



Greetings!

We hope you are staying warm and healthy during this frigid winter! Thank goodness for warmer temps on the horizon. 🌨️❄️

Our February Newsletter focuses on Black History Month, ways we can incorporate literacy essentials in our everyday routines, and a wonderful highlight from Too Small to Fail acknowledging the community literacy awareness work happening in Detroit and Wayne County.

We hope you enjoy and share it!

We also hope you will visit our website and take advantage of the many free/low-cost family-friendly events, including a variety in honor of Black History Month.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to email feedback@greatstartwayne.org.

Have an amazing February,

Laketa Thompson,
Director



February Celebrates Black History Month!

Click on the picture to the left, and it will direct you to Events happening in Detroit/Wayne County that you can enjoy with your family. Attending these events is a great way to teach your children about **Black History** and have family fun!

Watch the cute video below. These are children from the **Great Start Parent Coalition** family reading "Hey Black Child" by **Useni Eugene Perkins**. Enjoy!



Valentines day is February 14th! This is a fun holiday for both children and adults. Use the **Talking is Teaching** graphic above to start a conversation with your children. Click on the link below for book and video recommendations for young children.

[Talking is Teaching book Recommendations](#)

Check out the Sesame Street Story Time Video about love!

[Sesame Street: Love from Sesame Street | Story Time with Alan Muraoka](#)

Help us promote **February 2023 National Children's Dental Health Month**. Starting children off with great oral health is getting them off to a great start in life.



The [Michigan Department of Health and Human Services](#) is happy to bring you the Healthy Kids Dental (HKD). Dental coverage at no cost to you. This program is available to children who have Medicaid and are under the age of 21.

Additionally, 8 out of 10 dentists accept HKD. Check out all of the details by [clicking here!](#)



Want to learn more about Oral Hygiene? Join the **Great Start Parent Coalition** on February 16th. **Delta Dental** will answer your oral health questions!

Great Start Parent Coalition presents: **Oral Hygiene with Delta Dental!**

February 16th @ 1pm

In this virtual meeting:

- The importance of oral health
- Why it's important for regular dental check ups?
- Discuss healthy kids dental plans

Register at: greatstart.org/events

[Register by Clicking here!](#)

CELEBRATE NATIONAL READING MONTH AT LITERACY FEST

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15TH 3:30PM-6:30PM

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY AND ENJOY:

- A LITERACY FOCUSED CONCERT, FREE FOOD, CRAFTS, GAMES, AND MORE!
- ALL KIDS WILL GO HOME WITH FREE BOOKS FOR THEIR HOME LIBRARIES!

REGISTER AT: GREATSTART.ORG

Join the Great Start Collaborative in partnership with Durfee Innovation Society at Literacy Fest! Literacy Fest is an annual celebration to come together around Literacy! Together we will Talk, Read, & Sing through different stations around the facility. You will have a blast exploring resources, games/crafts, engaging performances, and everyone will go home with FREE BOOKS! (Thank you to our friends at [Rx Library](#) for the books!)

Questions? Email feedback@greatstartwayne.org

Register today by clicking the button below!

[Register here for the Literacy Fest!](#)

TOO SMALL TO FAIL

On May 16, 2022, the **Great Start Collaborative Detroit/Wayne** hosted **Too Small To Fail** and **Chelsea Clinton** to see firsthand how we are implementing a "Talking is Teaching: Talk, Read, Sing" campaign. It was great to know they included us in their year review newsletter! Take a look at the [newsletter](#), and remember to listen to the [podcast](#) included in their newsletter.



Don't forget to visit the **Great Start Detroit/Wayne County [Webpage](#)**. It is updated daily with current help, fun, resources, events and so much more. If you have any comments, please sent them to feedback@greatstartwayne.org.

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