EOAC Head Start
2026-2027 PARENT & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR

This calendar is your go-to guide for important dates, special events, family activities, and opportunities to get involved in your child's Head Start journey. We're excited to partner with you to support your child's growth, learning, and success!

July 2026					
Event Title	**Description**	**Date**	**Format**	**Target Group**	**Location**
1st Home Visits	An initial meeting between the teachers, CFA and the family to build relationships, learn about the child, and set goals for the school year.	Teacher will set up date/time with parent	In person	All parents	In child's home
August 2026					
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1st Home Visits	An initial meeting between the teachers, CFA and the family to build relationships, learn about the child, and set goals for the school year.	Teacher will set up date/time with parent	In person	All parents	In child's home
Parent Orientation	Families learn about Head Start services, meet staff, review policies and expectations, and explore how the program partners with parents to support child and family success.	During enrollment appointment	In person	All new parents	At child's Head Start center
August 2026					
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Meet the Teacher	Families tour the classroom, meet teaching staff, learn daily routines, and hear how the program supports children's learning and development.	Thursday, August 06,2026 5pm-7pm	In person	Parents of children enrolled at West Avenue Jumpstart	West Avenue Elementary
Meet the Teacher	Families tour the classroom, meet teaching staff, learn daily routines, and hear how the program supports children's learning and development.	Monday, August 10,2026 4pm-6pm	In person	All parents	At child's Head Start center
Meet the Teacher	Families tour the classroom, meet teaching staff, learn daily routines, and hear how the program supports children's learning and development.	Tuesday, August 11,2026 4:30pm-6pm	In person	Parents of children enrolled at Harmony Science Academy Jumpstart	Harmony Science Academy
1st Parent Committee Meeting	Parents are introduced to the committee's purpose, review bylaws, elect Parent Committee officers, select meeting days/times, and discuss ways to support the program and plan future activities.	Check the postings at your child's Head Start Center for the event date	In person	All parents	At child's Head Start center
Policy Council Meeting	Representatives and Alternates—your input matters! Join us to help guide decisions and stay informed. All parents are welcome to attend and observe.	Third Wednesday of the month at 5:30pm	Virtual	Policy Council Representatives and/or Alternates	Virtual
September 2026					
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Open House	Come explore your child's classroom, meet the teachers, and learn more about our Head Start program! Open House is a great opportunity to connect, ask questions, and see how we support your child's learning and development.	Check the postings at your child's Head Start Center for the event date	In person	All parents	At child's Head Start center
Grandparent Day Celebration	Children honor grandparents with songs, stories, and crafts. Families are invited to join the fun with classroom visits, refreshments, and activities.	Tuesday September 08,2026	In person	All grandparents	At child's Head Start center
Father/Male Engagement Kickoff	A special event that encourages fathers and male role models to engage in their child's education through fun activities, relationship-building, and program connection.	Check the postings at your child's Head Start Center for the event date	In person	All parents	Thurman E. Dorsey Head Start
Latin Festival	A celebration of Latin American culture featuring music, dance, food, and family-friendly activities.	Check the postings at your child's Head Start Center for the event date	In person	Parents from Thurman E. Dorsey	Thurman E. Dorsey Head Start
September 2026					
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Parent Committee Meeting	Monthly gathering where parents collaborate with staff to plan activities, support family engagement, and provide input on program decisions.	Check the postings at your child's Head Start Center for the event date	In person	All parents	At child's Head Start center

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October 2026					
Event Title	**Description**	**Date**	**Format**	**Target Group**	**Location**
1st Parent/Teacher Conference	Meet with the teacher to discuss your child's progress and set goals.	Teacher will set up date/time with parent	In person	All parents	At child's Head Start center
1st Quarterly Health/Mental Health Advisory Committee Meeting	Learn about our health services, share ideas, and help guide wellness efforts for Head Start families.	Thursday, October 08, 2026 12pm-1pm	In person	All parents	Thurman E. Dorsey
Quarterly Family Goal Review	Check-in with your CFA to discuss progress and update goals for your family's success.	Date/time set up by parent & CFA	In person	All parents	At child's Head Start center
World Mental Health Day	A day to raise awareness about mental health, reduce stigma, and remind ourselves of the importance of caring for our emotional well-being.	Friday October 09, 2026	In person	All parents	At child's Head Start center
Head Start Awareness Month Activities	Red Ribbon Week Join us for fun activities all month to celebrate and learn about the benefits of Head Start programs and drug prevention making healthy, safe choices for children and families.	Monday October 19-Friday October 30, 2026	In person	All parents	At child's Head Start center

Trunk or Treat & Health Drive Thru	Conveniently pick up and enjoy a safe, fun Halloween with decorated car trunks filled with treats & surprises, and pick up Health resources, including Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) & Mental Health information without leaving your car!	Saturday October 24,2026 10am-12pm	Drive thru	All parents	Thurman E. Dorsey Head Start
October 2026					
Event Title	**Description**	**Date**	**Format**	**Target Group**	**Location**
Math Night	Enjoy hands-on activities that make math fun for the whole family.	Thursday October 29,2026 4pm--5:30pm	In person	All parents	At child's Head Start center
Harmony Fall Festival	Celebrate the season with fun games, family activities, and festive treats!	Check with parent postings at Harmony Science Academy	In person	Parents from Harmony	Harmony
West Ave-Fall Festival/Open House (Math)	Celebrate the season with fun games, family activities, and festive treats!	Check with parent postings at West Avenue Elementary	In person	Parents from West Avenue	West Avenue Elementary
Parent Committee Meetings	Monthly gathering where parents collaborate with staff to plan activities, support family engagement, and provide input on program decisions.	Check the postings at your child's Head Start Center for the event date	In person	All parents	At child's Head Start center
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November 2026					

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Parent Committee Meetings	Monthly gathering where parents collaborate with staff to plan activities, support family engagement, and provide input on program decisions.	Check the postings at your child's Head Start Center for the event date	In person	All parents	At child's Head Start center
Harvest Meal	Families are invited to share a festive meal with their child and celebrate the season together. The delicious meal is prepared by our talented nutrition staff!	Check the postings at your child's Head Start Center for the event date	In person	2 Adults per child	At child's Head Start center
Annual Program Governance Training & Policy Council Meeting	Policy Council Representatives and Alternates are invited to attend our required Annual Program Governance Training. Learn about your roles, responsibilities, and how shared decision-making supports the success of our Head Start program.	TBD	In person	Policy Council Representatives and Alternates	Thurman E. Dorsey Head Start
December 2026					
Event Title	**Description**	**Date**	**Format**	**Target Group**	**Location**
Winter Wonderland	Join Policy Council (parent) representatives for annual Winter Wonderland event.	Saturday December 01,2026	In person	All parents	Thurman E. Dorsey Head Start
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January 2027					
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Quarterly Family Goal Review	Check-in with your CFA to discuss progress and update goals for your family's success.	Date/time set up by parent & CFA	In person	All parents	At child's Head Start center
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February 2027					
Event Title	**Description**	**Date**	**Format**	**Target Group**	**Location**
2nd Home Visit	A follow-up meeting to review progress, strengthen the family-school partnership, and update goals for the child's development.	Teacher will set up date/time with parent	In person	All parents	In child's home
February 2027					
Event Title	**Description**	**Date**	**Format**	**Target Group**	**Location**
2nd Quarterly Health/Mental Health Advisory Committee Meeting	Learn about our health services, share ideas, and help guide wellness efforts for Head Start families.	Thursday February 11,2027 12pm-1pm	In person	All parents	Thurman E. Dorsey Head Start

Read for the Record	Join us for a special event celebrated where teachers nationwide read the same book, promoting early literacy and a love of reading. Volunteer to read to your child's classroom!	Thursday February 25, 2027	In person	All parents	At child's Head Start center
Kindergarten Transition Info Night	Join us this spring as local Kindergarten principals and school staff visit to answer your questions about enrolling your child in Kindergarten! Learn what to expect and how to help your child succeed in this exciting next step. Don't miss this chance to get important info and support!	Thursday February 25, 2027 Time TBA	In person	Parents of children transitioning to Kindergarten	At child's Head Start center
Black History Month Celebration	Join us to celebrate Black history and culture through music, stories, and student activities.	Check the postings at your child's Head Start Center for the event date	In person	All parents	At child's Head Start center
Re-enrollment Begins	Update your child's information and complete forms to save their spot for next year. Staff will assist as needed.	Parent must make appointment with CFA to set up date/time	In person	Returning families	At child's Head Start center
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March 2027					
Event Title	**Description**	**Date**	**Format**	**Target Group**	**Location**
Dr. Seuss Week	Join us for a fun, literacy-themed week celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday with dress-up days, read-alouds, and engaging activities to promote a love of reading.	Monday-Thursday, March 1-4, 2027	In person	All parents	At child's Head Start center
Family Literacy Night	Join us for fun, hands-on activities that build reading skills and promote a love of learning at home.	Thursday March 04,2027 4pm-5:30pm	In person	All parents	At child's Head Start center
March 2027					
Event Title	**Description**	**Date**	**Format**	**Target Group**	**Location**
National CACFP Week	Join us for a week of fun parent-child activities celebrating healthy eating through the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). Children can earn a certificate for completing the week's activities!	Monday-Friday, March 14-20, 2027	In person	All parents	At child's Head Start center
6th Annual Box Car Show	A fun event where children and their parents build and decorate box cars to encourage creativity and parent-child engagement.	Thursday March 18, 2027 Time TBA	In person	Thurman E. Dorsey families	Thurman E. Dorsey Head Start

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April 2027					
Event Title	**Description**	**Date**	**Format**	**Target Group**	**Location**
Parent Satisfaction Survey	Your voice matters! Please take a few minutes to complete our Head Start Parent Program Satisfaction Survey and help us improve our program for you and your child.	1st week of April, 2027	Survey via email	All parents	Your email
April 2027					
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Quarterly Family Goal Review	Check-in with your CFA to discuss progress and update goals for your family's success.	Date/time set up by parent & CFA	In person	All parents	At child's Head Start center
Run for Autism 5K, Fun Walk for Autism 1K	Families and staff come together to raise awareness and show support for autism through a community run & walk. Join the run, walk or volunteer at the EOAC Head Start Booth!	Saturday, April 3, 2027	In person	All parents	Check back for the location
Week of the Young Child (WOYC)	Take part in this special week of themed activities celebrating young children, learning, and family fun!	Monday-Thursday, April 12-15,2027	In person	All parents	At child's Head Start center

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May 2027					
Event Title	**Description**	**Date**	**Format**	**Target Group**	**Location**
Father Engagement Survey	We want to hear from you! Please take a moment to complete our Father Engagement Survey and share how we can better support and involve fathers and father figures in our Head Start program.	1st week of May, 2027	Survey via email	All fathers/father figures	Your email
May 2027					
Event Title	**Description**	**Date**	**Format**	**Target Group**	**Location**
2nd Parent/Teacher Conference	Review your child's growth and update goals for continued success.	Teacher will set up date/time with parent	In person	All parents	At child's Head Start center
Muffins for Moms	Moms or mother figures are invited to enjoy muffins and quality time with their child at school.	Thursday May 06,2027	In person	All Moms	At child's Head Start center
Mental Health Awareness Week (dress up days, fliers, teacher awareness)	Join your child in celebrating a week of activities and resources to promote children's emotional well-being and support family mental health.	Monday-Friday, May 10-14, 2027	In person	All parents	At child's Head Start center

3rd Quarterly Health/Mental Health Advisory Meeting	Learn about our health services, share ideas, and help guide wellness efforts for Head Start families.	Thursday May 13,2027 12pm-1pm	In person	All parents	Thurman E. Dorsey Head Start
EOAC Head Start Family Fun Day	Join this special End of Year event filled with games, activities, music, and food for the whole family to enjoy together—celebrating community, connection, and fun!	Last Day of School	In person	All parents	At child's Head Start center
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Harmony Fun Day	Join this special End of Year event filled with games, activities, music, and fun!	Check with parent postings at Harmony Science Academy	In person	Harmony Parents	Harmony Science Academy
West Avenue Elementary Funday	Join this special End of Year event filled with games, activities, music, and fun!	Check with parent postings at West Avenue Elementary	In person	Parents of West Avenue Elementary	West Avenue Elementary
Parent Committee Meeting	Monthly gathering where parents collaborate with staff to plan activities, support family engagement, and provide input on program decisions.	Check the postings at your child's Head Start Center for the event date	In person	All parents	At child's Head Start center
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June 2027					
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Parent Committee Meeting	Monthly gathering where parents collaborate with staff to plan activities, support family engagement, and provide input on program decisions.	Check the postings at your child's Head Start Center for the event date	In person	EHS Parents	At child's Head Start center
Donuts for Dads	Dads or father figures are invited to enjoy donuts and special time with their child at school.	Thursday, June 17, 2027	In person	EHS Dads	At child's Head Start center
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July 2027					
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Parent Committee Meeting	Monthly gathering where parents collaborate with staff to plan activities, support family engagement, and provide input on program decisions.	Check the postings at your child's Head Start Center for the event date	In person	EHS Parents	At child's Head Start center
Family Fun Day	Join this special End of Year event filled with games, activities, music, and food for the whole family to enjoy together—celebrating community, connection, and fun!	Last Day of School	In person	EHS Parents	At child's Head Start center
Quarterly Family Goal Review	Check-in with your CFA to discuss progress and update goals for your family's success.	Date/time set up by parent & CFA	In person	EHS Parents	At child's Head Start center