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Happy New Year! We hope that you had a wonderful holiday season! Now that winter has settled in, it's important that we keep our kids active and moving. Developing healthy habits begins early. We are excited to bring back the BOKS program. BOKS stands for Building Our Kids Success, which is what Project Connect CFCE is all about. The program was founded by Kathleen Tullie, who partners with Reebox to train parents, teachers, and schools to give children a brain and body boost to prepare them for learning. Several Attleboro Elementary Schools have offered BOKS and we have adapted their pre-school curriculum.

We hope you'll join us for BOKS, in addition to our weekly Playtime in the Gym and monthly Move & Groove. Healthy bodies build healthy brains!

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The Center will be closed January 1st for New Year's Day, January 15th for Martin Luther King Day, and February 19th through the 23rd for school vacation

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2017-2018 PLAYGROUP SCHEDULE



➤ The second playgroup series began the week of December 4th and ends the week of March 5th.

Donation of snacks and water for playgroups are always appreciated!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Look under "Family Activities" for our monthly Monday <u>Messy Play</u> and <u>Move & Groove</u> dates!	9:00-10:15am Explorers Playgroup 18 months-4 years	9-10:15 am Explorers 18 months - 4 years	10:30 - 11:45am Explorers 18 months - 4 years	9:00 - 11:30am Drop-in Play All ages Birth - 5	Look under "Family Activities" for our monthly Saturday Playtime dates!
	10:30-11:45am Explorers 18 months - 4 years	9:15-10:45am 3's & 4's On the Road to School (no siblings) *In Red Schoolhouse	11:00-12:15pm Birth to Early Walkers ~ Up to 18 months (no siblings)		

As you know, Project Connect, CFCE is grant funded. The budget mainly supports the salaries of the staff who provide our programs. The PTO has been very helpful to us by holding fundraisers and purchasing supplies. Please support the PTO! If you are able, please consider making a gift card donation to Walmart, BJ's, Dollar Store, Amazon, Stop & Shop, or Market Basket. No amount is too small. These gift cards enable us to buy needed program materials. Thank you!

Thank you to the following families for their generous donations!

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...and to all the families who generously donated snacks and water! Our apologies to anybody we may have neglected to mention.

THANK YOU!

~ SAVE THE DATES ~

PTO Meeting

Monday, January 8th, 9:15-10:15am

Held in PCFC portable building.

Share in planning events and PCFC fundraising ideas.

Meet with other parents while your children play!

NEXT FUNDRAISER: BLISS BROTHERS DAIRY

Park Street, Attleboro

Wednesday, January 31st

Visit Bliss anytime on January 31st, mention Project Connect and a percentage of proceeds will go to PCFC!! Bring a friend!!

Family Center Activities/Workshops

Messy Play



Monday, January 22nd, 9:30-10:30am with Ms. Shelly F. and Ms. Cheryl

Monday, February 12th, 9:30-10:30am with Ms. Chris and Ms. Annie

In this monthly group, children will experience the fun of messy play with shaving cream, finger paints, play dough, water play and more! Please dress your child appropriately. For ages 18 months-4 years. Call the Center to register. Held in portable building.

Move and Groove

Monday, January 29th, 9:30-10:30am with Ms. Chris and Ms. Annie

Monday, February 26th, 9:30-10:30am with Ms. Shelly F. and Ms. Cheryl

This group gives your child the opportunity to be active in a safe setting. Activities vary but always include balance beams, balls, tunnels and dancing. For ages 18 months – 4 years. Register by Thursday, December 7th (held in Red Schoolhouse).



Saturday Playtime

January 27th and February 10th, 9:00-10:00am with Ms. Shelley P.

and Ms. Chris

Join us for Saturday fun! This playgroup meets once a month and is ideal for parents who can't get here during the week. Call the Center to register. Held in portable building.



Donuts with Dad

Saturday, February 17th, 9:30-10:30am with Ms. Cheryl

Attention dads, grandfathers, etc. ~ join us for refreshments and playtime with your child. Meet other dads! All children ages up to 5 welcome! Bring a friend! Call the Center to register. Held in portable building.



BOKS

"Build Our Kids' Success"

With Ms. Shelly F. and Ms. Cheryl

Tuesday afternoons from January 9th to February 13th
from 1:00-1:45pm

This 7-week program is designed to get children moving and to give their brain a boost. Components of the group include free play, warm-ups, running, skill building, games and cool down.

Call the Center to register. Held in Red School house.

PTO Pajama Party!!

Friday, January 19th, 6:00-7:30pm

It's that time again! Come and join your Project Connect friends for a PJ Party at the Family Center. Dress the kids in their favorite PJ's and head over after dinner to enjoy dessert, arts and crafts, and circle time with song and dance. We'll end the party with bedtime stories to settle our little ones down before the ride home!

Space is limited so call early to register.

When you call, please let us know if your child(ren) have any food allergies we need to be aware of.

CHOOSING A QUALITY PRESCHOOL

Thursday, January 25th, 6:30-8:00pm

with Ms. Shelley P. and Ms. Chris

It's time to be looking at preschools if your child will be enrolled next fall. This workshop will offer information to help you choose a preschool best fit for your child.

Register by January 23rd. Held in portable building.

Childcare is available

Playtime in the Gym

Thursdays, 10:30-11:30am

Bartek Recreation Center

81 Pine Street, Attleboro

Bring a friend!!

No sign-up required



Sturdy Memorial Hospital

New Mom's Group

Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30am

For mom's (and/or dad's) with babies
birth - 12 months old. Join parent educator, Ms. Cheryl in the Clinical
Education Room at Sturdy every Wednesday,
10:00 - 11:30am



Bad Weather Cancellations

If Channel 9 and local news stations announce, "No School Attleboro", then Project Connect Family Center is closed. If there is a school delay, we will cancel the 9am playgroup. We'll also post any closings or delays on our Facebook page. If you are in doubt as to other days with questionable weather conditions, please call the Center at 508-226-2883. Thank you!