

Sandwich Partnership for Families



Your Community Connection for you and your child to thrive!

A free, public program of the Sandwich Schools, open to all families with young children

April Newsletter

April Is the Month Of The Young Child! While we will be celebrating all month with a *parent workshop*, a *new class*, a *fun field trip*, a *videogram of Discovery Center fun* & an *invitation to eat out*, we also ask you to consider the needs of those struggling with providing for their newborn on Cape Cod. We are partnering with The United Way's 1st **Cape Community Baby Shower** to collect small items that will make a big difference in the day to day lives of those mothers for whom this shower is very likely the only one they will have. Donations of NEW clothing, baby items, diapers etc. will be collected in the Discovery Center until April 24th. Thank you for thinking of every little thing... & person!

Discovery Center News:

Drop-in playgroups at the Forestdale School each morning from 10-11:30 every weekday but Tuesday. Stop on in! During the Week of April 9th, we will be videotaping a public information segment on the Discovery Center. Please attend this week ONLY if your child's image may be recorded & used for public domain.

NEW! April 2nd! Monday Registered The Great ART-Doors Art Class with Miss Hannah of the Sandwich Arts Alliance from 2-3 pm. Register by emailing lmelillo@sandwich.k12.ma.us with your name & the age of your child(ren).

Friday, April 27th, 10 am- Field Trip! Join Ranger Samantha Gray at the Herring Run! No Discovery Center today!

Due to School Vacation Week, there will be NO P.J. Playdate This Month- The Discovery Center Will be Closed on April 16th- April 20th. Reminder: We follow all Sandwich School Closings & delayed openings (no playgroups). *Dining For A Cause Do Over! Our last date was cancelled due to the March power outages, so Marshlands Restaurants is **rescheduling the Sandwich Partnership fundraiser to Wednesday, April 25th with a donation to our program for everyone who comes in as a friend of the SPF! So meet friends for breakfast- have lunch on the half-day- celebrate with ice cream- join us for dinner!***

Community Partner Programs:

Friday, April 6th- Sandwich Public Preschool Annual Screening Date- Have concerns about your preschool child's development? Wish to be consider as a typical friend for a very high-quality & affordable preschool program? Please call David Thomas, Early Childhood Coordinator at 508-477-6600 ext 198 All Screenings are **by Appointment Only**

Tuesday, April 10, 4-5:30 pm- Sandwich Partnership for Families Council Meeting, Forestdale School. Come be a part of our program, and provide crucial input into next year's activities, services & parent programs! RSVP to lmelillo@sandwich.k12.ma.us for **childcare only.**

Tuesdays, until April 10, 10-10:45- Yoga for Every Body with Jess Melville continues with this gentle stretching & relaxation class. FREE, thanks to the Sandwich Kiwanis, but you **must** register at www.sandwichrec.recdesk.com

Fridays, ending May 25th, 9:30-10:30- Every Kid Dance! Continues. This community program is open to all parents & children who want to move with the music! You **must** register through the Rec. Dept at

Saturdays, until April 21st, 9:30-10:30- Lap Babies storytime continues for babies ages birth to 20 months & their caregivers. Join Early Childhood Specialist Kathy Gattoni for stories, lap games, & discussion time for parents. Register thru event calendar, www.sandwichpubliclibrary.com. Funding support from the Friends of the Sandwich Library.

Tuesday, April 24, 5:30-7, Playing On Purpose Parent Workshop- Forestdale School. Learn interactive strategies & techniques designed for all parents who want to make play time more *purposeful AND enjoyable* for both of you!.

Thursday, April 26, 5-6:30 Home Is Where The Heart Is Adoption Support Group- Note Earlier Start Time!

Facilitated by the nice folks from Adoption Journeys, this group is open to all foster/guardian/adoption/kinship families. Free dinner & Discovery Center playtime provided for those who preregister by emailing lmelillo@sandwich.k12.ma.us

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