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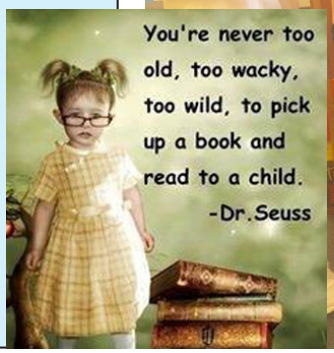

SPRING 2020 CLASSROOM READING MONTHS

Over 80 COMMUNITY READERS are scheduled to read to PRE-K to GRADE 3 classes in 9 local schools. We sure hope to visit classrooms this April and May. **MYRON BERRY** has been a classroom reader for years and he just loves read to his smiling children! Myron is a Kiwanis officer and engineer who believes in the importance of early literacy and family.

IMAGINATION LIBRARY FUNDING

It takes many BIG HEARTS to guarantee our local children are mailed books to their homes each month from the DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY. Much appreciation to: United Way, IM-K Kiwanis Club and Great Start funder - Michigan Office of Great Start, the Dickinson Iron Imagination Library early literacy initiative has system built for over six years to mail out over 1,000 books each month to enrolled children ages birth to five living in Iron and Dickinson Counties.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

Please Take A Card and Envelope

Great Start puts high value and praise on the importance of sustaining the Imagination Library program for all local children. To help support the Imagination Library, Great Start leaders have placed funding cards in 20 Dickinson and Iron County locations. $25 donated supports an annual enrollment for 1 child to be mailed books monthly.

BOOK MAILBOXES

Over the past year, 7 more book mailboxes were place in downtowns and office areas in Dickinson and Iron Counties. 21 Great Start Book Mailboxes are presently available for families to select books to take home.

2020 BOOK DRIVE

Great Start will continue book drives taking place at Great Start family events scheduled during 2020. **REACH OUT AND READ** books will also continue to be distributed to medical clinics by Great Start and Community Center leaders.

COMMUNITY CONNECT EVENTS

A POPULAR EVENT THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

On Saturdays November 7 and 14 the 2020 Community Connect Events will be held at the Windsor Center and the Our Place Community Center - 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. More information will be sent out in September.

HELP CARDS - JUNE 2020

DHHS - Child-Adult Protective Services Central Intake
michigan.gov 855-444-3911
NORTHCARE - Treatment
northcare-up.org/index.html 800-306-6564
AL-Anon area61afg.org 265-5402/265-3721
Great Lakes Recovery greatlakesrecovery.org 774-2561
Dial HELP dialhelp.org 800-562-7622
Divert - Domestic Violence 774-7581
National Hotline 800-662-4357

COUNSELING SERVICES
DC Caring House ..... 774-1112 / 774-5524
IC Caring House caringhouseim.wordpress.com 875-9971
Catholic Social Services cssup.org 774-3323
Dial HELP dialhelp.org 800-562-7622
DC Lutheran Social Services 800-677-7410
IC Lutheran Social Services 265-5378
DC Northpointe Behavioral Health nbhs.org 774-0522
IC Northpointe Behavioral Health nbhs.org 265-5126
Great Lakes Recovery Center 774-2561
UPCAP upcap.org 774-9918
Iron Mountain Counseling Center 239-9918
Aspen Counseling And Recovery 202-9444
D'Amico Counseling 720-840-7598
NORTHCARE northcareup.org 888-906-9060

FOSTER CARE LICENSING
Dickinson County michigan.gov 290-2135
Iron County michigan.gov 290-0997

OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
DC Veterans Service Officer ironmountain.va.gov 774-2820
IC Service Officer ironmountain.va.gov 265-3819
Veterans Hospital ironmountain.va.gov 774-3300

Support Services

DIISD	779- 2690
GREAT START	779- 2695
EARLY ON	779- 2692
REFERRALS/INFO	2-1-1
EMERGENCY	9-1-1
DRUG COUNSELING	
HOT LINE TEXT	35HELP

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DC - Dickinson County
IC - Iron County
COMMUNITY RESOURCES

JUNE 2020

2020 Great Start HELP CARDS will be edited and printed in May and distributed in June. Look for an email with a copy of the 2019 Help Card service agencies. All edits can be emailed to Barb:

greatstart@imupmi.com

EDUCATION SERIES UPDATE

4 EDUCATION SERIES scheduled for April and May will be moved to October and November: Robotics, Grandparents Parenting, Counselor Connections-meet local counselors, Parent Leaders-Parent Voice, Book Walk-Families Reading Together, Important Early Childhood Programs.

REMEMBER:
The more information we have, the better decisions we can make!

EDUCATION SERIES

RECRUITING LEADERS - READY!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

As soon as we know when groups can meet again and postponed events are ready to reschedule, there will be a VOLUNTEER CALL TO ACTION to provide help at Great Start Events and parent leaders to help facilitate new Great Start Parent Coalition initiatives.

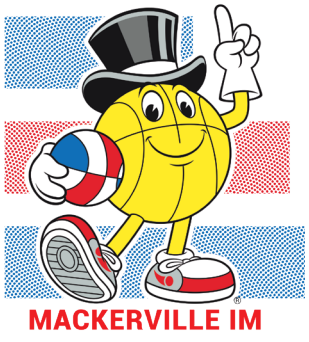
VOLUNTEERS

SUMMER FAMILY EVENTS 2020

FAMILY FUN DAYS
GREAT START MEETINGS
ACTION TEAMS
GREAT START PARENT MEETINGS
IMAGINATION FACTORY MUSEUM OPENING

DATES-TIMES-PLACES ANNOUNCED . . .

GUS MACKER WEEKEND 2020



CHILDREN love playing on 3-on-3 Gus Macker Basketball Teams. TEAMS OF 4 can sign up at the following website link:

macker.com/local/iron-mountain-mi

STAY TUNED to Gus Macker Basketball Tournament Announcements - MACKERVILLE IM weekend tournament dates are pending . . .

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