



Van Buren Early Childhood ~ Giving children a GREAT START!

September/October/November 2017

Calendar of Events



**Great Start Parent Coalition (GSPC) & Family Links
Fall Adventures!**

Great Conversations and Family Fun, Come Check Us Out!

Digging for Dinosaurs September 28th, 6-7:00 pm

VBISD Conference Center, 490 S Paw Paw St., Lawrence
FREE fun learning activities for young children



Harvest Moon Acres October 12th, 5:30-7:00pm

18725 M-40, Gobles,
COST: \$5.00/person, Children 2 & under FREE

Farm activities for young children. Pumpkin and snacks included. (Note: NO Corn Maze)

Please RSVP to Angela*



South Haven GSPC Morning Gathering 9:30-11:30am

HOPE Parent Resource Center, 901 S. Bailey Ave.,
Wednesdays Sept. 20th, Oct. 18th & Nov. 15th

Snack Provided & Children Welcome.

Paw Paw GSPC Morning Gathering 10:00-11:30am

Freshwater Church (former school building)
600 E. Michigan Ave. Paw Paw
Tuesdays Sept. 19th, Oct. 17th & Nov. 21st

Snack and Childcare Provided.



Evening Lawrence Gathering 5:30-7:00pm

Van Buren Technology Center, 250 South St. Lawrence
Thurs. Nov. 9th

Dinner and Childcare Provided

*For more information or to RSVP,
please contact

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**FAMILY LINKS PAL GROUPS
STARTS WEEK OF OCTOBER 2ND**

**WELCOME BACK NIGHT 9/28 6-7PM
DIGGING FOR DINOSAURS**

VBISD Conference Ctr, 490 S Paw Paw St., Lawrence
Play and Learn activities designed for
2-4 year olds. Siblings welcome.
Come play from 9:45-11:00 am
at any of these 4 PAL locations

MONDAY

*MATTAWAN - Mattawan Community Church,
23680 Front Ave.

TUESDAY

*DECATUR - Decatur First Reformed Church
319 1/2 W. Delaware St.

Hearing and Vision Screening: 10/24/17

THURSDAY

*SOUTH HAVEN - Hope Parent Resource Center
901 S. Bailey Ave

Hearing and Vision Screening: 11/16/17

FRIDAY

*BANGOR - Bangor Community Ed Center
12 North Walnut

Can park & enter back door off Arlington St..
(closer to PAL room)



**PAL Groups, there is more
going on than you may think!**

Play and Learn (PAL) Groups are offered around the county and are wonderful, fun times for your child. But there is a lot of learning going on too. All the activities, snacks and story times are helping your child learn and get ready for school.

There is something for you too!

- Free play for children to practice positive social skills
- Songs, finger-plays, and stories build early reading skills
- Snack time helps develop self help skills
- Parents and children spend time together with creative learning.
- Adult time to connect & share with other families with young children
- Certified Parents As Teachers® family educator to answer questions & provide resources
- Educational tips to help prepare your child for school success!

COMMUNITY PARTNER PROGRAMS

TEEN HOPE: Tuesdays 5-7pm

Support & Education for pregnant and parenting teens age 21 and younger with children under 1 1/2 years old. Both moms and dads are welcome!

HOPE Parent Resource Center
901 S. Bailey Ave., South Haven

Contact (269) 872-3172 for more information.



Questions? call (269) 539-5214

Events on this list are open to all families and sponsored by Great Start Collaborative & VBISD Early Care & Education.