

# Sandwich Partnership for Families



*Always fun, always free public programs of the Sandwich Schools, open to all families with young children.*

## **March Newsletter**

We here at The Sandwich Partnership enjoy our time with you & your family. We want to thank you for sharing your "parenting journey" with us. We understand that this journey will have it's ups & downs, and want you to know we are here for you in the good times, and in the tough times. Please reach out if there is ever anything we can do to help. Our mission is to support you & your child, no matter what challenges you encounter; behavioral, emotional or even financial, we can help you find the resources you need. Just ask!

### **Special Events:**

#### **Lucky Leprechaun Family Fair, 1-4 p.m., Sat. March 16<sup>th</sup> at the Forestdale School**

Free day of fun featuring many of Sandwich's early childhood programs & services. Face painting, Irish Step Dancing, Pot O'Gold Smoothies, hands on activities & more.

#### **Understanding Your Child's Temperament w/Cindy Horgan, 7 p.m. The BBC, Sandwich**

Come hear this dynamic, practical & humorous speaker for insights into your relationship. **No cost but you must register by Thurs. 3/14** by emailing [lmelillo@sandwich.k12.ma.us](mailto:lmelillo@sandwich.k12.ma.us) Refreshments available for purchase

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

##### **Drop-in Playgroups:**

- 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.

**Registered Play Groups:** Mondays 10-11:30 with Miss Chris is full. Limited registration for Thursday's group from 9:30-11 with Lauren G. **with pre-registration only.**

***All playgroups & classes will be cancelled when the Sandwich Public Schools close. Morning groups & classes will not be held when there is a school delay for inclement weather.***

### **Community Partner Programs:**

#### **-Saturday, March 2, 9:30-10:15 Lap Baby Program with Kathy Gattoni, Sandwich Public Library**

For babies ages birth-20 months. Includes stories, songs, and discussion time for parents. Meets Saturdays:; March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30; April 13 and 20. Cosponsored by the Sandwich Partnership & the Friends of the Sandwich Library. Free but you must register at [www.sandwichpubliclibrary.com](http://www.sandwichpubliclibrary.com) event calendar

#### **-Thursday, March 7 Kindergarten Info Night 6:30-8 Forestdale School for all incoming kindergartners.**

#### **-Fridays, March 8 or 29 Free Public Preschool Screening, by appt. only 10:30-3:30, Forestdale School**

Do you have, know, or work with a three or four year old? Is he/she meeting all his/her developmental milestones? Do you have concerns about language development, fine motor, gross motor, or thinking skills? This screening helps families identify children's potential needs. It is not a kindergarten readiness test. Contact David Thomas at 508-477-6600 x 198 or [dthomas@sandwich.k12.ma.us](mailto:dthomas@sandwich.k12.ma.us)

#### **-Saturday, March. 9<sup>th</sup>, 11-12:30 Teddy Bear Picnic in the Wild West! with the Sandwich Public Library.**

Hey Partners! Bring your peanut-free vittles & favorite "stuff" for a picnic & sing-along with Cowgirl Kathy. Free, but you must register at [www.sandwichpubliclibrary.com](http://www.sandwichpubliclibrary.com) event calendar, beginning on Sat.2/23.

#### **-Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 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. Pizza & Discovery Center playtime provided free by emailing [lmelillo@sandwich.k12.ma.us](mailto:lmelillo@sandwich.k12.ma.us) by 3/19.

- Fridays, from 9:30-10:30, Young Athletes March 8-April 12. In conjunction with the Sandwich Rec. Dept. No cost sports program of fun activities important for physical & mental growth of children ages 2-8. This program is also made possible through the generosity of the Sandwich Kiwanis

-Mondays, March 4- April 1, from 1:30-3 POP! Playing On Purpose at the Sandwich Rec. Dept., Hamilton Hall Kelly Rodriguez of Early Childhood Consultants leads this parent-child activity series for children ages 0-5 This program is made possible through a Tower Grant to the Cape Cod Challenger Club

**Keep In Touch!** Our Twitter Handle: **@sandpartnership**. 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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