

Sandwich Partnership for Families

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

October 2020 Newsletter

What a wonderful month we have had exploring with you! Despite a couple of rain outs, we enjoyed reacquainting with old friends and meeting new ones. We will continue to adventure outside this month, and possibly even into November. Please take a moment and fill out the survey so that we know what kinds of programs you would most like! Survey link

On Monday, October 19th at 1:30p.m., join us to share more ideas and learn more about upcoming programs at our **October Sandwich Partnership Council Meeting**, held virtually of course. Please email Lauren at lmelillo@sandwich.k12.ma.us for a Zoom invitation and link.

October's Story Walks AND Chalk Walks! No registration necessary but please wear masks and observe social distancing. Please take the time to click the QR code to let us know you came **Begins October 8 at the Cape Cod Canal Visitors Center!** *'Why Do Leaves Change Color'*

October 29th & 30th at the Wing School Fields! *"The Little Old Lady Who Wasn't Afraid of Anything"* Weather dependent. Come in costume for even more fun! All ages welcome!

Little Naturalist and Toddler Storytime programs are full and continue through October. Please accept an invitation from our Remind service for real time updates and notifications if you are registered.

On Wednesdays, Stroller Walk & Talk with Lauren G. and Lauren M. will leave at 8:30 from Wing. We will begin and end each session with a story and fingerplays. Best for babies in under the age of two. All children must remain in the stroller, and parents must wear a mask when not socially distanced. Register at <https://form.jotform.com/202444022783045> **Wed. Oct. 28th will be costumed parade!**

Thursday night Oct. 8th at 8 p.m.- Home Is Where The Heart Is Adoption Support Group via Zoom This group celebrates the variations that adoptive families, foster families, kinship guardians, etc. are dedicated to. Valerie Perry of Adoption Journeys, will facilitate the discussion each month. This non-therapeutic group is for everyone who could use the support and sharing that other families can offer along this "journey". Please email Val at vperry@cfservices.org for an invitation.

Halloween Happenings!

Trunk Or Treat at Oak Crest Cove! Saturday, October 31st, 10-1. Join the Sandwich Police Dept. and the Sandwich Partnership for the 7th Annual Trunk or Treat! The Sandwich Rec Dept. is hosting this event with a contactless, family friendly event. For more info visit <https://www.sandwichmass.org/156/Programs>

Sandwich Library Virtual Storytimes continue through October every Thurs. and Fri. from 10-10:30 with Mr. Parsons, and Til, of course! For more information, click here:

<http://www.libraryinsight.net/calendar.asp?dp=&sm=&jx=spp&nMonth=10&nYear=2020&x=3>

We continue to offer **Ages & Stages Questionnaires** that will provide insights and information on your child's current abilities, and what to expect next. This free tool is a great way to learn more about your little one's growth & development and is included as part of your child's registration. Just click on the link to begin! <https://www.asgonline.com/family/cd703b>

Free Brown Bag Lunches for every kiddo in Sandwich- ages 0-18, Mon- Fri, 11-1! Just drive on up to the Sandwich High School's back car loop. Remember, these nutritionally balanced meals are FREE until December 31st!

Childcare Needed? Alternative care for remote learners? Call the SPF Office at **508-888-1054 ext. 5125** for help! For out of town programs, try using the [Licensed Child Care Search Tool](#) which is available on the EEC website Search by zip code and radius, by commuting route, or by provider name to find out what licensed child care options are available and are currently operating.

Have you visited the WGBH Family Activities online yet? There are some occasions when limited screen time is appropriate to use, but please use discretion with what young children are viewing. You can trust our friends on public T.V. to offer high-quality alternatives to commercial programming. Click here to see more: <https://www.wgbh.org/distance-learning-center/family-activities/3-5>

Struggling with Mental Health Illness for someone in your family? NAMI is here to help! Beginning in October, the Virtual Support Group will meet the first Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. If you wish to participate, please contact the NAMI office at 508-778-4277 to be connected with Julianne Sullivan.

Need help with bills, food costs, mortgage or rent? Mass 211 will connect you with a live help line to assist you- just dial 211 for this free service! Our new mobile phone number for you to text if we can help with a question, concern or suggestion to offer. Please add **508-863-0317** to your contacts, and don't hesitate to reach out. *Check our website for more Family Resources (www.sandwichpartnership.com)* Our Twitter Handle: **@sandpartnership**. LIKE our **Facebook Page Sandwich Partnership for Families**. Visit our webpage for our Google Calendar: www.sandwichpartnership.com. Email us at: **Imelillo@sandwichk12.ma.us**, These programs made possible by a Coordinated Community & Family Engagement Grant (CFCE) of the Mass. Dept. of Early Education & Care to the Sandwich Public Schools

