

GREAT START PARENT & CHILD



PLAYGROUPS

Fall & Winter
playgroups will be
held at Spies
Public Library.

10:30—noon on
most Mondays
(call 906-863-
5665 ext. 1018 or
go to our website
for details).



October **LITERACY NIGHT:**

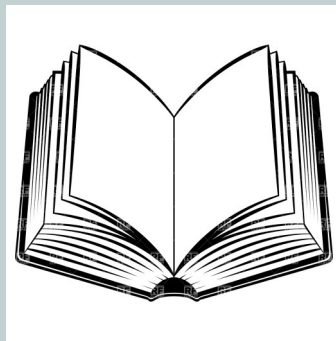


Our first Literacy Night of the school year was at Spies Library from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Children wore costumes, and listened to a story read by Ms. Sandy in the dark with a flashlight! After, the children made a mummy craft, played parachute, and everyone took home a free book and some candy! We had two winners drawn for a package of new books and a mug filled with candy.



Next Literacy Night: **FAMILY FORT NIGHT**
Spies Library **Nov. 14th 5:30-7:00**
Call 906.863.3911 to Pre-Register

1000 Books B4 Kindergarten Graduates!



Congratulations to newest graduates who have completed the 1000 book challenge at Spies Public Library in Menominee!

We will be holding a graduation ceremony August 2018 for any children who graduate!

This huge accomplishment sets these children up for a successful educational experience for the rest of their lives. If you are interested in signing your child up, please contact Spies Public Library by stopping by or calling

906.863.3911





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Menominee County Parent Coalition



Concerned about your child's development? Ages 0-5? Call the Intermediate School District to schedule a **FREE** evaluation! Your child may qualify for our **FREE** services:

- ⇒ Speech Therapy
- ⇒ Occupational Therapy
- ⇒ Physical Therapy
- ⇒ And More!

These services are not based off of your income! Early intervention is key to your child's future successes!

Call now!
805-863-5665

Calling all parents!

We are looking to revive our Parent Coalition. The parent coalition is made up of parents interested in helping programs for the young children (ages 0-8) in our area. You can help as much or as little as your schedule allows! **NO** education or experiences required (other than being a parent!)

Those who attend receive:

- ♥ Childcare or Childcare reimbursement (varies)
- ♥ Mileage
- ♥ Lunch or Dinner included if meeting is at a meal time

Call **906-863-5665 ext.1046** or email at jmacdonald@mc-isd.org if you are interested in joining us!

Like our Facebook page: **Great Start Parent Coalition Menominee County**



Join our meetings!

January 31st 10:30-11:30

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1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM:

Free to children before they enter Kindergarten! Register at Spies Public Library at any time or call for more info.!



READ FROM BIRTH!

Too few parents get this message. Too few understand the window of rapid brain development that begins at birth. Begin reading to your newborn and continue throughout their early childhood years!



Places to Go & Things to Do --Fall 2017

Libraries

Spies Public Library *Menominee, MI*. Story Hour on Thursdays at 10:30

Menominee County Library *Stephenson, MI* Story Hour on Fridays at 10:00

Stephenson Library *Marinette, WI* Visit website for program guide:

<http://marinettecountylibraries.org/library/marinette/>

YMCA Events– Please call the Y at 906-863-9983

Afterschool Programs: Five sites total in Menominee, Marinette and Peshtigo. Educational enrichment, activities and physical play are available.

All participants must pay an enrollment fee of just \$40; after that, YMCA members are free and the general public is just \$3 a day or \$10 a week. People may contact Joe Plautz for more information, joe@mmymca.org.

Gymnastics/Tumbling/Ninja Classes: Programs are available for boys and girls who are walking up to 18 years old. People may also rent the gymnastics center for parkour or cheerleading practices (ages 12-18). Minimum of five paying participants.

Swimming Programs: Available for children six months and older. Class times and days vary, and are available to a variety of skill levels.

Salvation Army– Call Marla 715-735-7448

Youth Center: Open to all youth ages 6-17. Homework assistance, table games, crafts, darts, foosball, pool table, air hockey, ping pong and more.

Located at 76 Russell St., Marinette

Open: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri. 2:30-6 PM & Wed 2:30-7 PM

Upcoming Dates

November 13th Parent/Child Playgroup 10:30-12 at Spies Public Library

November 14th Family Fort Night 5:30-7. Free Program! Please call Spies Library @ 906.863.3911 to pre-register. Build a fort as a family, read a story, eat a snack and learn about Early Reading Practices. Take home a free book for each child!

November 16th Conscious Discipline Training

Free! 5:30-7 PM at Evergreen School /Menominee Early Childhood Center at N1329 US Hwy41. Parents can call to sign up at 906.863.7588

November 17th Menominee Downtown Parade & Tree Lighting

Parade runs down 10th Avenue then right onto 1st street. Santa will lead the way to the tree lighting following where FREE hot chocolate and cider will be served. FREE Horse-drawn carriage rides from 7-9PM. Dancing and singing performances, giving of the first gift of Christmas and drawing for Grand Marshal of 2018's parade. Canned food drive.





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AREA FALL EVENTS CONT...

November 17-19

Holiday Shopping Open House Specials and treats in downtown stores in Menominee. FREE Carriage rides Saturday and Sunday.

Old World Christmas Market Bandshell Park in Menominee. Market will feature local and regional artisans and craftspeople offering handmade merchandise. Event will be in a heated tent.

November 23rd YMCA Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk: Held at 8AM Thanksgiving morning. A free community event to get hearts pumping before turkey dinner. People may call 906-863-9983 for more information to register.



November 24th

YMCA Babysitting Certification: American Safety and Health Institute Child and Babysitting Safety Course, held from 9AM– 3PM, for ages 10-21. \$50 includes one course and lunch provided. Registration is open now at the welcome desk. People may contact ivys@mmymca.org for more information.

Thanksgiving Dance and Skate Party: 7PM-10PM Marinette Recreation Department. \$5.00 a participant

November 27th Parent/Child Playgroup 10:30-12 at Spies Public Library

November 30th

Movie Night POLAR EXPRESS! At Spies Library 5-7PM

Hemp Jewelry Making Ages 10 and up. Prickly Pear Studio. Cost is \$15.00 a participant. Call 715.330.8927 to pre-register



December 1st YMCA Youth Fun Nerf Gun & Swim

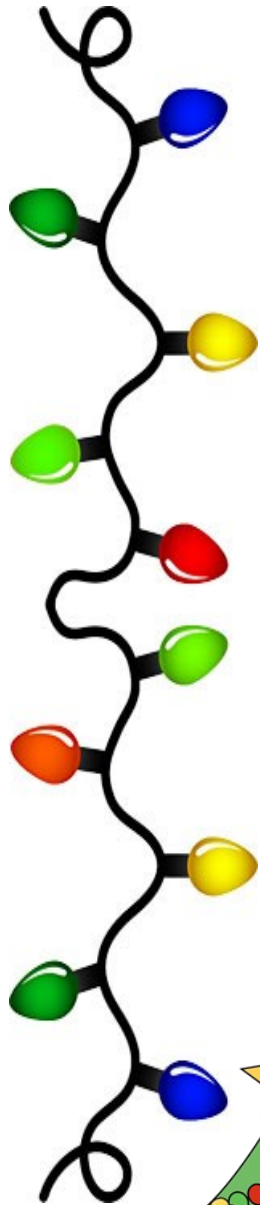
Held for grades 2 and 3 from 6 to 8 p.m. Includes various obstacles and cover for our kids to have “pick-up style” nerf gun battles and contests. Participants must bring their own nerf weapons, but we will provide the bullets. These weapons must shoot standard nerf “N strike” bullets. Please label your own weapon and just one nerf weapon per child. In addition to that, we will have swim time, so please bring a suit and towel. Registration is required so call 906-863-9983 or email joe@mmymca.org. Check in and day-of registration opens at 5:40 p.m. Registration on or before Nov. 29 for members \$3; general public \$6. Prices go up after this day.



December 2nd

Christmas in Marinette Open house at the Marinette Fire Department. Parade a 1:00PM. Open house at Marinette Welcome Center 2-4PM with entertainment, refreshments, and prizes. Stephenson Public Library Open House will include a visit with Santa plus entertainment, refreshments and crafts from 2-4PM.

Holiday Open House Stephenson Public Library. Start out the holiday season with a little fun at the library! Following the parade, join us for the First Street Academy dancers, Santa reading stories, hot cocoa and cookies from the Friends



of the Library, a Narnia themed activity, and a take home craft.

December 4th Parent/Child Playgroup 10:30-12 at Spies Public Library

December 6th Womans Health Screenings Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Navigation Program, WISEWOMAN, and the Women's Health Clinic offer screenings. People may call the Public Health Department, Menominee to make an appointment and determine eligibility in Menominee. 906.863.445 |

December 9th Visit Santa at Spies Library! 10:30-12:00PM

Craft and Vendor Show Pine Tree Mall 10 AM

December 11th Parent/Child Playgroup 10:30-12 at Spies Public Library

December 12th Holiday Literacy Night 6PM @ Spies Library Free Program! Read stories, have a snack, and learn about another early literacy reading essential! Take home a free book for each child!

December 21st Conscious Discipline Training Free! 5:30-7 PM at Evergreen School /Menominee Early Childhood Center at N1329 US Hwy 41. Parents can call to sign up at 906.863.7588

Meet Menominee County Great Start's



Parent Liaison

Jennifer MacDonald

A little about me:

July 1st, 2017 I started as the Parent Liaison for Menominee county. I am excited to breathe some new life into our Parent Coalition and increase membership. I have spent the last 6 years working as a Great Start Readiness Teacher with 4 year olds in Menominee County. I am married with two children; Nora, age 5, and Margaret (Maggie) age 3. I earned my Bachelors in Elementary Education with Minors in Early Childhood, Social Studies, and Language Arts at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. My family moved to Menominee when I was 4 years old and most of my immediate family still resides in the community.

THANKSGIVING ASSISTANCE

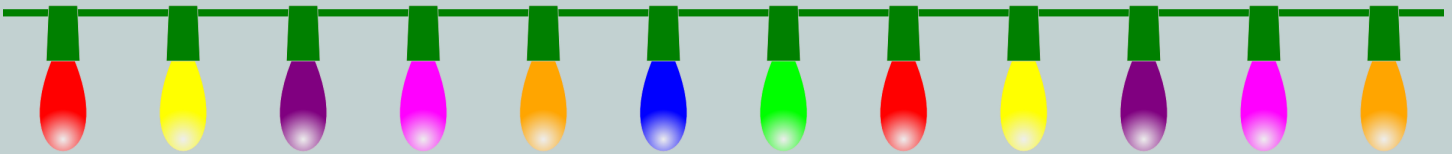
OPERATION THANKSGIVING FEAST.

Email: projectgive906@gmail.com if you or a family you know are in need of a Thanksgiving meal. No questions, no judgement, just love.

NOVEMBER 23RD

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER. Free dinner held by Northwood's Apostolic Church from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Crivitz Village Hall. Menu will consist of traditional foods – turkey, potatoes, gravy, corn, stuffing, pies, drinks and more. People may register by calling 715-938-4935. Reservations are not necessary but would be appreciated.

THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY DINNER. Held by St. Mary's Church, Peshtigo from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the school gym. The event is open to the public and there is no charge for the meal.



CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE



APPLICATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE.

Held by the Salvation Army. Includes an appointment pick out coats. Held (Mon.Wed.Fri) 9:30 am. - 3:00 pm. Please bring: Proof of Income for everyone in the household. Proof of Address, proof of ID, Social Security Cards for all members in the household. Please feel free to call 715-735-7448. Visit www.samarinette.org for more information about The Salvation Army.



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Sample items:



\$Kids Cash Store\$

Have a bunch of Kids Cash accumulated? Now you can redeem your Kids Cash for items to get your kids moving, thinking, & learning! These items promote positive play and family together time, brought to you by the Menominee County Great Start

Parent Coalition. View the Kids Cash Store at www.greatstartmenomineecounty.org under Kids Cash Tab. Each picture is worth \$10 Kids Cash, based on availability.

To redeem:

Call Menominee County Great Start at (906) 863-5665 ext. 1046 or

e-mail kidscash@mc-isd.org to give advance notice so the package can be prepared.

****Items will be held for 48 hours****

Bring your 10 Kids Cash to:

Menominee County Intermediate School District
1201 41st Avenue, Menominee MI

***Please note: items not picked up within 48 hours will be put back into the Kids Cash Store and will be available for redemption from other families. Limit of 2 items per family per month.*



Sets are categorized by “recommended” age group.

A: Ages 0-2, B: Ages 2+, C: Ages 4+, D: Ages 6+, E: Ages 8+

