

Family Resources of Natick



Supporting all Natick families with children up to age 8 in the areas of child development, literacy and school readiness, family engagement and networking, and community resources!

- Weekday & Saturday parent-child playgroups for various ages and Drop-In Play Times
- Resources for new parents and transitions to school
- "Welcome Baby" gift bags
- Parent Resource lending library
- Parenting workshops
- Support and connections for childcare/preschools

Coordinated Family & Community Engagement Program for Natick Families

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ALL OF OUR PROGRAMMING IS FREE OF CHARGE

How to Find Family Resources of Natick:

- Visit The Cole Center, 179 Boden Lane, Natick, MA
- Call 508-655-2557
- Our website at www.natickfamilies.org
 - Click on CALENDAR link to see programs
 - "Subscribe" on our home page to receive program schedules and updates!
- On Facebook, follow "Family Resources of Natick"

Natick Kindergarten Registration for Fall 2018

If your child will be age 5 by August 31, 2018, you should hear from Natick Public Schools in early January about registration for kindergarten for 2018-2019. A parent orientation night and student assessment visit occur in the spring, followed by a student orientation visit in May. If you are a new Natick resident, you are welcome to call Natick Public Schools at 508-647-6500 to make sure they have your correct contact information.



January-February 2018 Programming

SEE PAGE 3 TO REGISTER!

Saturday Playgroups (Registration Required)

<p>Saturdays 10:30 am -12:00 noon Jan 6 and/or Feb 3</p> <p>Registration Required!</p>	<p><i>In Collaboration with Morse Institute Library</i></p> <p>Me & My Dad <i>(children birth - PreK with Dad)</i></p> <p><i>PLEASE NOTE: moms can attend our other playgroups, but this one is designed especially for dads or other big guys in your child's life!</i></p>	<p>Held at the Morse Institute Library. Dads (...or grandfathers, uncles, or other male caregivers) and children are invited to enjoy this playgroup. Come to enjoy free play, crafts, stories, musical circle time and morning snack with other Natick dads and kids. Register for one or both sessions! <i>Facilitated by "Miss Judy" Dixon, educator and veteran playgroup coordinator.</i></p>
<p>Saturdays 10:30 am -12:00 noon Jan 27 and Feb 10</p> <p>Registration Required!</p>	<p><i>In Collaboration with Morse Institute Library</i></p> <p>Tots & Tales: A Story Playgroup <i>(children 2-6 yrs old with an adult; lap-infant siblings welcome)</i></p>	<p>Held at the Morse Institute Library. This 2-session group is a wonderful way to share books with your toddler or preschooler! Participants engage in play, story, songs and creative craft activities centered on a book theme, then receive a free copy of the featured book to extend the learning at home. A shared snack time completes the experience. <i>Facilitated by "Miss Judy" Dixon, educator and veteran playgroup coordinator.</i></p>

Open Gym for Natick Families

<p>Fridays 9:15 - 10:15am Jan 5 - Feb 16</p> <p>Natick families only, no registration required</p>	<p>Open Gym for Natick Families <i>(sturdy walkers up to PreK with an adult)</i></p>	<p>Held in the Cole Center Gym. A weekly free play time for Natick children who are <u>sturdy walkers</u> with a parent or adult caregiver at their side, to climb, crawl, run and jump. A great place to get the wiggles out when it's cold outside. NO food, beverages or wet boots in the gym; sneakers or rubber-soled shoes are best. Natick Families Only due to space limitations.</p>
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Weekday Parent-Child Groups (Registered and Drop-In)

<p>Mondays 9:30 - 11:00am Jan 8 - Feb 12 (NO GROUP ON 1/15) Registration Required!</p>	<p>Spanish Language Play-to-Learn Group <i>(ages birth - PreK with an adult)</i></p>	<p>Held in the FRN Playroom. Call to register for this 5-week play-to-learn group facilitated in Spanish, including free play, craft, snack brought from home (no nuts) and a circle time with stories and songs. (Note: this is not a language-learning group; it is designed for adults who are fluent in Spanish.) <i>Facilitated by Natick parent Pam Hrones and Natick caregiver Yessica Meneses.</i> Preference given to Natick families; out-of-town families accommodated if space is available.</p>
<p>Tuesdays 10:00am - noon <small>correction: 9:00-11:00am</small> Jan 2 - Feb 27 (NO DROP-IN ON 2/20) Natick families only, no registration required</p>	<p>Drop-In Play for All Ages <i>(children birth to age 5 with parent or caregiver)</i></p>	<p>Held in the FRN Playroom. This drop-in play time is a great group to meet and make new friends with other families. You are welcome to bring a snack to be eaten at the table-- no nuts, please. Natick Families Only due to space limitations.</p>
<p>Tuesdays 11:00 - 11:45am Jan 23 or Feb 27 Registration Required! <i>(Families may request both dates)</i></p>	<p><i>In Collaboration with</i>  E-Tots Gymnastics <i>(sturdy walkers through age 3)</i></p>	<p>Held at Energy Fitness and Gymnastics, 1 HF Brown Way, Natick. Energy has generously arranged to offer special sessions of their E-Tots program for FRN families! E-Tots is for children from walking age to 3 years old. Parents actively participate with their child in this class. Students use age-appropriate gymnastics equipment, obstacle courses, the parachute, rings, and music to learn basic gymnastic skills. Development of gross motor skills, muscle tone, balance, coordination, and self-confidence are the goals of this program. <i>(Energy's waiver form will be emailed to registered families prior to each program.)</i></p>
<p>Tuesdays 11:30am - 1:00pm Jan 9 - Feb 13 Registration Required!</p>	<p>Mandarin Chat & Play <i>(children birth - PreK with an adult)</i></p>	<p>Held in the FRN Playroom. This 6-week playgroup includes free play, craft, lunch brought from home (no nuts) and a circle time with stories and songs in Mandarin. Non-English-speaking caregivers are welcome. <i>Facilitated by a bilingual Natick parent in Mandarin Chinese.</i> Preference given to Natick families; out-of-town families accommodated if space is available.</p>
<p>Wednesdays 9:30 - 11:00am Jan 10 - Feb 14 Registration Required!</p>	<p>The Very Hungry Caterpillar and Friends Playgroup <i>(ages 18-30 mos. with an adult)</i></p>	<p>Held in the FRN Playroom. Join us for this 6-week group to dive into the world of Eric Carle's wonderful children's books! Find out what the very hungry caterpillar ate...and more... as you enjoy a circle time with stories and songs, a snack brought from home (no nuts, please), free play time, and an activity related to each day's Eric Carle book. <i>Facilitated by Miss Linsey.</i></p>
<p>Thursdays Jan 4 - Feb 15 9:30 - 11:30am Registration Required!</p>	<p><i>In Collaboration with Criterion-Middlesex Early Intervention</i> Integrated Playgroup <i>(children 18 - 30 months who are NOT currently receiving Early Intervention services from any provider, with an adult)</i></p>	<p>Held in the FRN Playroom. For Natick children who are typically-developing and <u>not</u> receiving Early Intervention services, a 7-week play experience together with EI client children. Includes free play, snack (provided), circle time and other directed activities to promote fine and gross motor skills, language, and socialization. (Since snack is provided, please advise staff of food allergies when submitting registration.) <i>Facilitated by Amanda Martin, developmental specialist.</i></p>
<p>Fridays 9:30 - 11:00am Jan 12 - Feb 16 Registration Required!</p>	<p>Winter Fun Playgroup <i>(ages 2, 3 and 4 with an adult)</i></p>	<p>Held in the FRN Playroom. Mittens and snowmen and penguins, oh my! This winter-themed playgroup for preschool-age children will engage children in stories and activities based on cold-weather fun...freezing and melting, snow, animals in winter and more! Group includes time for a snack brought from home (no nuts, please.) <i>Facilitated by Miss Pam.</i></p>

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Registration Form January - February 2018

(508) 655-2557 or register online (new!)

- (1) complete this form, then phone in your registration request: please be prepared with all details on this form, and leave voicemail if we do not answer, or
 - (2) register online at natickfamilies.org by clicking REGISTER
- (Please do not email registration requests.)

Deadline: call or register online by **Tuesday, January 2 at 9am**

PLEASE LEAVE YOUR FULL REQUEST ON VOICEMAIL if we are unable to answer your call, or REGISTER at www.natickfamilies.org

We will call everyone who submits a registration AFTER the deadline to confirm your registration or waiting-list status.

Please provide all requested information:

Parent name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Caregiver (other than parent) who will bring child(ren) to FRN: _____

(list male caregiver for Dads' group if not above)

total # of children in your family _____

Child/children registering for these programs:

Name: _____ DOB: _____

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Name: _____ DOB: _____

PROGRAMS REQUIRING REGISTRATION if applicable, please indicate 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice

Due to space limitations you may be eligible to participate in only one weekday parent/child group per 2-month program cycle. New Participants in each program type will be placed first.

___ **Spanish Language Playgroup** (birth through pre-K with adult)

SATURDAYS

↘ **E-Tots Gymnastics** (walker - age 3 with adult)
___ Jan 23 **AND/OR** ___ Feb 27

↘ **Me & My Dad** (birth-PreK with dad or male caregiver)
___ Jan 6 **AND/OR** ___ Feb 3

___ **Mandarin Chat & Play** (birth through pre-K with adult)

___ **Tots & Tales** (2-6 years with an adult)
Jan 27 **AND** Feb 10

___ **The Very Hungry Caterpillar PG** (18-30 mos with an adult)

___ **Integrated Playgroup** (18-30 mos with an adult)

___ **Winter Fun Playgroup** (2, 3 and 4-year-olds with an adult)

