

Enfield

KidZ Sports Ready For Another School Year

Local Sports

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KidZ Sports is back for another school year and will open on Sept. 20 with flag football! Kidz Sports, a program provided by Educational Resources for Children, Inc. (ERfC), is designed to offer girls and boys an opportunity to participate in an after school sports experience in a team environment. All Enfield students in grades 1-6 are invited to participate at Barnard, Crandall, Parkman, and Stowe Elementary Schools. Families must provide transportation if a student does not attend a participating school. KidZ Sports runs from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. for grades 1 through 3 on Monday and Wednesday and grades 4 through 6 Tuesday and Thursday.

KidZ Sports Coordinator Jeff Rhein said, "We are back and bigger than before. This is a great program and I'm very excited with the demand for its return. Due to the popularity of KidZ Sports in its first year, we are expanding to new schools and hope to continue the expansion into the school year," he added. "As a first year program last school year, we couldn't have asked for a better turn out," continued Rhein. Last year KidZ Sports served over 170 kids at three different schools.

Rhein said, "What is particularly exciting about KidZ Sports is that there are no cuts, and no tryouts. If you register, you will participate. Every kid gets to play, be a member of a team, and work on their skills," he added. The focus of KidZ Spots is centered on participation, team building, and keeping kids engaged in group sports. "Countless studies point to the conclusion that participating in team sports is beneficial in building positive relations, self-esteem, and healthy active children," said Rhein.

All students must be registered to participate in KidZ Sports. Cost of registration is \$60 and includes a KidZ Sports T-Shirt. Space is limited to 40 children in each age group per session. Apply online at www.KidZSports.us. Applications will also be available in the school offices and town library by Sept. 1. For more information about KidZ Sports e-mail jrhein@kidzsports.us or call Mr. Rhein at 860-253-9935.