

Sandwich Partnership for Families



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

June 2021 NEWSLETTER

“It Takes A Village” is often heard, but here in Sandwich, it takes on a whole new meaning! We are thrilled and excited to announce that once again, the Sandwich Public Schools has been awarded the contract for the Community and Family Engagement grant that funds the Sandwich Partnership for Families! In addition, the Cape Cod Foundation, through the Fund for Sandwich, has awarded us funding for two projects! This means we will be able to move forward with summer programming beginning the week of July 12th, and are busy designing a **Tuesday Outdoor Storytime with the Canal Rangers**, a **Wednesday Story Walk Series**, and a **Thursday Stroller Walk and Talk**. What other good ideas do you have? How about **Playground Meet-Up Dates**? Be creative and then join us at our next Council meeting to propose them! **The Sandwich Partnership Council will meet via Zoom at 1:30 on Wed. June 9th.** Email Imelillo@sandwich.k12.ma.us for the invitation to attend.

****Special Events****

Farm Friends Returns Wednesday, June 9th! We are so happy to announce that our furry baby animal friends will be returning again this year for cuddles and hugs, thanks to a generous donation by Kelli Potti, and A Piece of Sandwich! Please register here <https://form.jotform.com/211525148929157> for a 15 minute visit.

Toddler Field Day Tuesday, June 15th at 10! Teaming up again with our friends from The Sandwich Mother’s Club, we will be holding a morning full of fun, non-competitive outdoor games and activities for young children, held in the fields behind the Wing School. You must sign up here to attend! <https://form.jotform.com/211535634677057>

Friday, June 11th, Kick Off Summer with a Story Walk! This self-guided adventure will be set up on the Canal outside the Visitor’s Center and will have an accompanying Chalk Walk to extend the fun!!

Looking for other summer vacation suggestions? Check out our [Low Cost/ No Cost Family Fun](#) booklet on our website. Many thanks to the **Fund for Sandwich** for “granting” us the opportunity to update and reprint this booklet!

****June Play and Learn Schedule****

Ends Monday, June 7th -Little Naturalist

Ends Tuesday, June 8th-Stroller Walk and Talks! We will resume Walk and Talks on Thursday mornings, at 9:30 this summer, beginning July 15th.

Ends Thursday, June 10th- Toddler Story Time

Ends Friday, June 11th- Preschool Prep

Ends Saturday, June 12th- Yoga Jamboree

Until our guidance from the town and the state changes our policy of requiring adult masking and social distancing, we request you continue to wear masks in our programs, regardless of vaccination status. Thank you for helping keep our little ones healthy and safe!

Ages and Stages Questionnaires are even more important when we don't see your child as frequently over the summer months. To be kept informed about your child's general development, please click this link . If you have questions specifically about your child's **Social and Emotional Development** (and who doesn't after this year of distancing, isolation and masking?) please click this link <https://www.asqonline.com/family/222e98> . This easy to use tool is a great way to gather & share information about your child. Rather than wonder, get the information you need!

****Community Partner Programs & Information****

Thursday, June 10th 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 for an invitation.

Free Doula care for new moms! Hurry! The Cape Cod Children’s Place grant from Cape Cod Healthcare offers 3 free visits from Krista Sullivan of Monumental Beginnings ends in August! Open to all Cape residents with a baby under 12 months. Contact her at (508) 289-1185 or MonumentalBeginningsDoula@gmail.com

Sandwich Library- 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 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 & supply packages. Please email lmelillo@sandwich.k12.ma.us for more info.

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)* 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: lmelillo@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.

