

# Sandwich Partnership for Families



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

## April 2021 NEWSLETTER

### **\*\*Special Events\*\***

**Chalk The Walk!** Enjoy the art of Charity O'Neill-O'Kane and the Story Reading charm of Ms. Nancy as they interpret stories with comforting social-emotional themes in pictures and words. *The Runaway Bunny* Chalk Walk begins at the corner of **Main St. & Jarvis on Friday, April 2nd** and will be there until the next rain. Please thank the merchants who are hosting this walk, and the Sandwich Cultural Council for the grant to provide it. Click <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCA-TM0zXSCzUmLhJRIHyeng> to access the special story time it is designed for.

**April 7th & 28th the Chalks Walks will be at the Oak Crest Cove Sandwich Rec. Dept.** The next Story Walk & Chalk Walk will be at the **Cape Cod Canal Visitors Center on April 16th, and will be available all vacation week.** "All The World" is the title in celebration of Earth Day! To listen to Ms. Nancy read the corresponding stories, click <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCA-TM0zXSCzUmLhJRIHyeng>

**Friday, April 30th Story Walk!** This self-guided adventure will be set up by Friday at 10, and left up until Saturday at 3, giving your family a full two days to access it! It 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.**

Looking for other vacation week activities? Check out our **Low Cost/ No Cost Family Fun** booklet on our website: [http://www.sandwichpartnership.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Family-Fun-brochure\\_2019\\_8.7.19.pdf](http://www.sandwichpartnership.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Family-Fun-brochure_2019_8.7.19.pdf)

**The Sandwich Partnership Council will meet via Zoom at 1:30 on Wed. April 7th.** Please join our Council meeting to offer valuable parent input that only YOU can provide! Plans for next year's Partnership grant will be discussed. Email [Imelillo@sandwich.k12.ma.us](mailto:Imelillo@sandwich.k12.ma.us) for the invitation to attend.

**Thursday, April 8th at 7:30 p.m.- Parenting Through A Pandemic with Cindy Horgan.** Many thanks to the Sandwich Mother's Club for inviting our Sandwich Partnership families to join in on this Zoom presentation!

**Nature Walk- Wednesday, April 14th, 1:30 p.m. Rain date April 28!** Adventure along with *Mr. Parsons*, our gifted librarian and naturalist, and the Sandwich Partnership team, for a foray into one of Sandwich's community walking trails. Wear your masks and observe social distancing!. This group is strictly limited to 20 participants, so you must register to attend <https://form.jotform.com/Imelillo/2021-winter-registration>. We will reply with details and further instructions.

**\*\*April Play and Learn Schedule\*\* (Programs that had begun in March will continue virtually until 4/16)**

**Beginning Monday, April 26 at 10 with Miss Chris- Little Naturalist** Explore the outdoor wonders of spring in Sandwich at different locations each week. This program is held in conjunction with Ranger Gray, of the U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers. Visit the herring run, the Canal seashore and more! Program is best for children 3 years and older. Masks required, social distancing observed. Register at

<https://form.jotform.com/Imelillo/2021-winter-registration>

**Beginning Tuesday, April 27, at 10 with Miss Lauren M. & Miss Lauren G.- Stroller Walk and Talks!** We will meet at the Beale St. Parking lot, behind the Wing School. We will begin and end each session with a story and fingerplays. Best for babies and toddlers under the age of two. Siblings welcome, but all children must remain in the

stroller, and parents must wear a mask when not socially distanced. Space is limited to the first 8 families to register at <https://form.jotform.com/lmelillo/2021-winter-registration>

**Beginning on Thursday April 29th, at 10- Reading Together Toddler Time with Miss Chris & Miss Lauren G.** Read, sing and play along with us as we choose a different favorite story each week, then have fun with movement related activities. We will meet in the field behind the Wing School, (adjacent to the Little League fields). Families are asked to bring a 3 x 5 mat or towel and social distancing will be observed. Adults are required to wear a mask. Registration is required at <https://form.jotform.com/lmelillo/2021-winter-registration>

### **\*\*Community Partner Programs & Information\*\***

**Beginning Wednesday, April 7th- Young Athletes Special Olympics Program with Miss Chris and the Sandwich Rec. Team!** Held at Oak Crest Cove in conjunction with the Sandwich Recreation Dept. this movement based program is designed for children with a disability or delay of any kind. Special thanks to the Sandwich Kiwanis for funding this great program! Registration is through the Rec. Department.

**Beginning Friday, April 9th - Every Kid Dance!** Join Miss Britt, Mr. Sam and dancers of all abilities for a morning of dancing and drumming at the Sandwich Rec. Oak Crest Cove Tennis Courts. Program is free thanks to the Sandwich Kiwanis, but registration is required through the Rec. Department.

**Thursday, April 15th at 8pm- "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.

**Stop & Shop Giving Bag Program-** The Sandwich Partnership for Families was chosen as the recipient for the month of April! Each time you buy a special "Giving Bag" (look for the display with the black & white lettering), Stop & Shop will donate \$1 to the Sandwich Partnership for Families! These reusable bags are also eco-friendly.

**Free Doula care for new moms and mothers-to-be!** The Cape Cod Children's Place has announced a grant award from Cape Cod Healthcare that offers 3 free visits from Krista Sullivan of Monumental Beginnings! Cape residency is the only requirement. Contact her at (508) 289-1185 or [MonumentalBeginningsDoula@gmail.com](mailto:MonumentalBeginningsDoula@gmail.com)

**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! Via Facebook Live, catch Mr. Parson's Preschool Story Time on Thursday mornings and his Wild Backyard virtual program on Friday mornings, as well as Science Saturday Videos. Visit [www.sandwichpubliclibrary.com](http://www.sandwichpubliclibrary.com) for more info or to register!

**Free Brown Bagged Meals for every kiddo in Sandwich, 0-18 years, continues through the summer!** 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 August 2021, for our entire community regardless of income! Know a family who could use a little more support? **Savor The Summer** also offers supplemental food packages. Please email [lmelillo@sandwich.k12.ma.us](mailto:lmelillo@sandwich.k12.ma.us) for more info.

**Questions about COVID?** The Mass. Home Visiting Initiative has put together an amazing compilation of resources for families. Email [maxene.spolidoro@state.ma.us](mailto:maxene.spolidoro@state.ma.us) to be added to their newsletter distribution.

**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!

**Add our new mobile phone number 508-863-0317** to call or text if we can help with a question, concern or suggestion to offer. Check our website for more Family Resources ([www.sandwichpartnership.com](http://www.sandwichpartnership.com)) Our Twitter Handle: [@sandpartnership](https://twitter.com/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:

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