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# **Project Connect/Family Center** **Newsletter**

## **January-February 2019**



### **Be-Heard Community Circle**

Be Heard: Attleboro Community Coalition for Education is conducting several Community Circles throughout the city. Project Connect is hosting a Community Circle on Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:00am.

In playgroups before break, many of you completed a very short survey about the Attleboro Public Schools. The Community Circle will be an opportunity for a more in-depth discussion and to let your voices be heard. For most of our families, your involvement with the Attleboro Public Schools is just beginning. We are fortunate that Attleboro has made a strong commitment to provide educational opportunities for all children beginning at birth. Project Connect is proof of that.

For those of you who indicated you either would be or might be interested in participating, I will be contacting you. We invite all to attend. Childcare will be provided as well as refreshments.

Please contact Kathy at 508-226-2883 or [ksullivan@attleboroschools.com](mailto:ksullivan@attleboroschools.com) to register. I look forward to the conversation!



**The Center will be closed**  
**Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> for Martin Luther King Day**  
**and February 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> for school vacation**



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# 2018-2019 PLAYGROUP SCHEDULE

➤ Our second playgroup series began the week of December 10<sup>th</sup> and ends the week of March 11<sup>th</sup>.

*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 &amp; Groove</u> dates!	9:00-10:15am Explorers Playgroup 18 months-4 years	9-10:15 am Explorers 18 months - 4 years	9:00 - 10:15am 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)		



## Family Center Activities/Workshops

### Move and Groove

**Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup> and February 11<sup>th</sup>, 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. Call the Center to register (held in Red Schoolhouse).



### Saturday Playtime

**Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> and February 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:00-10:00am with Ms. Shelly P. and Ms. Chris**

Join us for this monthly Saturday playgroup. Bring your child(ren) dressed for mess! Call the Center to register (held in portable building).

### Messy Play

**Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup> and February 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-10:30am with Ms. Annie and Ms. Chris**



In this monthly group children 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).

### Fun with Music

**Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-10:30am, with Ms. Shelley P. and Ms. Chris**

This music group will nourish your child's love and natural enthusiasm for music, movement, rhythm and fun! Appropriate for babies through 4 years. Call the Center to register (held in Red Schoolhouse).

### Let's Get Ready to Read!

**Our second 9 week series begins  
Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>  
1:00 – 2:00 pm**



**at Project Connect/Family Center**

It's never too early to introduce pre-reading skills.

Join Ms. Shelly F. and Ms. Chris and Ms. Annie for the second series! We will focus on building literacy skills through hands on activities and stories.

This group is geared towards 3-5 year old children, but younger siblings are welcome. Call the Center at 508-226-2883 by January 3rd to register (held in Red Schoolhouse)

*\*Please note, the day has changed from Wednesday to Tuesday\**

## CHOOSING A QUALITY PRESCHOOL

Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:00pm at Project Connet

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.

To register, call the Center by January 11<sup>th</sup>  
Childcare is available. Held in portable building.



## **PTO Pajama Party!!**

**Friday, February 1st, 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.

To register, call the Center by January 30<sup>th</sup>

## PTO COIN CHALLENGE

Start looking under chair cushions, car seats and at the bottom of purses. Bring in your spare change and add it to your playgroup's container.

Let's see which group will fill their container first!

*The competition begins the first week of January and ends the week of March 4th*

The winning playgroup will receive an age-appropriate prize during their playgroup's scheduled time the week of March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Each group's container will be placed in each playgroup room starting this week!

Good Luck!!!

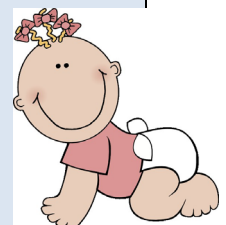


## Sturdy Memorial Hospital

### 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



### Attleboro Public Schools Podcast

Did you know David Sawyer, Attleboro Public Schools Superintendent, has a podcast? Project Connect was featured in the 3<sup>rd</sup> episode. Kathy had the opportunity to sit down with Mr. Sawyer and talk about the program. It was a privilege to shine a spotlight on Project Connect for those who may not be aware of the many programs we provide for young children and their parents/caregivers. To listen, go to your podcast app and type in APS:Sup.toNuts or find it in the Attleboro Public Schools facebook page.



### 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 9:00 am 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 to the following families for their generous donations!

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*Marsters Lingard Dickmon Rosenthal Downs/Lazaro*

*Wietecha Jamison*



### FAMILY CENTER PARKING

We ask all families to please park in the lot on Handy Street, behind the playground and enter through the playground. This is for your children's safety, as delivery trucks and school department personnel use the main parking area. If you do park in the main lot, you will be asked to move. Please speak with a parent educator if you need to park in the main lot for health or other reasons. Thank you!

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