

# Sandwich Partnership for Families

Your Community Connection for you and your child to thrive!

## September Newsletter

### Welcome Back!

***“Make new friends, and keep the old- one is silver and the other’s gold”***

We are so excited to begin the fall season of family programming, welcoming back our old friends and introducing some new friends. We welcome two new playgroup leaders this year. **Amy Gregoire** will be leading our play and learn group on Tuesdays, and **Patti Gill** will be in on Wednesday mornings until Miss Chris returns in October. Patti will then offer a Wed. 1:30-3 afternoon group, as the days get shorter and cooler, to allow for those children in half-day preschool to enjoy the Discovery Center. And of course, **Charity** will be back on Mondays and Fridays to begin her second year here with us!

Our “old friends” **Mr. Parsons and Mrs. Johnson**, from the Sandwich Public Library, will be joining in the fun on Thursdays, for a **Special Guest Storytime At School** program in the Discovery Center. Mr. Parsons will be here in September, and Mrs. Johnson will visit in October. **Miss Chris** will cross our “virtual bridge” to the library to team up with Mr. Parsons for the popular Thursday afternoon Preschool Storytime program that begins Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.

### Discovery Center News:

The Discovery Center will reopen on **September 12<sup>th</sup>**. **Everyone is welcome to Drop In every week-day, from 10-11:30** for the month of September. In October, we will begin a registered **Baby Sign** class on Tuesday mornings, & will add a special Wed. afternoon (1:30-3) Get Ready for Kindergarten group. **Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> we will meet at Heritage (see below).**

### Special Events:

**Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, A Grand Tea to Celebrate National Grandparents Day! 2-3 p.m. Sandwich Rec. Dept. , Oak Crest Cove Lodge, 251 Quaker Meetinghouse Rd.** A time to share music, memories, and mini-desserts, free of charge thanks to a Sandwich Cultural Council grant, and of course, our friends at the Sandwich Kiwanis! Co-sponsored by the Sandwich Council of Aging and the Sandwich Rec. Dept. So bring your grandchild, or bring your grandparent, for a Sunday afternoon with Denya LeVine, performing on fiddle and ukulele.

**Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, Fall Frolic at Heritage Museum and Gardens, 10-11:30 a.m. 67 Grove St., Sandwich**

Welcome the first full day of fall with a **free day** of admission at Heritage for ALL Sandwich Partnership families!

“Drive” an antique auto, hop aboard the trolley, play at Hidden Hollow, climb up into the tree house, and end the day with a magical carousel ride. No registration necessary, but you must register at the Sandwich Partnership table prior to entry.

**Raindate: Friday September 30<sup>th</sup>.**

### Community Partner Events:

***Young Athletes Special Olympics Session begins Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>! 9:30-10:30, Oak Crest Cove Lodge***

This FREE, unique sports & play program is facilitated by trained staff & volunteers that focuses on fun activities important to mental and physical growth. This program is an early introduction to sports & the world of Special Olympics. Any child ages 2-7, whose parent feels their child would benefit from this program is encouraged to call Tricia at the Sandwich Rec. Dept. at 508-888-4361, ext. 14. In partnership with Spaulding Hospital and the Sandwich Partnership for Families. Adult volunteers needed!

**SAVE THE DATE! Monday Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2:30-4, Sandwich Partnership Council Meeting. Family input needed! Childcare in the Discovery Center and refreshments provided! Please call the SPF Office for more info or to RSVP for care.**

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