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Project Connect/Family Center Newsletter September 2018

Welcome back! We hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. It was great to see so many families at our summer playgroups. We were fortunate to double the number of summer playgroups offered and they were all well attended.

This fall you will notice a few changes when entering the buildings for playgroups. All staff will be wearing badges identifying us as Attleboro Public School employees. Sign-in sheets have been redesigned. We ask you to print your child's first and last name and all adults attending, both first and last names. In addition, we have revamped our emergency contact forms (many of you may have filled it out in summer playgroups) and have developed a playgroup guideline booklet. We ask that everyone reads it and keeps a copy.

If you have any questions, please ask a parent educator. Finally, for the activities held in the school house, the sign-in table will be as you enter the building and no longer in the playroom. These changes are being made to improve safety for all. We look forward to an exciting year filled with new learning opportunities!

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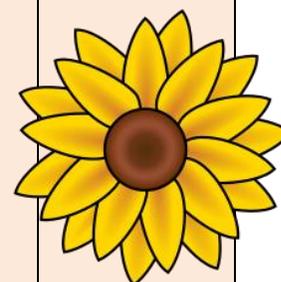
2018-2019 PLAYGROUP SCHEDULE



- Sign up for the first playgroup series begins Tuesday, September 4th. Call the Center at 508-226-2883 after 8:30am. If the answering machine picks up, please leave your name, your child's name and date of birth along with the playgroup you're interested in. Please leave your phone number and we will call back to confirm. Thank you!
- This playgroup series begins the week of September 10th and ends the week of November 26th (12 weeks).

Donation of snacks and water for playgroups are always appreciated!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Look under "Family Activities" for our monthly Monday Messy Play 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	9:00 - 10:15 am Explorers 18 months - 4 years	9:00 - 11:30am Drop-in Play All ages Birth-5 years	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 PARKING

We are asking all families to please park in the lot on Handy Street, behind the playground and enter through the playground. This is for the 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!

Family Center Activities/Workshops

Move and Groove

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

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, Sept. 6th (held in Red Schoolhouse).



Messy Play

Monday, Sept. 17th, 9:30-10:30am with Ms. Shelly F. and Ms. Cheryl

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. Register by Thursday, Sept. 13th (held in portable building).

Saturday Playtime

Saturday, Sept. 27th, 9:00-10:00am with Ms. Shelly F. and Ms. Chris

Join us for this monthly Saturday playgroup. Weather permitting, we will spend time outdoors on the playground. Bring your children dressed for mess. Sign up by Thursday, September 25th (held in portable).



SCIENCE SATURDAY **Attleboro Public Library** **Saturday, Sept. 22nd**

For children ages 3 years to kindergarten. The Attleboro Public Library and Project Connect are teaming up to bring kids in preschool and kindergarten a monthly "Science Saturday" program. We will be exploring STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) concepts and doing hands-on activities. To make sure everyone stays safe and focused, we ask that NO younger siblings join us during this program. To register, visit www.attleborolibrary.org and click on "calendar" tab on the home page. Select the program you are interest in and click "To reserve a seat, register here."

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



"The Parenting Toolbox"

8 consecutive weeks - Topics such as "Positive Child Guidance Techniques", "Communication Skills", "Self Esteem" and "Temperament" will be addressed

Would you like to:

- Discipline with kindness and firmness?
- Reduce power struggles?
- Encourage personal responsibility?
- Find more joy in parenting?
- Use routines effectively?
- Strengthen your child's problem-solving skills?



If you answered yes to any of these questions,
please join parent educators,

Cheryl Killion and Shelly Freddo on the following dates:

TUESDAYS, OCTOBER 16th to DECEMBER 4th

9:30-11:00 am

(held in Red School House)

Register by October 12th

Program is FREE

Healthy snacks and beverages provided

Limited Child care provided

Assistance with transportation if needed (gas cards)

To register, call Project Connect

@ 508-226-2883

Parent
Testimonials

"The parenting toolbox class was very refreshing and motivated me to brush up on my parenting skills, maybe even try something new. It was very down to earth and real, honest conversation about our role as parents. Open discussion with other parents in the class really made it a great experience." ~ Jennifer G.

"The information, discussion, and connections from the Parenting Toolbox were enlightening and encouraging; and we have put them to good use in so many different ways with our little ones! It's not just tools and techniques, it's a community and support system that has helped us do our best as parents." ~ Brandi C. and Rex L.

This program is funded by:



Last April we celebrated 23 years of home visits. We'd like to remind you of the benefits of home visiting. Parent educators can assist you in making sense of information overload received from the internet and social media. They are there to support you in your role as your child's first and most important teacher. Parent educators offer parent support and child development information geared to your child. Visits can begin prenatally and continue until your child enters school. Parent educators get to know you and your child and tailor visits to your individual needs. Over time, parent educators and parent/caregivers develop a trusted and mutually respectful relationship. While the internet may have answers, it cannot replace the benefits of face to face visits with our supportive parent educators.

Project Connect Family Center Home Visiting Program

WE BELIEVE:

- *Parents are their child's first and most important teacher.*
- *A strong parent child relationship is important for your child's development and success in school.*

TOGETHER WE WILL:

- *Discuss specific activities you and your child can do together that promotes development.*
- *Help your child learn about the world through play.*
- *Look at how your child is growing and developing by completing the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ).*

YOU WILL BENEFIT BY:

- *Better understanding what your child is telling you.*
- *Understanding your child's development at each stage*
- *Having a trusted and non-judgmental parent educator to answer your questions and listen to your concerns.*

Please call the Center or speak to anyone of us to sign-up!

STAFF

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Paula Fahey, Sr. Clerk

Parent Educators:

Shelly Freddo

Cheryl Killion

Christine Lussier

Shelley Pray

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Educational Consultant: Andrea Witherell

Did you know?...



ECCA - Early Childhood Community of Attleboro:

Project Connect CFCE has an advisory council that meets quarterly. The purpose is to strengthen our program, share ideas and resources that benefit Attleboro families with young children. Parent input is essential as the program exists for you. Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 25th from 12:00-1:00 pm, in the Red School House. Please call Kathy if you would like to attend or want more information.

Donations:

Please help use by donating a snack and/or water for playgroups. In addition, wipes, napkins, paper cups, and Kleenex are always appreciated. If you'd like to donate a gift card, The Dollar Store, B.J.'s, Walmart, Stop & Shop, and Market Basket enable us to buy playgroup supplies.

Box Tops for Education:

We hope you have saved Box Tops through the summer! We will continue to collect them this year. They are redeemed for cash and all monies benefit our program. Please continue to bring them in and drop off in the container at the sign-in table or give to your parent educator at your next home visit. Thank you!