

Sandwich Partnership for Families

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

NOVEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

As we head into “Gratitude Month” we would like to take this opportunity to thank you and your family for partnering with us. We are grateful that together we have gotten through this year-like-no-other by sharing our experiences, our challenges, and our successes at overcoming all that we have had thrown at us. If you haven't had a moment to fill out the survey, please do so now, so that we can plan ahead to provide what you value most! Survey link <https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLScAZ5tqbZrB52f8N.../viewform...>

We are also grateful for the support of our community, especially our local **Stop & Shop!** We are excited to announce that the Sandwich Partnership for Families has been selected as the recipient of their **Giving Bag** program!!! \$1 from every bag purchased in November will be donated to the SPF and will go directly into our programming. Now we need your support in purchasing your environmentally responsible **reusable bags at the Quaker Meetinghouse Stop & Shop during the month of November.**

With clocks turning back and less time for active outdoor play, many children experience a disruption in sleeping habits. If that is something your child is experiencing, please join us for **Sleep Tools and Strategies for Tired Parents with Kelly Rodriguez of Early Childhood Consulting on Monday, Nov. 23rd from 1:30-2:30.** held virtually of course. Please email Lauren at lmelillo@sandwich.k12.ma.us for a Zoom invitation and link.

November Field Trip! As part of our focus on sweet dreams, we invite you to join us on **Friday, Nov. 20th at 10 a.m.** at the Cahoon Museum in Cotuit to explore the work of Sally Mavor, and her current book *My Bed: Enchanting Ways to Fall Asleep Around the World*. Each child attending will receive a bag of craft materials to fashion their own page of their own bedtime. **You must register for this program as we are limited to 10 children and 10 adults in attendance.** The museum will be limited to our group only, and will have been thoroughly cleaned the night before. We will be the first group to visit that week. Tickets will be purchased by the Sandwich Partnership for Families, so your commitment to attendance is expected. Here is the link: <https://cahoonmuseum.org/salley-mavor/>

November'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 10/31 at the Sandwich Library with the Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything** Other walks will, of necessity, be weather dependent, so please watch the Sandwich Partnership for Families Facebook Page for updates

Stroller Walk and Talks, Little Naturalist and Toddler Storytime programs will continue through November 19. *Please accept an invitation from our Remind service* for real time updates & notifications. Be sure to complete the ASQ as part of your registration so that we can see how to target these programs to best meet your child's development. <https://form.jotform.com/202444022783045>

All families participating in the above programs should complete the **Ages & Stages Questionnaire** as part of the registration process if you did not do so this fall. If you have not completed your child's ASQ, please do so by Nov. 13th as part of your child's registration. <https://www.asqonline.com/family/cd703b>

We will continue to offer **Ages & Stages** to every family to provide insights and information on their 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. Just click on the link to begin! <https://www.asqonline.com/family/cd703b>

Thursday night Nov. 12th 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.

****Community Events****

Help for the Holidays! If you'd like to help out, let us know! If you need a little help, also reach out to us. In this unprecedented time families that never needed a hand can use one now. We have the community information that will make your holidays bright ones, even in the midst of the dark winter ahead. Contact Lauren at Imelillo@sandwich.k12.ma.us

Sandwich Library is on the move! They will be settled and open for business at their temporary home at the Sand Hill School at 16 Dewey Ave by the week of November 16th. Follow them on their website or their Facebook page for more information & details!

Free Brown Bagged Meals for every kiddo in Sandwich, 0-18 years, Mon.- Fri. from 11 am - 1 pm! Just drive up to the car loop on the side of Sandwich High School. Remember, these nutritionally balanced meals are FREE until June 2021!

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 Child Care Search Tool on the Early Ed. & Care 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. https://eeclead.force.com/EEC_ChildCareSearch

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

