

Sandwich Partnership for Families



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

February 2022 UPDATE

Grants! Grants! And More Grants! Did you know the Sandwich Partnership is a grant that has been awarded since 1996? And that the Sandwich Kiwanis awards us a grant each year for all the “specials” like yoga and art? And that the Fund for Sandwich has recently awarded funding for playground repairs? And that the Sandwich Cultural Council has awarded funds for a Wampanoag Cultural Celebration in the spring? All these resources are the work of the Council, and the families that support us. PLEASE join us at the next SPF Council meeting on Monday, Feb. 7th to contribute your ideas, thoughts and vision to keep The Sandwich Partnership moving forward!

***** Sandwich Partnership Council Meeting*****

Monday, February 7th, 1-2 p.m. via Zoom Agenda Items include CFCE Coordinator Succession Planning, new goals and priorities, and a look ahead into spring 2022. Email lmelillo@sandwich.k12.ma.us for an invitation!

*****Free Doula Visits for New Mothers***** Are you a Cape resident with a baby less than one year old? Are you due to deliver this year? The Maternal Depression Task Force (the SPF has been a proud member of the task force since it's inception) has been awarded a grant from Cape Cod Healthcare to offer three free visits with certified doula Krista Sullivan of Monumental Beginnings in the privacy of your home. Supportive assistance with baby care, personal care and household care for moms just getting back on their feet after their new arrival. Contact Krista to schedule at 508-289-1185 or email monumentalbeginningsdoula@gmail.com

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

Thursday, February 24, 6-7:30 p.m. Rewiring Your Stress Pathways with Tina Toran, via Zoom, brought to you by the Cape and Islands CFCE grants. Must register at <https://bit.ly/3Fw1TgJ>

Saturday, February 26th, 10 a.m. Little Red Riding Hood Storytelling Adventure, Sandwich Public Library
Enjoy the outdoor story walk of these classic folk tales, then settle in for another version with your Sandwich Library Children's Room friends. Register through www.sandwichpubliclibrary.com Event Calendar to participate.
Take you Child To The Library Day, Sat. Feb. 2. Scavenger hunt, giveaways and more!

Thursday, February 16th, 7:30-8:30 Home Is Where The Heart Is Adoption Support Group, via Zoom
Facilitated by the nice folks from Adoption Journeys, this group is open to all foster/guardian/ adoption/kinship families who need an understanding & safe space to connect with others on this “journey”. Register by emailing Val Perry at vperry@cfservices.org

*****Ongoing Sandwich Partnership Opportunities for Families*****

Ages and Stages Questionnaires are available for every age child up to age 6! It is an important tool to understand your child's growth as well as to promote their development and learning. Please take the time to click on the ASQ link <https://www.asqonline.com/family/cd703b> if you have not yet done so yet this year. We will be checking in with you to see if we can offer any assistance, and to follow up on those that have been done.

Play It Safe Sandwich! Meeting February 7, 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to help repair, restore and expand our Sandwich Adventure Community Playground, located at 64 Quaker Meetinghouse Rd. While the playground was gifted to the town, no funds were earmarked to maintain it. The Sandwich Partnership has been awarded some community grant funds to begin repairs to the Toddler section, but we are hoping for family involvement to complete repairs, and possibly extend the play features. If you would like to be part of the subcommittee to explore funding, features and community involvement for this project, please contact Lauren at lmelillo@sandwich.k12.ma.us.

******Weekly Programs Continue******

Mondays, January 10th - February 14th, 10 a.m. Yoga with Miss Britt on Zoom Just clear a space on the floor, put on some comfy clothes, and get ready to stretch, breath, and move creatively.

Beginning Tuesday, January 4th- Story Stretchers Make and Take Crafts at the Sandwich Library
Make the library your family fun destination this winter! On the first and third week of each month enjoy a new Story Walk title around the grounds of the library that will be posted for the following two weeks. Then pop into the Children's Room to pick up your story related activity, and check out some other new titles to enjoy!

February Titles: Bringing In The New Year (a story of the Lunar New Year), and Little Red Riding Hood.

Tuesdays, January 11th- February 15th, 10 a.m. Little Scientists Zoom Lab! Miss Lea will have some cool experiments, magic mixtures, and physics fun to try at home, using household ingredients and supplies. Bookbags with extension materials will be available on a limited basis.

Wednesdays, January 12th- February 16th, 10 a.m. Stroller Walk and Talk with Miss Amy Bundle up and enjoy a brisk walk with baby, while chatting with other parents. We will sing songs, learn fingerplays and share activity ideas for the very littlest. When wet weather cancels, a Zoom Baby Sign class will be held at the same time. Meet at the Sand Hill School, 16 Dewey Ave., Sandwich for a stroller-friendly route.

Thursdays, January 13th- February 17th, 10 a.m. Toddler Tones In Motion with Miss Amy on Zoom
Sing and dance, learn musical games and creative activities to play together at home.

Fridays, January 14th- February 18th Field Trip Fridays! Outdoor adventures continue, so long as it's safe to travel. When we can't get outside, indoor activity backpacks are ready for you to pick up at the Wing School.

MUST REGISTER for each selection to receive notifications of virtual and in-person programs! Please register [here](https://form.jotform.com/213023501249140). <https://form.jotform.com/213023501249140>

*****Special Note on COVID Protocol for Sandwich Partnership for Families Programming*****

Due to the current level of infection, all indoor programming is currently suspended. In addition, you are required to wear a face covering outdoors, if unable to distance yourself from others by at least six feet.

***** Family Finance Resources*****

Struggling with bills, food costs, mortgage or rent? Dialing 211 for assistance with any basic need or social service inquiry, including mental health resources, will get you to a live operator who will work with you to track down help in your community.

Your Sandwich Partnership for Families friends are also here to help you connect with the nice folks from WIC, Headstart, Housing Assistance, A Baby Center, Mobile Dental- just to name a few. All inquiries are kept confidential!

Check our website for more Family Resources (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. 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

