold at lmold@dsisd.net or 906-786-9300 ext. 111 for more information on how you can be a part of the Great Start Family Coalition

November 2022

Delta County Events

Schoolcraft events on page 2

11/2, 11/9 & 11/16/22 **Toddler Art at the Bonifas** Runs Wednesdays 9:30am-10:30am. Children ages 1 to 4 years old and their caregivers enjoy creative play activities and fun music! Toddlers will be combining fun and learning to nurture imagination, problem solving, and motor skills. Student fee: \$5 per day. Register at www.bonifasarts.org

11/2, 11/9, 11/16, & 11/23/22 **Toddler Time** 10:30am-11:30am at the Escanaba Public Library. A storytime for the littles! Registration is required. Call 906-789-7323 for details.

11/2, 11/9 & 11/16/22 **Homeschoolers Art Class** 11am-12pm Wednesdays at the Bonifas. Homeschoolers ages 1st grade-8th students study different artists and their techniques to create their own masterpieces with Stacy Berg. \$45 for the series. Max 12 students. www.bonifasarts.org

11/2/22 **Bay 60th Birthday Party** 3pm-5pm in the Besse Center/HUB area on the Escanaba Campus. All are welcome to come onto campus and enjoy birthday cupcakes, games, and live music by the Bay Band. Baycollege.edu

11/3/22 **Bay College's Game-A-Palooza** 5pm-8pm at the Bay Café. Video games upon video games! Enjoy treats, games, and good times. Features a multitude of gaming systems with family-friendly games for you to play. A recommended donation of \$2 or canned food donation is appreciated for entrance. All donations go to the Bay College student food pantry. Baycollege.edu

11/3 & 12/1/22 **Delta-Schoolcraft Great Start Family Coalition Meeting** 6pm-7:30pm at the Delta-Schoolcraft ISD with a virtual option on Zoom. Learn about Early On Services with Julianne Freis. Childcare and dinner are provided. Parents from Delta & Schoolcraft County are encouraged to attend! A prize drawing held at every meeting! RSVP to Laurie Mold at 906-786-9300 ext. 111 or lmold@dsisd.net with ages and # of children attending or for a Zoom Link.

11/3/22 **Gordon Lightfoot Tribute at Bay College** 7pm in the Besse Center Auditorium. Mike Fornes and the band will be featuring "Lightfoot - The Stories, The Songs". Tickets are \$20/adult and \$10/student or Bay College employee available at www.baycollege.edu/tix

11/4, 11/15, 11/23/22 **YMCA Schools Out Fun Days** 9am-4pm at the Wells Center. Kids grades K-5 enjoy activities, arts, crafts, and games. Before and after care are available for a small fee. \$32 day members/ \$42 day non members. www.nlymca.com

11/5/22 **Bonifas Art Center Holiday Art Fair** 10am to 4pm. Start your holiday shopping early this year by coming to the Holiday Art Fair at the Bonifas Arts Center. There will be a variety of local artists selling their work. Art raffle and bake sale. Free to attend. bonifasarts.org

11/5 & 12/3/22 **Escanaba Public Library Storyhour** 1pm at the Escanaba Public Library. Storytime is for kids five years old and older and will feature and story followed by a craft. No reservation required

11/7 through 11/28/22 **Grace Church of Gladstone Playgroup** Mondays 10am-11am at Grace Church in Gladstone. Moms/caregivers and their young children are welcome. Open to the public. Contact Megan with questions 906-396-8346 or guindon.megan@gmail.com

11/7/22 **29th Annual Parenting Awareness Michigan Hybrid Conference** Attendees learn about relevant issues, programs, and resources related to parents and families. This includes keynote presentation about 'Successism' and various workshops. \$75 Visit www.preventionnetwork.org for details and to register.

11/8 & 12/13/22 **Autism Café** 4pm at the Delta-Schoolcraft ISD. A chance for families of children with autism to network and share experiences with other caregivers. Families have a chance to meet and ask questions with providers. November features a Board Certified Behavior Analyst and an Occupational Therapist in December. Cafes will be held the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Refreshments provided. Please RSVP to Katie Smith at 906-786-9300 ext. 204 (flyer on page 3)

11/9/22 **Feed America Food Truck** 2pm at the Salvation Army 3001 5th Ave. S., Escanaba

11/10/22 **Grand-Families Support Group** 5pm-7pm at Head Start Early Childhood Center 1905 S 21st St, Escanaba. Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month to provide support to those raising another family member's child or providing foster care in the community. Includes dinner and childcare for kids under 12yrs with 24hr RSVP to Nancy Kutzera 906-786-7080 EXT: 167 Zoom is available if unable to attend in person. (flyer on pg. 4)

11/11/22 **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 Learning Center. Call 906-789-9476 to schedule an appointment.

11/12/22 **Escanaba Baseball Craft Show** 9am-4pm in the Escanaba High School Commons. 120+ vendors, raffles, bake sale & 50/50. \$2 entry fee Kids 12 and under free.

11/12/22 **Lego Club** 1pm at the Escanaba Public Library. Things to be Thankful For theme. A free all-ages monthly club. Kids should bring a small box or gallon size zip lock bag with Legos. A small sample of Legos available if needed. Prizes drawn at the end of the hour. Visit www.escanabalibrary.org for more details!

11/17/22 4pm-6pm **Being Heumann: A Conversation with Disability Rights Activist Judy Heumann** Self advocate, Judy Heumann helped develop and implement important disability rights legislation. She was featured in the Oscar nominated film 'Crip Camp'. She will be live on Zoom. You can also attend the zoom feed in-person in the Besse Theater. This is a free event and all are invited to participate. Visit Baycollege.edu for details.

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11/18, 11/19, 11/20, 11/21 & 11/22/22 **Sister Act: The Musical** 7:30pm at the Escanaba High School Auditorium. EHS Theater presents a hilarious, energetic musical based on the movie Sister Act. Matinee on 11/20 at 2pm only. Tickets on sale in the High School Office 7am-3pm. \$15 general admission.

11/19 & 12/17/22 **Kiwanis Cops & Kids** 10pm-2pm at the Escanaba Public Library. A free monthly story time where police officers read to kids. Children receive a free book! For families with children ages Pre-school through early elementary. No registration is needed, but children must be accompanied by an adult. escanabalibrary.org

11/22/22 **Escanaba Black Friday and Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony** 7pm at the Escanaba DDA 1025 Ludington St. Business sales from 3pm-9pm and festivities including free cookies & cocoa at the DDA.

11/22/22 **Thanksgiving Lunch** noon-1pm The Salvation Army is providing free Thanksgiving turkey lunches people in need at the Salvation Army Community Center, 3001 5th Ave South, Escanaba.

11/24/22 **Escanaba Community Thanksgiving Dinner** 11:30am-2pm In the Escanaba High School in the Commons. Free dinners to families in need. Contact Escanaba Senior Center for reservations at 906-786-8850. www.deltami.org

11/25/22 **Gladstone Old Fashioned Christmas and Tree Lighting Ceremony** 5:30pm-8:30pm downtown Gladstone. Free family fun for all ages!

11/25 & 11/26/22 **TV6 Christmas Craft Show** 10 am to 5pm at the NMU Superior Dome. Admission is \$3. Kids 12 and under are free. www.uppermichigananssource.com

12/1, 12/2, 12/3, 12/4, 12/7, 12/8, 12/9, & 12/10/22 **A Charlie Brown Christmas: It's A Winter Neverland** 7:30pm at the Bonifas Art Center Theater. Matinee on 12/4 at 1:30pm. A double-header of one-act plays. Neverland mashes up Peter Pan with the Christmas classic It's a Wonderful Life, positing what life for the lost boys would be like if Pan had never existed. Following that is the classic story of A Charlie Brown Christmas, adapted for the stage. Tickets are \$16 playersdenoc.org

12/2 & 12/3/22 **UP Steam and Gas Engine Christmas in the Village** 11am to 7pm at the Antique Village in the UP State Fairgrounds. Enjoy caroling, bonfires, wagon rides, visit with Father Christmas, popcorn, hot chocolate and cookies and complimentary roasted chestnuts in the Agricultural Museum. Shop handcrafted goods from local artisans and craftsmen. Free! Collecting donations of non-perishable items that will go to a local food pantry. deltami.org

12/2/22 **Escanaba Christmas Parade** Line up at 6pm. Parade starts at 7pm on Ludington Ave. www.deltami.org

12/3/22 **Nutcracker Ballet** 1pm & 7pm at the Kaufman Auditorium in Marquette nmu.universitytickets.com Advance Tickets are \$9 youth (18 & under), \$15 adult, or an additional \$2 at the door. Tickets are available through the NMU Ticketing Box Office 906-227-1032.

Schoolcraft County Events

11/1/22 **Community Flu Shot Clinic** 8am-11am at Garden Mimi Mart 6504 00.25 Rd, in Garden. No appointment needed. Please bring your insurance card.

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11/4/22 **A Night With Elvis** 7:30pm at St Francis de Sales School Jake Slater, Elvis impersonator, performs 3 decades of Elvis' hits and will offer pictures and autographs after the show. Advance tickets are \$15/ 12 and under are \$5. Tickets \$20 at the door. Reserve table for 8 for \$125. Concession food and refreshments (including adult refreshments) will be available for purchase. Tickets available at the Manistique Senior Center (101 Main Street) or at the door on November 4th. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the concert begins at 7:30 pm.

11/8/22 **Grumpy Old Men Double Feature** at the Highway 2 Community Drive-In in Manistique. Gates open at 5pm 6:45pm Grumpy Old Men 8:45 Grumpier Old Men. Free and open to the community!

11/11, 11/18 & 12/9/22 **Manistique Public Library Storytime** 10am at the library 100 N Cedar St, Manistique. A special time for kids 0-5 years old. Kids will enjoy a story, craft & snack! No RSVP required.

11/16/22 **Feed America Food Truck** 10am at the Central Park Ball Field - On Tannery Rd., 345 Elm Street, Manistique

11/18/22 **Great Start Storytime at the Manistique Public Library** 10am at the library 100 N Cedar St, Manistique. A special time for kids 0-5 years old. Kids will enjoy a story, craft, snack and a free book! No RSVP.

11/25/22 **Curtis Santa Parade and Hot Chocolate with Santa** 6pm downtown Curtis, MI. Welcome Santa to town then join him at 6:15pm at the Erickson Center for the Arts for hot chocolate!

11/25/22 **Manistique Christmas Parade** 6:30pm downtown

11/26/22 **Curtis Aglow Bazaar and visits with Santa** 11am-2pm at the Erickson Center for the Arts. Deck the walls with beautiful handmade holiday décor as you enjoy hors d'oeuvres, live music and a silent auction.

11/26/22 through 12/4/22 **Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital 4th Annual Festival of Trees**. Visit Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital 8am-8pm or the virtual website for the display and sale of spectacular holiday trees, wreaths, gift certificates, getaways, and merchandise leading up to a raffle on 12/4 at 2pm. A number of events are planned including Family Day on 12/3. Visit their website for details. www.scmh.org/community/festival-of-trees

11/26/22 **Small Business Saturday** Details coming soon. Visit <https://www.discovermanistique.com/events> to learn more.

12/3/22 **Festival of Trees Family Day** 1pm-4pm at Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital. Meet Santa, crafts, games, tours and face painting. Free and open to the public.

If you are curious about your child's development, scan the QR code below or visit great-start.org to take a free and confidential online screening.



Michigan Alliance for Families FREE Special Education Webinars for Families

Nov 7 IEP: A Closer Look with Stephanie Nicholls 1:00pm-2:30pm.

Nov 9 Disciplinary Removals for Students with Disabilities: Counting the Days with Special Education Mediation Services 12:00pm-1:00pm.

Nov 10 Assistive Technology: More Than Checking a Box with Carolyn O'Hearn, 7:00pm-8:00pm.

Nov 14, 21, 28 & December 5 Youth Self Determination Series with Stacie Rulison 6:30pm-7:30pm.

Nov 15, 22, 29 & December 6 Building Parent Leadership Skills in Early Childhood Course with Stephanie Nicholls 7:00pm-8:00pm.

Nov 16 Disciplinary Removals for Students with Disabilities: Manifestation Determination Review with Special Education Mediation Services 12:00pm-1:00pm.

Nov 17 Tools to Explore Decision-Making at All Ages with Mary Shehan-Boogaard & Jake Schaafsma 4:00pm-5:30pm.

Dec 1 How to Develop and Maintain Trust in School-Family Partnerships with Special Education Mediation Services 12:00pm-2:00pm.

Dec 2 & 9 Behavior is Communication with Sally Burton Hoyle 1:00pm-2:30pm.

Visit www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org
for more information and to register

Michigan State University Extension Free Online Parenting Classes

Early Childhood Online Extension Extra Parenting Hour

A free online series of parenting workshops that provides guidance for parents of young children as they navigate the challenges, joys, and concerns of parenting. They run on **Tuesdays from 8pm-9:30pm.**

- 11/1 Skills for Learning and Life
- 11/8 Positive Discipline
- 11/15 ABC's of Literacy
- 11/22 Responding to Your Child's Cues
- 11/29 Together We Can: Co-Parenting

11/10 **FAMILY FAQ'S: SIBLING SQUABBLES** 11:30am-12:30pm

Visit www.canr.msu.edu/early_childhood_development
for details and registration links
for all of these **FREE** online learning opportunities



Autism Cafe



An opportunity for families to network and share experiences with other parents and caregivers of children with autism. Refreshments provided!

**Held the Second Tuesday of Each Month
4:00 PM**

Delta-Schoolcraft ISD Building* 2525 Third Avenue South, Escanaba
**Use the CTE side entrance to the ISD, located on the east side of the building, facing Escanaba High School*

RSVP: Katie Smith at 906-786-9300, ext. 204 or ksmith@dsisd.net

2022-2023 Cafe Date & Topics:

- November 8th-Q & A with Kaylea Quinn, Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA)
- December 13th-Sensory needs with an ISD Occupational Therapist

2023 dates and topics coming soon!

Questions? Call or email:

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or
Rachel Coyne, School Psychologist 906 786-9300 ext. 208, rcoyne@dsisd.net



Join **Parent Leadership in State Government** and **Michigan Family to Family** for our new online educational Leadership Series.



This series is designed to support the development and engagement of emerging family leaders in Michigan.



These one hour virtual learning sessions are free and open to any parent in Michigan with an interest in developing their leadership skills.

DATE: **October 12th, 2022**

TOPIC: **Parent Voice and the Leadership Continuum**

DATE: **December 14th, 2022**

TOPIC: **Start With Your Why**

DATE: **February 8, 2023**

TOPIC: **Identifying Interests and Passions as a Parent Leader**

DATE: **April 12, 2023**

TOPIC: **Sharing Your Story for Change**

DATE: **June 14, 2023**

TOPIC: **Leadership Opportunities and Your Role**

DATE: **August 9, 2023**

TOPIC: **Finding a Mentor/Networking and Relationship Building**

LEARN. GROW. LEAD.

Registration is required. Details on how to register will be available on the websites listed below.

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<https://f2fmichigan.org> OR <https://PLISG.org>

Grand-Families Support Group



Our program recognizes that there are many families who are raising another family member's child or providing foster care for other children in our community. We would like to provide you with the opportunity to meet and talk with other people who may be going through some of the same things that you might be dealing with. Although all children are awesome, adorable and very lovable, raising another child can also be very stressful. Please join us for a chance to support one another, share a meal and have a little respite time with other adults in this amazing support group.

Meeting Information

Date: 2nd Thursday of each month

Time: 5:00-7:00

Place: 1905 South 21st Street Escanaba, MI

Please RSVP: 786-7080 EXT: 167 (Nancy Kutzera)

Reasons to join us:

- Childcare (must be under 12 years old)
*You must register 24 hours in advance
- Dinner
- Support
- Friendship

Join by Zoom if you cannot attend in person by entering the address below into your browser

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82157410853?pwd=aONkemtMbUJLRDZjQzBuOHNjT01PdZ09>



TALKING IS TEACHING.ORG



DELTA-SCHOOLCRAFT GREAT START FAMILY COALITION MEETING

Thursday, November 3rd
6pm-7:30pm

at the Delta-Schoolcraft ISD
2525 3rd Ave S., Escanaba or on Zoom

Learn About with Early On
with Julianne Freis

Dinner & Childcare Provided!

Join Us!



MANISTIQUE SCHOOL AND PUBLIC LIBRARY

FALL STORYTIME

November 11th

November 18th

10-11 am

Join us for a Fall story, craft and a snack - for children 5 and under.

