

MAY 2025



Great Start Family Coalition

The Great Start Family Coalition (GSFC) is a team of parents and caregivers working to improve early childhood outcomes in our area. The GSFC supports the Great Start Collaborative by educating the community about the importance of a child's early years and ways to help kids thrive. We want all kids to get a great start in school and life! We invite you to our monthly meetings where we learn, support, and have fun together. Contact Laurie Mold or Monica Powell to RSVP or for more information about how you can get involved.

5/6 Schoolcraft Meeting 5:30 PM at Lake Effect Community Arts Center, Manistique

5/12 Delta 'Parent Cafe' Meeting 6 PM at New Life Church, Escanaba

Story Times

Manistique School & Public Library
5/2 Something's Fishy Storytime at 10am
5/16 Music & Movement at 10am

Manistique Senior Center
5/21 Great Start Storytime at 10am

Delta Animal Shelter
5/3 at 10:30am

Escanaba Public Library
5/17 Great Start Storytime 10:30am
5/21 Y.E.S Family Fun Night 5:30pm

DELTA-SCHOOLCRAFT FAMILY COALITION HIGHLIGHTS

The Delta Coalition held the annual Children's Fun Fest at the Northern Lights YMCA. This year's theme, 'Bloom and Grow,' drew 28 amazing exhibitors, 113 families, and nearly 500 in attendance. A big thanks goes out to the YMCA for hosting the event and to all the agencies for providing such fun experiences for kids.

In April, the Delta Coalition held a Strong Roots Parent Cafe with "Enjoying Time with my Child" as the theme. This aligns with the Strengthening Families Protective Factor 'Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development' while the kids had a blast in the Playzone. Schoolcraft had a Hop into Spring Meeting with the Easter Bunny, an egg hunt, egg decorating, and other fun activities for the kids.

Great Start's storytimes were a huge hit, too. United Way partnered with to host an 'Everything Changes' Fun Night with help from parent leaders Amerila Schaffer and Mikiah Tryan. The final Fun Night for the season will be on May 21st at 4:30pm with Y.E.S. and a kids' favorite books theme. Saturday storytime was about rain & rainbows led by Rebecca Bender, Jesse Traub, Rachel Capon, and Eli Bender. The group has decided to keep these storytimes going on the 3rd Saturday of the month at the Escanaba Public Library through the summer!

Schoolcraft's Coalition was busy in April! They held a Springtime and bunnies Stories & Crafts with Seniors & Tots, and a Little Explorers group coordinated by parent leader, Ann Wimsae. The next and last indoor playgroup will be May 14th. Then they will be meeting outdoors at different locations over the summer. They also hosted the final Please Touch and Play session for the season at Lake Effects Arts Center. They hope to return in the fall. Finally, the Music and Movement group continues to grow. They will meet again on May 16th at 10am at the Manistique Public Library.

There are ton of exciting opportunities to explore and plan for summer. The Coalitions could use your input and help. RSVP to Laurie or Monica if you would like to attend the monthly meetings or have any questions. It's great way to get involved!



Kids enjoyed so many exciting activities at Fun Fest! Here they are, taking a break in the Little Sprouts Rest Stop with Bay College's Early Childhood Ed. students.



Schoolcraft Family Coalition Music and Movement Parachute Fun!



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May 2025 Community Events



Delta County Events

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5/1 through 5/31/25 **Parent Tot Playtime** 9am to noon Monday through Friday at the Northern Lights YMCA. Playtime is open and FREE to ALL families with kids 5 and under looking to socialize and play! Call 906-789-0005 to reserve a time or for more info.

5/1/25 through 5/29/25 **Rapid River Area Playgroup** 9:30am on Thursdays. Location varies. Follow them on Facebook for details and to be aware of cancellations due to weather or sickness. You may also contact Amanda Nietling at 906-420-4572 for more info.

5/2, 5/3 & 5/8-5/10/25 **Alice in Wonderland** 7:30pm at the Bonifas Art Center Theater. A Players de Noc youth theater production of Lewis Carroll's classic tale of whimsy and weirdness. Tickets \$17 available online at www.playersdenoc.org or in person at the Bonifas during regular business hours.

5/3/25 **Back to the the BAY-CON** 10am-7pm in the Heiman Center on the Bay College Campus. The event is free, although a donation of \$5 for those 10 and over is encouraged. Free parking in Lot A. BAYCON will feature a large vendor space with special celebrity guests, appearances, taco truck, vintage video gaming, cosplay contest, trivia, and so much more! Proceeds benefit student services.

5/3/25 **Happy Tails Storytime** 10:30 am-11:15 am on the 1st Saturday of the month for ages 3-6 years. Enjoy animal-related stories, crafts, and meet animal guests. It is free. They ask participants to bring an item from the shelter's wish list to help the animals. www.deltaanimal.org

5/3 through 5/18/25 **Free Family Winter Movie Series** at 2pm and 4pm on Saturdays and Sundays through May at Thomas Movie Theaters (Willow Creek Theater in Escanaba). May 3rd/4th The Lorax, 10/11th Despicable Me 3, 17/18th Sing 2. All ages FREE!!

5/6/25 **Kids P.A.C.K: (Positive-Active-Compassionate-Kind)** 4:30pm-6pm at the Delta Animal Shelter. An educational club for children ages 6-8 years. Includes activities, games, crafts, guest speakers, animal education, making treats/toys, and animal interaction. Meets the first Tuesday of the month. Please call the shelter for more information. 906-789-0230.

5/7 through 5/28/25 **Gigglin' & Groovin' with Miss Karsyn** Wednesdays 4:30-5:30pm ages 3-5 yrs/6-7pm ages 6 & up at We Rock the Spectrum-UP North 1401 N 26th St, Escanaba. A fun music and movement class for kids of all abilities! \$15 per class Call 906-553-7186 or email info@werockthespectrumupnorth.com to register.

5/8/25 **Mom & Me Cookie Decorating Class** 6pm at Saunders Point Brewing 1000 Delta Ave, Gladstone. This class is intended for mother or father and children ages five and up. Each parent-child team will decorate a total of five cookies together. The class will run about 1.5 hours. \$50/\$25 for each additional child. Space is limited, so reserve your spot soon at www.sweetlysprinkledcc.com

5/9/25 **Child Find Developmental Screenings** A FREE and confidential service provided at the Delta-Schoolcraft ISD (DSISD). Screenings for children from birth to age 5 to identify children needing early intervention and/or special education services as early as possible. Call (906) 786-9300 ext. 201 with questions and to schedule an appointment.

5/9/25 **We Rock the Spectrum-UP North Open House with Great Start** 4:30-6pm ages 0-6 yrs./6:30-7:30pm ages 7-12 years at 1401 N. 26th St, Escanaba STE 118. A chance for families who have not yet been to this inclusive, sensory-friendly kids' gym to come and play. Great Start is sponsoring admission for 2 groups. Choose the time that works best for your family. Older/younger sibs can go to the same time slot. We only ask older kids to be mindful of the younger children. REGISTRATION is REQUIRED- space is limited- at [HTTP://bit.ly/eskykidgym](http://bit.ly/eskykidgym) Contact Laurie Mold at 419-320-5542 with questions you may have.

5/10/25 **Remote Control (RC) Track & Car Show** 9am in the Miracle of Life Building at the UP State Fairgrounds. See show vehicles and a show on a small oval track. They are raising funds for the parks. Call Jared at 906-367-3145 with questions.

5/10/25 **Motorsports Mayhem** 11am- 3pm at the UP State Fairgrounds Take an up close look at your favorite driver's car. There will be all sorts of fun to be had. From new wraps on cars to new drivers, come and meet everyone. Wildmans Munchies on site! Escanaba Motor Speedway id the organizer.

5/10/25 **Plantchella** 10am-4pm at the UP State Fairgrounds A first-ever Plant Expo with a FREE Plant Swap. Bring your plants, swap for new favorites, and grow your collection! Homesteaders, crafters, and vendors galore with unique handmade goodies and food trucks on site.

5/10/25 **Escanaba Library Lego Club** 1pm at Escanaba Public Library. Bring one container of Legos per child in attendance. Be entered into a prize drawing. The theme is 'Spring Has Sprung'.

5/10/25 **Parents Night Out: Slime Lab** 6-8:30pm at We Rock the Spectrum Kid's Gym 1401 N 26th St, Escanaba. A drop-off evening of fun for the kids while the adults take some time away! \$30 per child. Siblings are half off. Call 906-553-7816 to reserve your spot.

5/10/25 **Esy Baroque** 7:30pm-9pm at First Presbyterian Church 819 1st Ave S, Escanaba. A free baroque music concert with strings, harpsichord, trumpets and reeds with youth concerto winner; featuring Bach, Vivaldi, Purcell and Telemann. Families are welcome. Free will offering accepted.



May 11th celebrates moms, grandmothers, foster moms, mothers who have passed, and those taking the role of mother. Thanks for all you do!

"To the world you may be one person;
but to one person you may be the world."

-Dr. Seuss

5/11/25 **Rock Lions Mother's Day Breakfast Buffet & Car Drive** 9am-1pm Rock Liions Club 14454 M-35, Rock Full buffet. Bring a non-perishable canned good if you are able to support food access for our community members. Adults \$12, Kids 6 - 12 \$9, Kids 5 and under Free.

5/12/25 **Great Start Family Coalition Meeting** 6pm-7:30pm at New Life Church Community Room. This month we are planning our summer activities and projects for our 2026 workplan. All are welcome! FREE dinner and childcare are provided in the Playzone by RSVPing to Laurie at 419-320-5542 with the number of adults and children attending.

5/17/25 **Portage Marsh Spring Birding Event** 9am-noon at Portage State Wildlife Management Area. (From M-35, head east on Portage Point 11.4 Ln. until you reach the parking lot.) A morning of birding for all ages with the DNR! Hike a 1-mile loop trail with free professional birding instruction, and some binoculars for loan. Portable restrooms, picnic tables, and trash receptacles will be available. To ensure you have the best possible experience, wear appropriate clothing and shoes, and dress for the weather.

5/17/25 **Safe Sitter Essentials** 11:30am to 5pm at the YMCA Delta Center 2000 North 30th Street, Escanaba. Prepares students in grades 6-8 to be safe when home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting—minimum age 11. Space is limited to the first 8 registered. \$85 members/\$125 non-members. nlymca.com

5/17/25 **Nerf Night at the Turf** 7-8:30pm for grades 1st through 4th at the Hannahville Ice & Turf Complex, 6645 N.75 Drive. You bring your own NERF gear (guns, bullets, vest & goggles). Eye protection is required and limited supplies will be available. Limited Space. Visit nlymca.com for details. \$10 members/\$15 non-members.

5/17/25 **Great Start Storytime: Plants that Grow** 10:30am at the Escanaba Public Library. The Great Start Family Coalition presents a free storytime for ages 0-8 years old. There will be stories, movement activities, and social time! Each child will get a new book. FREE No registration is required. Contact lmold@dsisd.net for more info.

5/21/25 **Feed America Mobile Food Pantry** 10am at the Salvation Army 3001 5th Ave. S., Escanaba.

5/21/25 **Family Fun Night: Tweet Tales about Silly Animals** 4:30pm at the Escanaba Public Library. Youth Empowering Services hosts a storytime with silly stories with some of kids' favorite animal characters! Children 0-8 and their caregivers will enjoy stories, activities, a snack, and a free children's book! No registration is required.

5/22/25 **Parents Like Me Support Group** 7pm-8:30pm at the Escanaba Early Childhood Center 1905 S. 21st St. For parents raising children with special needs. Snacks and beverages provided. No childcare. Contact Carrie at 906-786-7080 EXT 163 to RSVP.

5/20/25 **Baby Cafe** 4pm-6pm at Pregnancy Services of Delta Co. A free drop-in support and information group for all expecting and breastfeeding mothers and their babies. Contact 906-786-7474 or with any questions.

5/30 & 5/31/25 **40th Anniversary Krusin Klassic Fun Run** Friday starts with parade lineup at 6pm, parade at 7pm (Ludington Street to Stephenson Avenue). 8pm-12am Dance with live music from Grand Design. Bucket raffles, and silent auction. Open 8am-5pm Saturday at the UP State Fairgrounds. All day car show, food booths, displays, vendors, 3 Wheel Drive band playing noon-4pm, and more! \$5 entry, kids 5 and under free. deltami.org

5/31/25 **Spring into Scouting** 10am at Pocket Park. Interested in scouting? Check out their spring membership drive and scout show at Pocket Park in the UP State Fairgrounds in Escanaba.

6/9 through 8/15/25 **YMCA Summer Day Camp 9am-4pm** 7:30am-5:30pm at the Wells Center. Kids grades K-5 enjoy activities, arts, crafts, and games. Please bring lunch, outdoor wear, and snacks. \$175 members /\$210 non-members. www.nlymca.com



Great Start

Plants That Grow

STORYTIME

Saturday, May 17th
10:30am
at the Escanaba Public Library

Stories, fun activities and free books
for kids aged 0-8 and their caregivers.
No registration required.
Join in the fun. Stay for the conversations!

For more information
Laurie Mold at lmold@dsisd.net
or text/call 419-320-5542

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ESCANABA
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TWEET TAILS

ABOUT

SILLY ANIMALS

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21ST
4:30 PM
ESCANABA PUBLIC LIBRARY
(IN CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS)

Join Youth Empowering Services (Y.E.S.)
for a night of silly stories, fun activities, a
craft, snack and a free book.
A special time for families with kids 0-8!
FREE!! No registration required.

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CONTACT LAURIE MOLD WITH ANY QUESTIONS AT
LMOLD@DSISD.NET OR 419-320-5542

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5/1/25 through 5/31/25 **Safe Sitter Class Registration** Safe Sitter prepares students in grades 6-8 to be safe when they are home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting. Class space is limited to 8 students and is free! The classes will run June 11, 18, and 25 from 9am-4pm. Contact Elizabeth Ross at 906-341-1880 or eross@scmh.org for more information.

5/1 & 5/15 **Acoustic Jam Sessions** 6pm-9pm at Lake Effect Community Arts Center the first and third Thursdays. All are welcome! For questions contact Tim at 906-236-2597. 244 S Cedar St. Manistique MI.

5/2/25 **Manistique School & Public Library Something's Fishy Story Time** 10am-11am Children 5 and under, with adult supervision, are invited for some fishy story time fun! We will share a story, activities and a snack. 100 N Cedar St.

5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23 & 5/30 **Elks Fish Fry** 4:30pm-7:30 Every Friday night Fish Fry. Take Out, Curbside Pick Up or Indoor Dining Available. All entrees \$18.00. Call 906-341-2536 with any questions. 213 Walnut St. Manistique

5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23 & 5/30 **Friday Fish Fry** 5pm - 8pm Public Welcome! Take out or inside Dining. Manistique Moose Lodge, M-149, Manistique.

5/3/25 **Beginning Birders Walk** 8am-11am There will be a short presentation on the basics of birding, bird habits and habitats, and the fundamentals of identifying different species. The group will then take a guided bird ID walk through the Education Lab. The event is free, and binoculars will be available for use. No registration is required, but you may call 906-341-2965 with any questions. Manistique Environmental Education Lab, Krummich Road, Manistique Township, MI 49854

5/3/25 **Bake Sale & Bazaar** 10am-2pm Everyone is Welcome! Grace Lutheran Church 7920 Pine St Germfask MI

5/3/25 Through 5/31/25 **Mueller Township Farmers Market** every Saturday from 10am-noon at the Old Green School. 1805 Quarry Rd, Gulliver. Something for everyone! Produce, baked goods, sweets, and craft items.

5/3/25 **Delta-Schoolcraft Great Start Spring Mom-to-Mom Sale and Swap** 1pm-3pm Join us for a Mom-to-Mom Sale where parents have a chance to swap, shop and save on children's items. Entry into the event is FREE. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. \$10 per table for sellers. Contact Monica Powell at 574-274-1949 or mpowell@dsisd.net for more information or to reserve a table.

5/5, 5/12, 5/19 & 5/26 **Food and Clothing Pantry** 11am-1pm at the Christ Fellowship Church in Germfask. Weekly on Mondays. Free food and clothing for families in need. Closed on holidays. Contact Pastor Diana at 906-286-0591 for more information.

5/5/25 through 5/26/25 **Good News Club** 3:30pm at Garden Christian Fellowship Church. Free after-school program for all kids where the Bible is taught with songs, stories, and games. The club is held every Monday there is a full day of school. Garden Christian Fellowship Church, Garden, MI. Call Yvonne for more info at 906-286-3833

5/6/25 **Delta-Schoolcraft Great Start Family Coalition Meeting** 5:30pm-7:00pm at Lake Effect Community Arts Center. Free Dinner and Childcare will be provided. Please RSVP to Monica Powell at 574-274-1949 or mpowell@dsisd.net with the ages and number of children attending.

5/6/25 through 5/27/25 **Good News Club** 3:30pm at Manistique Bible Church. Free after-school program for all kids where the Bible is taught with songs, stories, and games. The club is held every Tuesday and there is a full day of school. For more info contact Jean at 906-286-1610

5/7/25 **Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry** 10am-11:30am or until food is gone at Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital 7870 West US-2. Manistique.

5/8/25 **Lego Building Session** 3:30pm-4:30pm Manistique School & Public Library 100 N Cedar St Manistique. Calling all K-8 youth in our community. Join us for a free Lego-building session! Kindergarteners are asked to bring an adult to work with them. Reserve your spot at <https://v2.4online.com> Contact Jill at 906-286-3327 for any questions.

5/9/25 **Heather's Weather Lessons** 10am Curtis Public Library Meteorologist Heather Bricca will be teaching the kids about weather in Northern Michigan. 9220 N Portage Ave Curtis MI

5/10/25 **Women's Resource Fair** 9am-2pm at the Erickson Center for the Arts. Health and wellness education featuring information on women's health and self-care. There will also be interactive experiences, including an introduction to yoga. There will be a coffee/smoothie bar and live music. This is a free event no registration is required. For more information, call 906-293-9130. 9138 Saw-Wa-Quato St Curtis, MI

5/11/25 **Mother's Day at the Mill** 10am-3pm Free coffee, tea, and cocoa all day! Free chair massages between 11-1. Baked goods from Pell's Farms to purchase. "Make a Craft for Mom", we will keep the kids busy while you shop! There will also be other discounts and giveaways. 216 S Cedar St. Manistique.

5/12 through 5/30 **Manistique Spring Swim Lessons** Level 1: 4pm-4:30pm Ages 4 and up (students with little to no experience in the water) Level 2 4:30pm-5:pm (students comfortable enough to be away from the wall and away from where they can touch the bottom). All swimmers must provide their own suit, towel, and goggles if desired. Cost is \$35 per student and must be paid in full in advance in the High School Office 906-341-4300

5/13/25 **Taco Tuesday** 11:00am - 4:00pm VFW Hall, N Maple St, Manistique. Public Welcome. Tacos Hard or Soft Shell - \$3 each or 2 for \$5. Chicken Quesadilla - \$8. Taco Salad - \$8. Nachos - \$6

5/14/25 **Delta-Schoolcraft Great Start Little Explorers** 1pm-2pm at First Baptist Church, 319 Walnut St Manistique. A time for kids 0-5 years old with adult supervision to play and explore. No Reservation is required. For more information contact Monica Powell at 574-274-1949 or mpowell@dsisd.net

5/16/25 **Delta- Schoolcraft Great Start Music and Movement** 10am-11am at the Manistique School & Public Library. Come join us for a morning of music, movement, and fun as we wiggle, shimmy, and shake to children's music. We will have a parachute and fun musical instruments that we incorporate into the morning. A free book and light snack are provided. This event is aimed for children 0-8 with adult supervision, but all are welcome! 100 N Cedar St Manistique MI

5/17 & 5/18 **Warbler Wonderland Birding Festival** 7am Join us on the weekend of May 17 & 18 as we tour known birding hotspots under the guidance of local bird experts. Our Saturday afternoon session will feature a social hour and keynote speaker (TBA). Tickets are \$20 and include transportation, snacks, and a commemorative t-shirt. For more information call 906-286-2890 Schoolcraft Conservation District Office, 100 North Cedar Street, Manistique, MI

5/21/25 **Delta-Schoolcraft Great Start Garden Party Storytime** 10am-11:00am Join us at the Manistique Senior Center to read stories all about gardening! We will have a fun craft where we will be painting flowerpots and planting seeds to learn how a plant grows! A snack will be provided. All are welcome! 101 Main Street, Manistique.

5/17 though 6/8 **Made U.P Art Showcase Event** All artists living in the Manistique area are invited to showcase one piece of art. There is a \$10 entry fee per artist. The display will be open every day except Sundays from May 17th to June 8th. Please contact 708-341- 2782 for more information. Lake Effect Community Arts Center, 244 S Cedar St, Manistique, MI

5/24/25 **Makers Market** 10am-3pm on the Street between Triangle Park and Lake Effect Art Center There will be artisans, crafters and more! We will be featuring an array of handmade items and various crafts. If you are interested in being a vendor, please message the Facebook page

5/24/25 **"The Great Outdoors" Free Movie Event** 10pm Free event! Join us for our first night of the 10th season at the ONLY Drive-In Movie Theater in the Upper Peninsula! At dusk, around 10 pm, we will be screening the classic film, THE GREAT OUTDOORS from 1988. Highway 2 Community Drive In Theater 5885W US Highway 2, Manistique, MI

5/28/25 **Manistique Farmer and Artisan Market** 5pm-6:30pm Located at Triangle Park (Oak St and Arbutus Ave in Manistique) Every Wednesday fresh and local food, crafts, and other items. On Rainy days the market moves indoors to Lake Effect Arts at 244 S Cedar St

5/29/25 **Backpack Buddies Food Distribution** 2:30pm-4:30pm in the parking lot of Zion Lutheran Church in Manistique. If you need to pick up food on an alternate date, please call the church at 906-341-5427 and leave a message with your name and number.



SPRING MOM-TO-MOM SALE & SWAP

MAY 3RD 1-3PM

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
319. WALNUT ST. MANISTIQUE

\$10 per table for sellers

JOIN US FOR A MOM TO MOM SALE WHERE PARENTS HAVE A CHANCE TO SWAP, SHOP, AND SAVE ON CHILDREN'S ITEMS. ENTRY INTO THE EVENT IS FREE. REFRESHMENTS AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.

CONTACT MONICA POWELL AT (574) 274-1949 FOR TABLE INFORMATION



DELTA-SCHOOLCRAFT GREAT START

Garden Party Storytime

WEDNESDAY MAY 21, 2025

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

MANISTIQUE SENIOR CENTER
101 MAIN STREET MANISTIQUE MI

Come join us for a story time all about gardening! We will have a fun craft where we will be painting flowerpots and planting seeds to learn how a plant grows! A small snack and free books will also be provided. Everyone is welcome!



MUSIC AND MOVEMENT

10AM-11AM

MAY 16 2025

MANISTIQUE SCHOOL & PUBLIC LIBRARY
100 N CEDAR ST. MANISTIQUE MI

COME JOIN US FOR A MORNING OF MUSIC, MOVEMENT, AND FUN AS WE WIGGLE, SHIMMY, AND SHAKE TO CHILDREN'S MUSIC! WE WILL HAVE A PARACHUTE AND FUN MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS THAT WE INCORPORATE INTO THE MORNING. A FREE BOOK AND A LIGHT SNACK ARE PROVIDED. THIS EVENT IS AIMED FOR CHILDREN 0-8 WITH ADULT SUPERVISION, BUT ALL ARE WELCOME!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MONICA POWELL AT MPowell@DSISD.NET OR 574-274-1949

LITTLE EXPLORERS

At First Baptist Church in Manistique

COME AND JOIN US!

THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF
EVERY MONTH

1PM - 2PM

319 WALNUT STREET MANISTIQUE
FREE! NO RSVP REQUIRED

INSPIRES COLLABORATION, SOCIAL
AND BODY AWARENESS AND A
LOVE OF EXERCISE FOR 0-5 YEAR
OLDS WITH ADULT SUPERVISION

For more information contact Monica Powell at mpowell@dsisd.net or 574-274-1949



SUMMERTIME DAY CAMPS

Summer is just around the corner. It's best to make a plan early. Here are some local summer day camps to check out. (Spots are limited in Delta-register early) Look for more summer fun ideas in our June newsletter.



- YMCA Summer Day Camps (5-12 year old)
- Wells Summer Program (5-6 year old)
- YMCA Camp Harstad (6-17 year old) special needs camp
www.nlymca.com, 906-789-0005 Scholarships available
- We Rock the Spectrum-UP North 906-553-7186 (ages 3 and up) Overseen by a psych/behavior coordinator and RN.
- Summer Day Camp at Schoolcraft County Fairgrounds (3 ½ to 18 years old) 4seasonsfairfun@centurytel.net, 906-286-9185



MI Car Seat Law Changes

Beginning April 2, 2025



Public Health



Michigan child passenger safety laws are changing. See below for how the law has changed. Remember, safest practice is to always make sure safety belts, car seats, and boosters are snug and not too big.

Before April 2025

After April 2025

Rear Facing 	Children have to be in a rear-facing car seat until the child is either: • At least 1 year old. • Under 20 lbs.	Children have to be in a rear-facing car seat until the child is either: • At least 2 years old. • Over the weight or height limit set by the maker.
Forward Facing 	Children under 4 years old must ride in a back seat if possible. If all back seats are taken by children under 4, then they may ride in a car seat in the front seat. A child in a rear-facing car seat may only ride in the front seat if the airbag is turned off.	Children have to be in a forward facing car seat, <u>with an internal harness</u> , until the child is either: • At least 5 years old. • Over the weight or height limit set by the maker.
Booster Seat 	Children have to be in a belt-positioning booster seat, secured with a lap-to-shoulder safety belt, until the child is either: • At least 8 years old. • At least four feet nine inches tall.	Children have to be in a belt-positioning booster seat, secured with a lap-to-shoulder safety belt, until the child is either: • At least 8 years old. • At least four feet nine inches tall.
Back Seat & Buckled 	Children, ages 8-15 , must buckle up in any seat in a vehicle. Age 16 and up, people in front seats, both driver and passenger, must buckle up.	Children under 13 years old , must: • Use a properly fitting safety belt. • Be in the back seat, if there are back seats that are not all taken by other children.

Sources: MCL - Section 257.710; MI House Bill 4511 of 2023 (Public Act 21 of 2024); <https://www.michigan.gov/tsp/divisions/ohsp/child-passenger-safety>



Keep Kids Safe with Free Gun Locks

Michigan's secure storage law was passed to help protect Michigan families – particularly children – from the tragedies of gun violence and unintentional firearm injuries.

To obtain a free cable gun lock, residents can visit a local MDHHS office to request one or check with their local health department, some of which also have gun locks available. MDHHS staff who make home visits can access gun locks if a client has a need or requests one.

Free gun locks can additionally be obtained through Project ChildSafe police partners across the state. Gun lock installation instructions are included within the product's packaging and available on the Project ChildSafe website. To learn more about Michigan's Secure Storage Law, visit:

Michigan.gov/secure-storage-law

Free Online Parenting Classes

Early Childhood Online Extension Extra Parenting Hour

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

- 5/6/25: **Together We Can**
- 5/13/25: **Intro to HOPE (Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experiences)**
- 5/20/25: **Purpose of Play**
- 5/27/25: **Let's Talk: Parent and Provider Communication**

Kinship Caregivers

- 5/14/25 **Reducing Challenging Behaviors in Toddlers** 7pm- 8:30pm

Class Series

5/2-6/6 Online Parent Talk System Webinar for Kinship

Caregivers. The Parent Talk System is a course for caregivers of toddlers to teens to improve communication and provide strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children. Offered at no cost. 11:30am-1pm

5/14-6/18 **Online Parent Talk System.** The Parent Talk System is a course for caregivers of toddlers to teens to improve communication and provide strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children. Offered at no cost. 11:30am-1:00pm

5/15-6/12 **Online Guiding Principles for Highly Successful Parenting** Guiding Principles is a FREE online course for parents of toddlers to teens to learn strategies for helping children, parents and families be successful. 7:30pm-9:00pm

Free Online Self-Paced Classes

These classes can be completed at your own pace.

- **Positive Discipline:** Adults learn how to create appropriate environments and experiences that help young children learn self-control.
- **Infant Safety "Sleeping, Crying, Driving."** A three-part course covering infant safe sleep, how to handle extended infant crying and guidelines for transporting your child safely.
- **MI Parenting Resource**

This program supports caregivers in strengthening their parent-child relationships and enhancing positive child behaviors.

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FREE Special Education Webinars for Families

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for registration & more special education information

- 5/6 **The Power of Connection: Peers** 12pm-1:30pm
- 5/7 **Collaborating on Transition** 4:30pm-6:00pm
- 5/12 **Collaborative Communication in Special Education** 11:30am-12:30pm
- 5/13 **Supporting Student Mental Health** 9:30am-11:00am
- 5/14 **Preschool with an IEP** 12:00pm-1:00pm
- 5/14 **Growing Up with Self Determination** 4:30pm-6:00pm
- 5/15 **Parent Advisory Committees: Choosing Topics** 4:30pm-5:30pm
- 5/19 **IEP: A Closer Look** 2:00pm-3:30PM
- 5/21 **Moving on from Early On** 4:30pm-5:30pm
- 5/28 **Disability is Not a Bad Word** 4:30pm-5:30pm

Series

4/25& 5/2 **Behavior is Communication** (two-part webinar) from 1:00pm-2:30pm.

Delta-Schoolcraft Great Start Collaborative

OPEN HOUSE

at

We Rock The Spectrum[®]
KID'S GYM

For All Kids - Up North

1401 N. 26th St. STE 118. Escanaba

Friday May 9th

4:30pm-6pm for kids 0-6 years old
6:30-7:30pm for kids 7-12 years old

Haven't had a chance to visit and see what it's all about?
Great Start is providing a sneak peek at this special open house.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. SPACE IS LIMITED.
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Tips with Tosha

Well-Child Visits are Important!



Well-child checks are so beneficial and important to everyone involved. They can be easy to skip, but we highly encourage you to keep them! They are a great time to discuss concerns, detect health problems early, make sure vaccinations are up to date, monitor developmental milestones, and get referrals when needed. Detecting problems early means better long-term outcomes. Early intervention is key! Some parents are afraid to 'label' their kids. Labels simply help your child get the services and supports they need for success. It doesn't define or change who they are. Well-child checks also give you and your child a chance to learn about their health and interact with their medical care provider. If your child is nervous about going, you can ease their anxiety by explaining the purpose of the visit, preparing them with stories, and reinforcing positive experiences with rewards and praise. If you feel uncomfortable with your provider, know that you're never locked into any specific doctor. It is okay to get a second or third opinion if you feel you need one. If your doctor gets mad because you seek another opinion, it might not be the right fit for your family. It is your right to find a doctor you are comfortable with. This benefits your child's health and future by fostering a positive relationship with their healthcare providers. Did you know you don't need a pediatrician for your child? A family doctor is perfectly acceptable, especially in a smaller community where it's harder to find pediatricians accepting new patients. A doctor's visit can be a fun learning experience for everyone involved and promotes lifelong good health!

~Tosha Mason is a Public Health Delta & Menominee Counties W.I.C. Employee, Delta-Schoolcraft Great Start Family Coalition member, and mother of five beautiful children.



Baked Bananas

Bananas make the perfect dessert when you add brown sugar and raisins!



Ingredients

- 6 bananas, sliced lengthwise
- 6 tablespoons packed brown sugar
- 4 tablespoons margarine or butter
- 1/2 cup raisins, or other dried chopped fruit
- 1/3 cup chopped pecans

Directions

1. Wash hands with soap and water.
2. Preheat oven to 350 °F.
3. Lightly grease a 9x13 inch pan.
4. Arrange the split bananas in the pan.
5. Top evenly with brown sugar, small pieces of margarine, raisins, and pecans.
6. Bake for 30 minutes.

Pro tips:

- Try adding ½ teaspoon (or more) cinnamon or a dash of cayenne to the other toppings.
- When bananas are peeled or cut, the flesh starts to brown. Browning bananas might not look attractive but they are safe to eat. Reduce browning by peeling or cutting just before using.