

Family Resource Center newsletter

May/June 2017

CREATING A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE SCHOOL, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY.



IMPORTANT DATES:

May:

- 1 Evening Picnic & Playgroup
- 8 Grandparents Support Group
- 12 Collins Farm Field Trip
- 22 Autism Support Group
- 25 Parent Support Group
- 26 Creative Play Center Playgroup

June:

- 2 Outdoor Water Play Event
- 5 Grandparents Support Group
- 9 Carnival Event
- 12 Autism Support Group
- 22 Parent Support Group

July

We will be offering Summer Learning through Play Groups during the month of July. Please see page two of this newsletter for more information.

FRC Closed:

5/29: Memorial Day



Family Resource Centers

Enfield Street School
1318 Enfield Street
Enfield, CT 06082
860-253-5144
Monday - Friday
8:00am to 4:30pm

Stowe Early Learning Center*
117 Post Office Road
Enfield, CT 06082
860-253-6580
Monday - Friday
8:30am to 3:00pm

*Support for this work is provided in part by the LEGO® Community Fund U.S.

www.enfield-ct.gov/frc



Just a reminder that we are on Facebook. Like our page and get information on upcoming events.



SUPPORT GROUPS

AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP

Sponsored by ShopRite of Enfield

Mondays: May 22 & June 12

6:15pm to 7:30pm

Enfield Street School Library

1318 Enfield Street

To Register: Call 860-253-5144 or email

Kelly Egan at kegan@enfield.org

The Enfield Autism Support Group is a group of parents who meet once a month to highlight successes and achievements in their children's growth. It is a safe place to explore concerns and obstacles as a way of obtaining



fresh ideas. The main focus of the group is to offer support, acceptance and encouragement to parents in the local area who have children or family members with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Refreshments and Childcare provided.

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN SUPPORT GROUP

Mondays: May 8 & June 5

6:00pm to 7:30pm

Enfield Street School Library

1318 Enfield Street

To Register: Call 860-253-5214 or email

Tracy Roche at troche@enfield.org

Are you a grandparent raising grandchildren or other relative children? This support group was created for grandparents that need support and resources as they embark on a new and exciting time in their life, while raising their grandchildren.

Dinner and Childcare Provided.

*Sponsored by the Commission on Aging and the Thomas M. Meredith Fund and the RMB Fund.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Thursdays: May 25 & June 22

6:00pm to 7:30pm

Alcorn School

1010 Enfield Street

To Register: Call 860-253-5144 or email

Kelly Egan at kegan@enfield.org

The Parent Support Group was created to support all parents and soon-to-be parents with everyday challenges they face with raising children. In this group, parents are encouraged to share and discuss their experiences and also receive positive feedback from their peers in a safe, non-judgmental environment.

Dinner and Childcare Provided.

English:

Interpretation services now available for families in many languages

Spanish:

Los servicios de interpretación ahora están disponible en muchos idiomas para las familias.

Arabic:

خدمات الترجمة الشفوية متوفرة الآن للآسر، في العديد من اللغات

PLAYGROUPS

FREE LEARNING THROUGH PLAYGROUPS FOR ENFIELD FAMILIES

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Alcorn School

1010 Enfield Street

Tuesdays:

New Time

10:30am to 11:30am

Enfield Street School

1318 Enfield Street

Wednesdays:

9:15am to 10:15am or

10:30am to 11:30am

Stowe Early Learning Center

117 Post Office Road

Tuesdays or Thursdays:

9:15am to 10:15am or

10:30am to 11:30am

Wednesdays:

9:15am to 10:15am

Come and join us for songs, stories, play and activities. This is an interactive and educational playgroup for Moms, Dads,

Grandparents, caregivers and their children. Bring your children ages birth to five. You must register to attend. Wait lists have been started for some sessions.

For more information on our playgroups, please contact:

Enfield Street School and Alcorn:

Kelly Egan at 860-253-4769 or

Email: kegan@enfield.org

Stowe Early Learning Center:

Erin Grimes at 860-253-6580 or

Email: egrimes@enfield.org



EVENTS

All FRC Events are free; however, space is limited and you must pre-register for each event.

Please call Erin Grimes at 860-253-6580 or email her at egrimes@enfield.org to register for any events or for more information.

EVENING PLAYGROUP & PICNIC AT THE PARK



**Monday, May 1
6:00pm to 7:00pm**

Enfield Public Library Park, 104 Middle Rd.

Enjoy an evening playgroup at the park. Bring your picnic dinner and share an evening out as a family!

COLLINS FARM FIELD TRIP



**Friday, May 12
(Rain Date: Friday, May 19)
11:00am**

Collins Farm, 9 Powder Hill Rd.

Join us for a fun and educational tour of Collins Farm right here in Enfield! We will visit with the cows and see where milk come from, learn about compost and do a hands-on activity. We will also take a hayride! Bring a picnic lunch and after you can visit the Creamery to purchase an ice cream.

CREATIVE PLAY CENTER PLAYGROUP

**Friday, May 26
11:00am to 12:00pm**

Stowe Early Learning Center

Join us for a fun morning event of play in our new Creative Play Center. Come experience the different areas within the center: science, art, music and building! Parents and caregivers with their children are welcome.

OUTDOOR WATER PLAY



**Friday, June 2
11:00am to 12:00pm**

Family Resource Center At Stowe

You are invited to an exciting morning event of water play! Put your bathing suits on and come splash in water tables, paint on the sidewalk and get wet playing with your friends.

CARNIVAL EVENT



**Friday, June 9
(Rain Date: Friday, June 16)
11:00am to 12:30pm**

Family Resource Center at Stowe

Come join us for our final event of the school year! We will have game stations for all ages, snacks and lots more!



FRC FUNDRAISER! PLAYGROUP SPRING PHOTO WEEK

Week of May 22nd

Be a part of our Spring Photo Week Fundraiser! During the week of May 22nd we will be having "class photos" at your playgroup. Wear your best outfit and start your school memories early! All purchases will support FRC programming. **Ask for more information at your playgroup!**

HOME DAYCARE PROVIDER ACTIVITY KIT KICKOFF

Thursday, May 11

6:00pm to 7:30pm

**Stowe Early Learning Center
Creative Play Center**

Home daycare providers are invited to come enjoy dinner and register to check out our new activity kits exclusively for them to use with their childcare groups. We will have a speaker to explain how the kits can help supplement providers' programs as well as how they tie into Early Learning Standards.

For more information, please contact Lisa at 860-253-6580 or email her at lcarriere@enfield.org.

FREE SUMMER LEARNING THROUGH PLAYGROUPS



Tuesdays, July 11, 18, 25 OR

Thursdays, July 13, 20, 27

**Family Resource Center at Stowe
9:30am to 10:30am**

We will offer the above playgroup sessions during the summer. Space is limited. You may select to join one playgroup. For more information or to register, call Erin at 860-253-6580 or email her at egrimes@enfield.org

ADULT EDUCATION & FAMILY LITERACY PROGRAM AT ALCORN SCHOOL

Come to Enfield Adult Education in its new home at Fermi High School, 124 North Maple Street. You can explore English as a Second Language classes, high school completion classes and FREE GED counseling services every Tuesday from 12-3pm! We also offer computer classes, foreign language classes, yoga classes and much, much more! There is even a NYC Bus Trip happening on Saturday, June 10th with convenient registration available online through Enfield Public Schools! Don't have transportation to Fermi? The Magic Carpet transport van leaves the Lamagna Center at 2 after every hour and arrives at Fermi at 26 after the hour. *And for those that are in the mood to celebrate, our annual graduation is Thursday, June 8th at 7pm, here at Fermi High School! All are welcome to attend!*

For more information regarding Adult Education, please call 860-763-7032.



ENFIELD GETS READY FOR KINDERGARTEN:

**Monday, June 12
6:30pm to 8:30pm**

Henry Barnard School, 27 Shaker Rd.
This will be an informational meeting for parents whose children will be entering Kindergarten in the Fall of 2017.

You will receive information on the curriculum, hear about procedures and expectations and receive materials to work with your child over the summer. You will receive an invitation by mail in early May with information on how to register.

For more information, visit the public schools' website at www.enfieldschools.org or contact the Central Office at 860-253-6500



COGNITIVE DEVELOPMENT IS THE THEME FOR OUR MAY AND JUNE PLAY GROUPS

Ideas for Infants and Toddlers:

- Pretend with your child. Pretend a banana is a phone or feed a doll.
- Give your child choices. Let your child choose a snack or what to wear.
- Show your baby how things work. "Look at how the car rolls."
- Give your child lots of different experiences. Explore your neighborhood parks, libraries and museums. Play with things that are used in different ways (to make sounds, build, etc.).
- Play games that involve back-and-forth. As your child gets older, help them wait for a short time.

Ideas for Preschoolers:

- Use everyday routines to notice patterns. Point out familiar routines (first we wash hands, then we eat.).
- Sort and categorize throughout the day. Picking up toys and laundry are great sorting activities.
- Wonder with your child. "I wonder if it's going to rain today." Encourage your child to ask questions.
- Point out and use symbols. Encourage your child to recognize and name signs and symbols.
- Support your child to finish things they start. Help them plan and stick with things for longer periods of time.



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