

Sandwich Partnership for Families



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

May-June 2022 NEWSLETTER

Life is Change, so they say... And so, after 25 years, it is time for a change in leadership. It has been my honor and privilege to have served as the Sandwich Partnership Coordinator since its inception, but it is with great happiness and confidence that I pass the torch over to Lauren Galvano and entrust the leadership of the Sandwich Partnership for Families into her well-qualified hands. Many of you remember Lauren G. from her work as an Early Childhood Specialist with us, and more recently, with the Sandwich Schools Integrated Preschool. She brings an exceptionally rich and varied series of experiences, and we are so fortunate to have her ready to step in on July 1st!

Spring Special Events!

Sat., May 21st, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Wampanoag Cultural Education Day behind the Wing School, 33 Water St.

Join us as we celebrate the unique importance of the Wampanoag culture with interactive children's activities, storytelling and dance. Featuring the Wampanoag Nation Singers and Dancers! No registration necessary for more info, please contact Lmelillo@sandwich.k12.ma.us **Free Family Event, thanks to the Sandwich Cultural Council, and the Sandwich Kiwanis Club.**

Friday, June 3rd, 4-6 p.m., Playground Palooza! Sandwich Adventure Playground, 260 Quaker Meetinghouse Rd.

Special afternoon event to support the renovations to our town playground. Farm Friends baby animals, face painting, parachute play and much more! Donation of \$5 per child appreciated. **Volunteers needed! Contact Lmelillo@sandwich.k12.ma.us for further info.**

****Weekly Programs****

Mondays, June 6th, 9:30 & 10:30 Yoga with Miss Britt at the Sand Hill School. Program will be held outdoors, in warm temperatures. Space is limited to 10 children, and mats will be socially distanced when weather takes us indoors.

Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Little Naturalists. This session runs until June 6th. Miss Lea will lead some nature exploration with a different focus, concept and location each week. This program will engage your child in an active adventure, so dress for an Outdoor Classroom kind of experience. Some May sessions will be held at the Visitors Center, in conjunction with the Army Corp of Rangers.

Wednesdays, until June 8th, 10:30 a.m. Breastfeeding Support Group with Catherine Roy, for moms with new babies. Held at Motherly Love Studio in Merchant Square. Please email Lmelillo@sandwich.k12.ma.us to register. Space is limited!

Wednesdays, April 6th - June 8th, 10 a.m. Stroller Walk and Talk with Miss Amy! Enjoy a scenic walk with baby, while chatting with other parents. Meet at the Sand Hill School, 16 Dewey Ave, Sandwich for a stroller-friendly route.

Thursdays, until June 8th, 10 a.m. Toddler Tones In Motion with Miss Amy at the Sand Hill School! Sing and dance, learn musical games and creative activities. Program will be held outdoors, as weather permits.

Fridays, until June 3rd, 10 a.m. Field Trip Fridays! Set your GPS and go out to play! We will visit new and different family-friendly destinations from the Upper & Mid-Cape, and even over the bridge! Which will become *your* family's new favorite destination?

MUST REGISTER for each selection to receive notifications of both virtual and in-person programs! Please register [here- https://www.jotform.com/build/220554794348161](https://www.jotform.com/build/220554794348161)

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

Wednesday, March 30th- May 18th, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Young Athletes, Oak Crest Cove, 34 Quaker Meetinghouse Rd. In collaboration with our friends at The Sandwich Recreation Department, this free outdoor

sports and play program will focus on fun activities for any child, ages 2-7 with any developmental concerns or delays. Please register at https://sandwichma.myrec.com/info/activities/program_details.aspx?ProgramID=29940
Tuesday, May 12th Signs and Symptoms of Childhood Anxiety and How to Recognize Them with Stacey Gay. Evening Zoom Workshop- the last in the series of the Social-Emotional Workshops. Register <https://bit.ly/3Fw1TgJ>
Thursday, May 26th, 7:30-8:30 p.m. 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. Register by emailing Val Perry at vperry@cfservices.org
Monday, June 6th, 6:30 p.m. Community Playground Meeting in conjunction with the Sandwich Recreation Dept. Oak Crest Cove Lodge, Quaker Meetinghouse Rd, East Sandwich. Everyone is welcome.

Save The dates! Summer Programs!

Tuesdays- Little Naturalist Story Times at the Cape Cod Canal

Wednesdays- Playground Parachute Play at the Sandwich Adventure Playground

Thursdays- Infant Massage at Motherly Love

Fridays- Miss Britt's Yoga Jamboree, Forestdale School Outdoor Classroom

****At The Sandwich Public Library****

Sandwich Library Children's Drop In Storytimes for May- Join Miss Pam and Miss Lea on Thursday afternoons at 1 p.m. for in person Preschool Spring Storytimes.

Summertime Story Walks- Beginning in June, enjoy a new ocean-themed title around and about the Sandwich Library each month, then pop inside to pick up your story-related activity in the Children's Room. Great opportunity to check out some of the new summer reading titles available!

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

Sandwich Partnership Council Meeting, June 7th, 1 p.m. at the Sand Hill School, 16 Dewey Ave.

Join us as we transition into a new grant year & grant coordinator. Welcome Lauren G. & bid adieu to Lauren M.

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 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.

**** 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 CFCE specialists 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!

Prefer a searchable database? Try this great new resource through the Children's Trust fund- just type in your zip code and get local results! <https://childrenstrustma.findhelp.com/>

New Baby in the house? We are so lucky to live on the Cape, where there are many opportunities for support- both in person and virtually. Do not miss the chance to register for 3 FREE doula visits, sponsored by Cape Cod Healthcare. Contact Krista Sullivan of Monumental Beginnings at 508- 209-1885 for more information.

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.

