

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

October Newsletter

The Discovery Center at The Forestdale School:

-Wednesday & Friday Drop-in Playgroups will continue from 9:30-11, welcoming children from infancy to school-age. No eligibility requirements just bring your license or other photo i.d. to the School's Main Office.

-On October 1st registered playgroups will begin with Miss Chris from 10-11:30 on Mondays. No group Oct. 8th.

Beginning Oct. 4, on Thursdays, a registered group with Lauren G. will be held from 9:30-11.

Special Events:

Tuesday, Oct. 2nd, 6-7 Sandwich Partnership Council Meeting at the Sandwich Public Library, followed at 7 p.m. Keeping Kids Safe presentation by Susan Whalley, of the Enough Abuse Campaign All community members concerned about child sexual abuse are invited to attend a forum and discussion focusing on creating a community that protects children from child sexual abuse and makes perpetrators accountable for their actions related to child sexual abuse. We cannot be ashamed to talk about it! Please join us for the conversation.

Community Partner Programs:

Saturday, October 20th, 11-12:30- Pasta & Puppets Show & Luncheon, Sandwich Public Library. Join us for our annual event *Strega Nona!* This wonderful magical tale stars a good Grandma witch. Many thanks to **Marshlands Restaurants and Bakeries** and the **Friends of the Sandwich Public Library** for sponsoring this event. **FREE** but you must register at www.sandwichpubliclibrary.com event calendar beginning 10/6.

Friday, October 12, 5:30-7:30 Fall Festival at the Sandwich Rec. Dept., 34 Quaker Meetinghouse Rd.

Mark your calendars for a fun family night! Live music, petting zoo, games, face painting, balloon tying, hay rides and more! \$5/person or \$20/family (food at additional cost). Don't miss out on this fun family night, right here in Sandwich! **Saturday, October 27th, 2:30-4:30, Sandwich Police Dept.'s Trunk Or Treat! Heritage Museums & Gardens Free event,** but a

donation of a new, unwrapped toy is appreciated for the Toys for Tots drive. Extreme bad weather will cancel.

Tuesdays, 9:30-11, Little Naturalist Outdoor Exploration, continues at Oak Crest Cove Come explore the great outdoors, and all the creatures who share our world with us! Please wear weather appropriate clothing, and shoes for adventuring in! Generously funded by the Sandwich Kiwanis. Best for preschoolers, though younger siblings are welcome.

Register at <https://secure.rec1.com/MA/sandwich-ma/catalog>

Thursday, October 18, 5-6:30- Home Is Where The Heart Is Adoption Support Group, Forestdale School 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 you preregister by emailing lmelillo@sandwich.k12.ma.us

Friday, 9:30-10:30 Every Kid Dance, Oak Crest Cove continues. This adaptive dance and music program for preschoolers combines many styles of movement, from African dance to yoga, plus features live drumming. This is a **free but registered program**, ages 3-7. Register at <https://secure.rec1.com/MA/sandwich-ma/catalog>

Save The Dates:

Starting in November, Free programs in collaboration with the Sandwich Rec. Dept.!

Registration open now at <https://secure.rec1.com/MA/sandwich-ma/catalog>

Story Yoga will begin on Tuesday November 13 & continue until December 18th, from 9:30-10:30. We will begin with a story, then use that as the basis for all the yoga poses & moves. This is a **registered program**, best for preschoolers, though younger siblings are welcome. Register through <https://secure.rec1.com/MA/sandwich-ma/catalog>

Young Athletes Special Olympics Program Registered movement program for children ages 2-7 with developmental disabilities or concerns. Fridays, from 9:30-10:30, Nov. 9th-Dec. 21.

Beginning Monday, Nov. 13- Dec. 17, from 1:30-2:30- The Great Art-Doors! Parent & Child Art Program with Miss Hannah of the Sandwich Arts Alliance. Using natural mediums & materials, we will create by exploring the beauty of nature, bringing the outside in! *Registration forms will be available in the Discovery Center beginning Oct. 29th.*

Keep In Touch! Our Twitter Handle! @sandpartnership Follow us for daily updates, cancellations, and week-end Best Bets. Or LIKE our Facebook Page, Sandwich Partnership for Families. Visit our webpage for our Google Calendar-

www.sandwichpartnership.org Call the Sandwich Partnership Office at 508-477-6600, ext 132 at The Forestdale School, 151 Route 130, Forestdale, MA 02644 or email lmelillo@sandwich.k12.ma.us

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