

# Sandwich Partnership for Families

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

## January 2021 NEWSLETTER

All Hail 2021! As we follow the light to a brighter, healthier future ahead, we must acknowledge the need to keep everyone safe and warm. We are here for you online, on the phone, and individually, but will not be holding groups. **Stroller Walk & Talks, Little Naturalist & Toddler Storytime programs will not meet in person this winter.** We will be shifting our programs to more activity-based, interactive online activities for you and your child. This means we won't be "seeing" you and your child in person as much and will rely on you to communicate your child's growth and development with us. Be sure to complete the ASQ if you have not done so this fall so that we can target these programs to best meet your child's needs. <https://www.asqonline.com/family/cd703b>

### January Schedule Begins the Week of Jan. 11:

**Mondays at 10 with Miss Chris- Reading Rendezvous** Let's get together and read! This is a unique Storytime where individual copies of the same book will be lent out to participants so that you and your child can interact and engage in the story as Ms. Chris reads aloud. Each story time will be through a Zoom meeting and will focus on an element essential to becoming a reader, such as rhyming, phonemic awareness, segmentation and much more! Best for children 3 and older. Use [Use this jotform link](#) to register and request your books.

**Tuesdays at 9:30 with Lauren M.- Baby Sign!** Each story time will emphasize a new sign to incorporate into your baby's "vocabulary". We will take time each week to share the unique successes and challenges that parenting an infant through a pandemic holds for each family. Great for pre-verbal children of any age. [Use this jotform link to register.](#)

**Wednesdays at 10 with Lauren G.- Easy Bake Everything!** Someone's in the kitchen with Miss Lauren, and they are baking up kid-friendly treats to warm up the winter weather. Email [lgalvano@sandwich.k12.ma.us](mailto:lgalvano@sandwich.k12.ma.us) for more info\_\_\_ and the list of ingredients to "bake along".??? [Use this jotform link to register](#)

**Thursdays Storytime Activity Kits-** After Mr. Parson's Thursday morning story time, swing by the Wing and pick up an activity extension kit that coordinates with the title that Mr. Parsons read this week. Must register to have an activity kit provided! [Jotform Registration link](#)

### **Fridays at 10 with Miss Chris- Sensory Science Exploration**

Join Ms. Chris in mixing up magical concoctions for sensory play. Each week we will mix & measure something new with household ingredients. This program is geared for both toddlers and preschool children. Ingredients not found in the home will be delivered or available for contact-less pick up. [Register at jotform](#) **Special Events:**

**Playing On Purpose- POP! Making Play Time Learning Time on Mondays at 1:30, beginning Jan. 25** Join *Kelly Rodriguez of Early Childhood Consultation* to help you understand your child's social & emotional development, improve your child's social skills & behavior, and learn strategies to make playtime more enjoyable & purposeful for both you and your child. In our socially distanced world these sessions are more important than ever!

Please email [lmelillo@sandwich.k12.ma.us](mailto:lmelillo@sandwich.k12.ma.us) for more information or to register for the jotform link & activity kits.

**Nature Walk- January 20, 1:30 p.m.** Adventure along with *Mr. Parsons*, our gifted librarian and naturalist, and the Sandwich Partnership team, for a foray into one of Sandwich's Conservation Area gems. Wear your masks or scarves and observe social distancing. This group is strictly limited to 20 participants, so you must register to attend with [jotform link](#) We will reply with details and further instructions.

**January's Story Walks- Wednesdays, January 13 & 27!** The Story Walks will be set up during the hours of 10-3. This month, these self-guided walks will be held at Cooks Pond Recreation area, across from the Wing School on Water St. (Route 130). No registration necessary but wear your masks and observe social distancing. Please take the time to click the QR code to let us know you came. Walks will, of necessity, be weather dependent, so please watch the Sandwich Partnership for Families Facebook Page for rescheduled dates. For further info please contact [challas@sandwich.k12.ma.us](mailto:challas@sandwich.k12.ma.us)

**Thursday night January 14th 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](mailto:vperry@cfservices.org) for an invitation.

**Sandwich Partnership News**

We are so happy to congratulate *Victoria Dauphinais* on her new position as secretary to Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Pamela Gould! Vicky's hard work with the Partnership has transitioned us from paper to electronic spreadsheets, from hard copy to electronic newsletters, and always worked to keep the office organized and running smoothly. Additionally, she volunteered her efforts for the Sandwich Partnership initiatives such as the Community Wellness Days at Wing, and the Savor The Summer Child Food Program. While she will no longer have the time to assist us, she has already transitioned her responsibilities over to the SPF Team and is now just a few office doors away!

**\*\*Community Information\*\***

**Sandwich Library has relocated!** They are settled and open for business at their temporary home at the Sand Hill School at 16 Dewey Ave from 9:30-5, Monday-Saturday. Follow them on their website or their Facebook page for more information & details! Mr. Parson's explores their new Wild Backyard on Friday mornings, via Facebook Live. Click here to discover along with him and join him at 10 on Friday mornings at 10 for more wild adventures! <https://www.facebook.com/138219609583232/videos/1248393082214774>

**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, for our entire community regardless of income!

**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](https://eeclead.force.com/EEC_ChildCareSearch)

**Struggling with Mental Health Illness for someone in your family? NAMI is here to help!** 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, childcare 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](http://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](http://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

