

NASHOBA COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FOR CHILDREN

Bolton, Lancaster & Stow

NASHOBA NEWS 2021



Dear Nashoba Families,

Have you observed how children learn? Along with the foundation blocks of healthy relationships with the adults in their lives, children learn through their senses during everyday play and exploration in safe and stimulating environments. By being curious about their environment and the "world" around them, children learn by observing, listening, exploring, experimenting, and actively engaging with their world. Providing routine activities and new/varied opportunities for your children to engage in sparks their growth and development.

This month we are happy to be offering a wonderful free virtual parent/caregiver education event that further explores beneficial ways your child's foundations and learning potential can be enhanced. I hope you will join us! Please see further in this newsletter for more information.

Wishing you and your children fun learning and exploration!

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If we can be of further help to you please feel free to contact us!

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

PARENT EDUCATION



How to Optimize Your Child's Success in School Through Motor Foundations

Join us to discuss ways to enhance your child's skills in preparation for kindergarten.

FREE Online Presentation

March 10th ~ 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Presented by: Karen Fitzpatrick, OTR/L

Registration Link: [Eventbrite](#)

The Zoom link will be emailed to you prior to the presentation.

Flyer Attached

FREE Virtual Discover and Learn Weekly Playgroups

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR SESSION 3!



Generous activity bags are provided for each child/family that joins our playgroups

For Children Ages 2-5 Years Old

ENROLLMENT IS LIMITED ~ Registration Required

Session 3: Beginning week of March 22, 2021 through June 11, 2021

Families may choose one weekly playgroup:

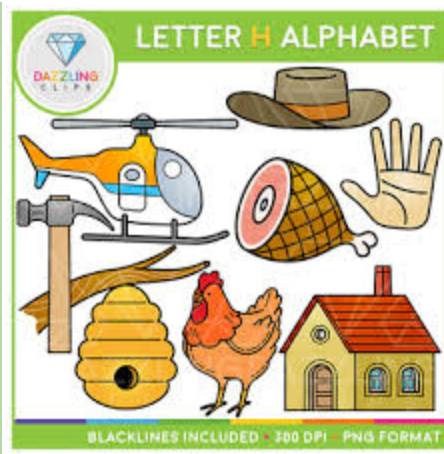
Wednesdays 10:30 - 11 am

or

Fridays 10:00 - 10:30 am

Must complete both the registration and Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ):

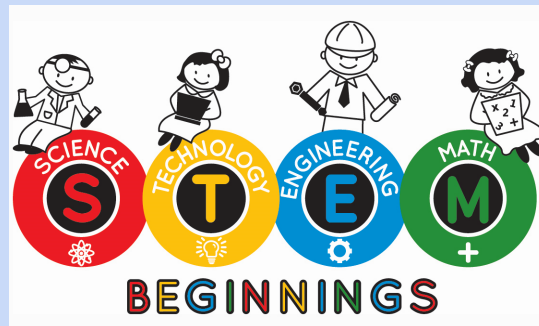
Click Here: [Registration Link](#) ~ [ASQ Link](#)



Join Ms. Liz for a FREE Virtual Storytime

March 9th at 10:30 a.m.

With the spring season just around the corner, we will engage in singing, moving our bodies, exploring a picture storybook, and making a simple craft with a spring theme. The letter sound of the day will be “H” so have your child bring a toy/item that begins with the “H” sound for show and tell. Please email Liz Garreffi at egarreffi@nrsd.net to register and receive the story time link.



STEM is Fun for Kids

STEM IS FUN FOR KIDS (3-6 years old)

Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 11:30 AM

Max of 15 Kids or Families

Presented by Barbara Jorda from STEM Beginnings

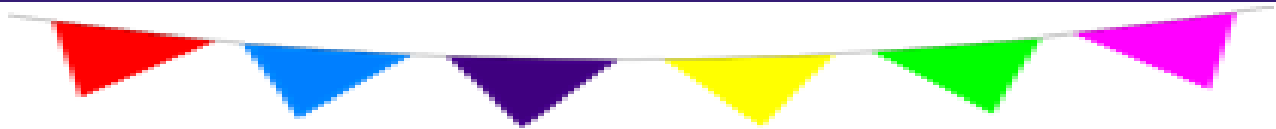
Register through Thayer Memorial Library: [Registration Link](#)

Jointly provided by: Thayer Memorial Library and Nashoba Community Partnership for Children

STEM Beginnings provides fun-filled experiences that encourage children's curiosity and learning. Children engage in challenges that allow them to explore Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math concepts using a variety of tools and techniques: from simple experiments and building challenges to art and crafts, and fun games! We offer a wide range of STEM lessons that help children learn new things, discover how things work, and create solutions to problems. We stimulate their minds and empower them to be life-long learners.

Our STEM is Fun for Kids classes will utilize a virtual /online format. These are highly interactive sessions with hands-on activities for children to enjoy.

- * Virtual learning via Zoom with STEM instructor
- * Synchronous and active learning
- * Materials will consist of common household products or those easily accessible at your local dollar stores. Supply list will be communicated with families prior to the class.



SAVE THE DATE!

NASHOBA CHILDREN'S DAY *REVERSE PARADE!*

SATURDAY, MAY 1st

TIME AND LOCATION WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON!

We are excited to announce that plans are underway for this year's annual Children's Day event! As spring approaches, we would like to celebrate with you and your young children. This year's outdoor event will take place during the morning hours of Saturday, May 1st (rain date of Sunday, May 2nd). The event will likely include a "reverse" parade with prizes and take-away activity packets, with school and community friends in attendance. All safety guidelines in place at the time will be adhered to.

Our district and community are stronger because of the support we show each other, and this is just one way to acknowledge, show our appreciation, and celebrate! As details become more solidified, we will share them with you. So watch for updates to be included next month in our April newsletter!

PLEASE JOIN US TO DISCUSS THE REVERSE PARADE

We need your ideas, support, and sponsorship

Virtual Meeting, Monday, March 8, 2021, at 2:25 p.m

Meeting Link Click Here: <https://meet.google.com/vwm-smnd-ace?hs=122&authuser=0>

FREE VIRTUAL PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

For Parents of Children Birth to Age 8

Facilitated by: Liz Garreffi, MS, CCC-SLP, Early Childhood Coordinator

Our Parent Support Group is in full swing and ongoing! We meet virtually every week on Wednesdays at 1:00 pm. If you are interested in joining the group or have questions about the group, please contact Liz Garreffi, Early Childhood Coordinator, at egarreffi@nrsd.net or by calling 978-779-0539 x3008.

COMMUNITY EVENT

Have you had a chance to explore [Leggett Woodlands](#) in Stow?? A beautiful forest maintained by the Stow Conservation Trust complete with chimes to play and miniature fairy sculptures to spot.

For the duration of March, the Stow Area Parent Network (SAPN) will be hosting a



Search along the fairy path at Leggett Woodlands. What's better than enjoying

some fresh air and seeing how many  s you can find!?

Please see the attached flyer and feel free to email SAPN member Katie Ward with any questions at katienward4@gmail.com.

THAYER MEMORIAL LIBRARY, LANCASTER MA

Click Here To View: [Ongoing Youth Programming](#)

For more info contact Maren Caulfield at mcaulfield@lanasterma.net.

Randall Library, Stow

Preschool STEAM Story Time

Friday mornings 10:30 am to 11:15 am

Check out ongoing (remote) programming for children: [Randall Library](#)



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