

## Sandwich Community Partnership Newsletter for September and October



We return this fall, diminished in size and but not in spirit or scope. Thankfully, though the Commonwealth's budget blues have impacted us significantly, we remain intact, and can turn to our community partners to offer the services and support that families need and deserve. Without the support of the Sandwich Kiwanis, the Discovery Center would have **NO** supplies this year, so please join us in thanking this generous organization.

We would also like to thank our friends at the Sandwich Library for always "being there" for us, and our friends at the Sandwich Rec. Dept. for being our new teammates. "Make new friends, but keep the old"- we are fortunate to have silver and gold friendships with those community partners, as well as Heritage Museum & Gardens, and the Sandwich Council on Aging.

We've also been very lucky to have had Miss Betsy as our Early Childhood Specialist. Her joyful nature and love of children was infectious. Every child wanted to come and play with Miss Betsy, and every parent appreciated her warm response to their child.

Happily for Miss Betsy, she has accepted a position in the Spinnaker Program for preschool children over at the H.T. Wing School. While she will no longer be able to share her mornings with us, she is looking forward to joining her Discovery Center friends every Thursday afternoon during drop-in time from 4-6 this fall.

Though no one can ever replace Miss Betsy, we do anticipate finding someone very special to become our new Discovery Center Director this fall. Until then, we will do our best to fill her shoes and keep the Discovery Center doors open.

Miss Martina, Miss Anna, and Miss Lauren will be sharing the morning hours. Please join us in wishing Miss Betsy all the best in her new position, and in thanking her for all the happy days shared together!

### Calendar of Events-

**Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>- 10-11:30** *Fall Frolic at the Heritage Museums and Gardens!* All Sandwich families are invited to join us for a morning of fun and frolic, hosted by our friends at Heritage. **Meet at 10 a.m. in the Upper Parking Lot for free admittance.** Remember, no snacks allowed outside of the designated picnicking areas. Call the CPC Office at 508-888-9525 for more info, or to register, or stop in at the Discovery Center. Raindate: Tuesday, September 29th.

**Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>- 9:30-11** *Adventure Walks with Sandwich Rec.* Perfect for toddlers and preschoolers, these short "hikes" will be stroller-friendly opportunities to enjoy the crisp fall weather in the company of others.

**Cost:** \$10.00/family **Ages:** new born to Pre-K

Wed., Oct 7- Shawme Crowell State Park - Wed., Oct. 14 - Ellisville Harbor State Park

**Time to meet:** 9:30 AM. When you register you will receive directions to all of the locations to will be visited. In the event of inclement weather the hike will be held the next day. So break out the strollers, baby carriers, backpacks, and walking shoes and come and enjoy the great outdoors with your little one(s)

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Sept. 30, 2009**

Registration for the series accepted at the Sandwich Recreation Department or on-line at [www.sandwichmass.org](http://www.sandwichmass.org) Click on Recreation Department.

**Saturday, Oct.10<sup>th</sup>**- 9:30-10:30 *Dads, Doughnuts and Me*

Join Mr. Parsons, Sandwich Children's Librarian, for an hour of fun with your preschool child(ren). This program partially supported by the CPC. Must register through the Sandwich Children's Room at [sandwichpubliclibrary.com](http://sandwichpubliclibrary.com) Events Keeper

**Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**- *Pasta & Puppets Spaghetti Luncheon and Puppet Show*

The CPC and Sandwich Library team up for our annual treat featuring *Strega Nona!* The magic pasta pot will make enough pasta for two seatings, but get your ticket for this free event, as they will go quickly! For more info, contact the Children's Room at the Sandwich Public Library after Labor Day, or register on-line at [sandwichpubliclibrary.com](http://sandwichpubliclibrary.com)

**Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> - 9:30-1** *Scarecrow Contest at the Sandwich Public Library*

Sponsored by the Sandwich Recreation Department, this contest has become a family favorite! Enter your own, or just come join the fun, and marvel at the creativity. Refreshments served. For more info, contact the Rec. Dept. at 508-888-4361.

**Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**, *Story Hike and Fairy Houses with the Sandwich Rec.*

Turn a school in-service day into an outdoor adventure for the whole family! Use your imagination to create a home for the woodland folk. Some materials available on-site, but bring your own non-living natural materials. Register by calling 508- 888-4361

**Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> - 8:30-12:30:** *Upper Cape Early Childhood Conference*

A treat for the grown-ups, this event for parents and professionals comes just in time to help you through the post-holiday sugar blues! Registration begins 9/17.

**Next Council Meeting will be held *Tuesday September 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Wing School. Everyone is welcome- please come and share your input on our programs.***

**Please call the CPC Office at 508-888-9525 for further information on any of our programs.**

Discovery Center Fall Drop-In Schedule:

Tuesdays- 11:15-12:15

Wednesdays (UCFN) 10:45-11:45

Thursdays 9:30-11:30, & 4-6

Fridays 9:30-12:30

The Discovery Center follows the Sandwich Public School Calendar. There will be **no** afternoon playgroup on **the In-Service days of Sept.24<sup>th</sup> or Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>.**