



Newsletter

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OUR PLACE COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE

Our Place Community Center Board Members have been implementing a start up plan to start connecting with children, teens, adults and the elderly in the next two months. **GOOD NEWS:** A building location has been approved and starting in two weeks renovations will begin.



The Imagination Factory Children's Museum Committee has compiled an exhibit list and action planning will start happening in September. Please contact Cherie Fila, Brit Anderson, Megan Buck or Sara Pericolosi if you have a plan to build or sponsor a children's museum exhibit. In addition to the Children's Museum Committee, other active Our Place Community Center start up committees include: Community Awareness, Design, Training Team, Fund Development and two Boards: Executive Board and Board of Directors.



BUDDY U.P.

NEW LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN - Great Start, IM-K Kiwanis, United Way of Dickinson County, Dickinson Area Community Foundation, Our Place Community Center Training Team, Communities That Care, Great Lakes Recovery, Health Department, Superior Health Foundation and the YMCA are collaborating to distribute resource tool kits to elementary school teachers and child care providers. Each Buddy U.P. Tool Kit will contain the following resources: Peace Walk Cards, Buddy U.P. Teacher's Guide, Peace Walk Steps and other information for teachers. A You Tube Video will be available that explains the following drug prevention and leadership programs for children in preschool to grade 4:

Program	Goal
BUDDY BENCH	Sitting and Talking - Making New Friends
BUDDY NOTES	Inspiring Positive Connections
NO BUDDY EATS ALONE	Talking to Students during Lunch
PEACE WALK	Introducing 6 Steps to a Fair Argument
LIGHTEN UP	Learning How to Relax with Service Dogs



NEW GREAT START WEBSITE READY IN SEPTEMBER

Great Start will be hosting a [new greatstart4kids.org](http://newgreatstart4kids.org) website in September! At this time, the two current Great Start websites are not being updated weekly. Special features of the NEW Great Start Website:

- Great Start Calendar
- Imagination Factory Children's Museum Updates
- Parent Leader Page
- Child Care Provider Page
- School and Event Photo Album and Homepage Postings
- Event and Meeting Information
- Community Center Family Events



GREAT START SUMMER SPOTLIGHT AWARDS

BETH WAITROVICH AND MEGHAN RUDELL were awarded the prestigious Great Start Spotlight Award this summer for their leadership, dedication and compassion that consistently has made a difference in the lives of children and families in our community. Well-deserved recognition to BETH at MSU Extension and MEGHAN at Housing Commission. Thank you leaders!



FAMILY FUN DAY OUTDOOR EXTRAVAGANZA

Saturday, September 15 Great Start and MSU Extension are partnering to host the Annual FAMILY FUN DAY OUTDOOR EXTRAVAGANZA at **Lake Antoine Park!** 12 activity booths will be set up, picnic lunch served, free books for children, fishing, arts & crafts and more. **10:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

**FAMILY FUN DAY
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CHILDREN FIRST
CELEBRATION
EVENT ON
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5
Save The Date!