

Summer 2016

Collins Elementary



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Summer Vacation

Summer vacation has arrived. We have had a terrific school year and have witnessed growth by all students. It is a fun experience to watch the students grow as individual learners.

education by having them visit museums, libraries and other educational experiences. Hopefully they will have opportunities to see and visit landmarks of our great city and the state of Michigan.



Take some time this summer to keep up with your student's

Keep collecting Box tops and Campbell soup labels.

Students were sent home with big baggies labeled box tops.

Keep collecting those box tops and Campbell soup labels during the summer and be ready for the Fall contest!



Preschool – Forest Hills



“Children are natural imitators. They learn by watching their parents. Involve your child in daily tasks and explain what you are doing in ways they can understand....(excerpt from Bright Beginnings newsletter



Did you know that Forest Hills has a Preschool? The Traditional Preschool program is held at Ada Elementary and Knapp Forest Elementary for four year olds. This is a state licensing private preschool program.

The four year old programs for both locations are:

Monday - Friday

9-11:30 a.m.

\$280 month

Your child must be 4 years of age by September 1, 2016. Please register online at www.fhps.net/childcare or contact Schools Plus office @ 493-8787. You will need an original birth certificate and non-refundable \$100.00 deposit (this will be applied towards your first month bill).

Preschool – Great Start Readiness Program

Collins Elementary School is host to a program funded by the State of Michigan. This program is set up and run through the Kent Intermediate School District (KISD). Teachers are certified and hired by KISD, but work very closely with our building principal and office on procedures, etc.

Great Start Readiness is a

free program made possible by state funding. It is available to four-year old children who meet financial and other eligibility criteria. Children must be 4 on or before September 1, 2016 for next Fall enrollment.

GSRP is play based preschool program, working on managing group play behavior and gross/fine motor skills.

Families may call the county-wide preschool

Intake Line at (616)447-2409 to learn if their child is eligible based on qualifying factors or visit preschool.kentisd.org.



Forest Hills Summer Day Camp

Get set for a fun-packed Summer Day Camp program here in Forest Hills. Registration information is available online at www.fhps.net/childcare/summerdaycamp Signing up for any number of weeks either for full or half days equals fun

activities and exciting field trips to fill your child's summer days. Summer Day Camp begins on June 13th through August 26th and is available for kids entering kindergarten in the fall through kids entering 6th grade.

For more information

you may contact the Child Care Services Office at 493-8787.

Thank you.



SUMMER RESOURCES

http://www.fhps.net/about-us/community-fliers/
Forest Hills Summer Day camp
http://www.enjoylearning.com/
http://media.fhps.net/K6
Kent District Library Summer programs
*GRASP www.grps.org
* www.summerskills.com
*Summer Laker Writing Camps (spearss@gvsu.edu)
* Khan Academy
*University of Detroit Mercy http://www.udmercy.edu/reading/ Reading Skills classes held at Cornerstone University 1-800-978-9596 to register
John Ball Zoo Education Programs JBZOO.org

PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR 2016-2017

June 17 – The last day that the office is open

August

15 – Office reopens

24 – Kindergarten Ready!Set!Go! 9-10:30 am

26 – Newcomers Orientation 9-10:30 am

31 – 1st – 4th grade Open House 4-5 p.m.

Ice cream social continues until 6 p.m.

September

5 – Labor Day – enjoy the last summer holiday!

6 – First day of school – full day

School begins at 8:40 a.m. – which means
students should be in their classrooms,
3:45 p.m. dismissal

*Students who come to school before 8:20 a.m. will be asked to sign up for before school childcare. No drop-offs before 8:20 a.m. in the front lobby.



2016-2017 District Calendar: Forest Hills Public Schools will be following the Kent ISD Common Calendar for the 2016-2017 school year. **The complete school year calendar is still being determined for Forest Hills Public Schools** in reference to breaks, the holiday recess, exams, and professional learning days. Please check back throughout the summer at the district webpage for additional updates, or call the administration office, 493-8800.

September 6, 2016

First day of school for students

November 23-25, 2016

Thanksgiving break

December 23, 2016 – January 2, 2017

Winter break

April 3 – 7, 2017

Spring break

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Is your child up-to-date with Vaccinations?

Vaccines are not just for infants and kindergartners. Immunity provided by childhood vaccines can wear off. Please make sure your child is current with his/her vaccines by contacting your health care provider. The following additional vaccines are required for all students prior to

entering sixth grade this fall:

- Meningitis (MCV4)
- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap booster)

The following vaccines are recommended for students ages 11-18:

- Human Papillomavirus

(HPV) – males

- Annual flu vaccine
- Meningitis (MCV4)
- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap)
- Hepatitis A
- Varicella (chickenpox booster)



Have a wonderful
summer

We will see you
in the FALL!