

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.

December Newsletter

This month, we will continue our focus on family as the most important relationships in your child's life. We will be creating a **Patchwork Paper Quilt of Family Photos in the Discovery Center**. We would love it if you could bring one in to display on our bulletin board, as we celebrate all the uniqueness that together makes us the special community we are.

Special Events:

-Tuesday, December 4th, from 6:30-7:30, Calm In A Box - Join Charity O'Neill to discuss strategies for stress reduction in children, especially key over the holidays, when excitement, loss in routines, & over-tired children can create the perfect storm of emotions. We will assemble a "tool kit" using found items such as toilet paper rolls, small containers, and a shoe box. Let us know you're coming by emailing Imelillo@sandwich.k12.ma.us

The Discovery Center Play and Learn Groups at the Forestdale School:

-Registered playgroups continue on Mondays 10-11:30 with Miss Chris & on Thursdays 9:30-11 with Lauren G.

-Wednesday Drop-in Playgroup 9:30-11 continues, welcoming children from infancy to school-age.

- Fridays 9:30-10:30 Basically for Babies Drop in Playgroup, (0-2) siblings welcome, with Lauren G.

-Fridays, 11-12:30 Munch-A-Bunch-A-Lunch Drop in group also with Lauren G.

-Field Trip Friday, Dec. 14th at 10:30 a.m., Holiday Concert with our senior friends! Meet at the Council On Aging for a holiday concert by the Oakridge School band, followed by lunch bunch at the Discovery Center.

-Winter Solstice Celebration, Friday December 21st, 11-12:30 Celebrating the season as we end our winter session with songs, stories, special snack & more. Everyone welcome!

****Please Note: Discovery Center will be closed from Dec. 24-Jan.2 for winter vacation.****

Community Partner Programs:

-Thursday, Dec. 13th, 5-6:30- Home Is Where The Heart Is Adoption Support Group, Forestdale School.

Facilitated by Val Perry from Adoption Journeys, this group is open to all foster/guardian/adoption/kinship families. Free dinner & Discovery Center playtime provided you preregister by emailing

Imelillo@sandwich.k12.ma.us by 12/12.

-Story Yoga Tuesdays, continues until Dec. 18th, from 9:30-10:30. We begin with a story, and then use that as the basis for all the yoga poses & moves. This is a free but registered program, best for preschoolers, but younger siblings are welcome. Register through <https://secure.rec1.com/MA/sandwich-ma/catalog>

-Young Athletes Special Olympics Program Fridays, from 9:30-10:30, Nov. 9th-Dec. 21. No cost movement program for children ages 2-7 with developmental disabilities or concerns.

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-Mondays, Nov. 19- 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.

Keep In Touch! Our Twitter Handle: [@sandpartnership](https://twitter.com/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 x. 132**, email us at: Imelillo@sandwichk12.ma.us, or mail us **c/o Forestdale School, 151 Route 130, Forestdale, MA 02644**.

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