

Family Resource Center newsletter

May/ June 2019

CREATING A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE SCHOOL, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY.



IMPORTANT DATES:

May:

- 3 Playgroup At The Park
- 9 No playgroups-Staff Training
- 10 Music At The Farm
- 20 Playgroup Photo Week
- 20 Grandparents Support Group
- 24 Music At The Apple Place
- 31 Forest Park & Zoo Fieldtrip

FRC Closed:

5/29: Memorial Day

June:

- 3 Books & Babies
- 4 Evening Playgroup
- 7 Forest Park Rain date
- 10 Grandparents Support Group
- 10 Final Week Of Playgroups
- 14 Music At Connor's Park



Enfield Family Resource Centers

Henry Barnard School

27 Shaker Road
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

www.enfield-ct.gov/frc

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

English:

Interpretation services now available for families in many languages

Spanish:

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

Arabic:

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We are on Facebook! Like "Enfield Family Resource Center" for more information, articles and events!



SUPPORT GROUP

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN SUPPORT GROUP

Monday, May 20th & June 10th
6:00pm - 7:30pm

Stowe Early Learning Center FRC
117 Post Office Road, Enfield

To Register: Call 860-253-5214 or email Heather Benyak: hbenyak@enfield.org

Are you a grandparent raising grandchildren or other relative children? This monthly group offers a chance to learn about the resources available while gaining strength from each other. *Thanks to a new grant from the North Central Area Agency on Aging, children who attend will have the chance to participate in guided discussions with FRC staff about their experiences being raised by their grandparents.*

PLAYGROUPS

PLAYGROUPS FOR ENFIELD FAMILIES

Henry Barnard School

27 Shaker Road

Mondays

1:45pm to 2:45pm

Wednesdays

9:15am to 10:15am OR
10:45am to 11:45am



Stowe Early Learning Center

117 Post Office Road

Tuesdays

9:15am to 10:15am OR
10:45am to 11:45am

Wednesdays

1:45-2:45pm

Thursdays

9:15am to 10:15am OR
10:45am to 11:45am



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.

For more information on our playgroups, please contact:

Henry Barnard School:

Lisa Carriere at 860-253-5144 or
Email: lcarriere@enfield.org

Stowe Early Learning Center:

Erin Grimes at 860-253-6580 or
Email: egrimes@enfield.org

MAY EVENTS

PLAYGROUP AT THE PARK

Friday, May 3rd

11:00am to 12:00pm

Greenwood Park

231 Maple Rd., East Longmeadow, MA.

Come meet some friends and have fun exploring and playing at the park! You can pack a picnic lunch too!



MUSIC AT THE FARM

Friday, May 10th

10:30am to 12:00pm

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 comes from and then finish off the morning singing and dancing with Renee Coro! Bring a picnic lunch and after you can visit the Creamery to purchase an ice cream.

*Cash only for orders under \$10

FRC FUNDRAISER! PLAYGROUP SPRING PHOTO WEEK

Week of May 20th



Be a part of our Spring Photo Week Fundraiser! During the week of May 20th 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!**



MUSIC AT THE APPLE PLACE

Friday, May 24th

10:30am to 11:30am

540 Somers Rd., E. Longmeadow MA

Come ready to make even more music with Renee Coro and our friends! You will have the chance to sing, dance, and play instruments. The Apple Place has animals to see and sells ice cream, baked goods and produce!



FOREST PARK ZOO FIELD TRIP

Friday, May 31st

(Rain Date: Friday, June 7th)

10:30 am

Forest Park & Zoo

302 Sumner Avenue, Springfield, MA

Join us for a self guided tour of this wonderful zoo! ***This is a free event; however, there is a \$5.00 per car entrance fee to Forest Park.**

**** Please contact Erin Grimes to register for all events!**

You may email egrimes@enfield.org or call 860-253-6580**

JUNE EVENTS

BOOKS WITH BABIES

Monday, June 3rd
10:00am to 11:00am
Stowe Family Resource Center



Join us for our final books with babies program for this year! This is a "lap sit" story time for children ages birth to age 1. Listen and interact with your baby through books, songs, rhymes and other activities! All babies will receive brand new books to take home! *Childcare will be available for older siblings.

EVENING PLAYGROUP

Tuesday, June 4th
5:30pm to 6:30pm
Family Resource Center at Stowe



Join us for an evening playgroup where the whole room will be open to explore and play! We will end the night with a story, songs and a tasty snack!

MUSIC AND PICNIC AT THE PARK

Friday, June 14th
10:30am to noon
Connor's Park
96 Field Road, Somers



Enjoy our last special event for the school year. You can have some fun playing with friends, enjoying one last music session with Renee Coro and we will also provide lunch for all who attend!

FINAL WEEK OF PLAYGROUP PARTY

Week of June 10th



Join Ms. Lisa & Ms. Erin during the final week of playgroups for this school year! Families are welcome to bring

a snack to share with friends. If the weather is nice we will play outside and then come in for our special snacks!

*A sign up sheet will be available the week before in the FRCs.

FALL PLAYGROUP INFORMATION

For those who are interested in joining playgroup in the fall we will be sending out an email to all of our current families sometime in September. We will provide information on how to register for the new school year! Enjoy your summer and we hope to see you in the fall!



** Please contact Erin Grimes to register for all events!
You may email egrimes@enfield.org or call 860-253-6580**

COMMUNITY NEWS



ENFIELD GETS READY FOR KINDERGARTEN:

Wednesday, May 15th
6:30pm to 7:30pm

Henry Barnard School, 27 Shaker Rd.

This will be an informational meeting for parents whose children will be entering Kindergarten in the Fall of 2019.

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



COUNTDOWN TO KINDERGARTEN CAMP

August 5th - 16th
9:00am to 12:30pm
Stowe Early Learning Center
117 Post Office Road

Do you have a child entering Kindergarten this fall who has not had any formal preschool experience? Enfield KITE and the Family Resource Center are partnering to hold a **FREE** program this summer to give children who have not attended preschool a chance to experience Kindergarten before school starts in the fall. Students will be bused from Alcorn School (1010 Enfield St.) to the Stowe Early Learning Center for activities such as structured group time, centers, and lunch, led by a certified Kindergarten teacher.

*Space is limited to 20 children. Priority will be given to children with no preschool experience, and children with preschool experience will be accepted on a case-by-case basis.

Please contact Amy Morales at 860-253-4721 or amorales@enfield.org for more information.



SCHOLASTIC

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Every Child Deserves a Good Book

Share the many joys of reading with your child! The Family Resource Center is offering a variety of Scholastic Book Order forms every month this year! Begin such an important skill in an inexpensive, exciting and helpful way! Every time you order books you are directly helping us earn FREE book points that allow us to buy books and educational materials! Don't miss out on this incredible chance to make memories and create a special time with your child!

Pick up a catalog at your Family Resource Center! You can do the order online or we can submit the order for you!

Due Dates

Friday, May 17th
&
Friday, June 4th

Ask your parent educator for more details!

EXECUTIVE FUNCTION IDEAS FOR SUMMER PLAY

Below is a list of great summer activities that can be done at home. In each activity, caregivers should look for **three indicators of playful learning: choice, wonder, and delight.**

Choice looks like kids setting goals, developing and sharing ideas, making rules, negotiating challenges, and choosing how long to play.

Wonder looks like kids exploring, creating, pretending, imagining, and learning from trial and error.

Delight looks like happiness; kids smiling, laughing, being silly, or generally feeling cozy and at ease.

* Make a picnic lunch, using only foods starting with the letter "P."

*Make mud pies.

*Make pine cone bird feeder

*Make a crazy backyard obstacle course

*Blow bubble through a hoop

*Use pens or markers to decorate an old t-shirt.

*Plant a surprise garden with mystery seeds.

*Dig for buried treasure.

*Add bubble bath to a wadding pool.

*Use old boxes to build a robot.

*Have a sponge fight.

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