

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 have heard 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.



March-April 2018 Programming

SEE PAGE 3 TO REGISTER!

Saturday Playgroups (Registration Required)

<p>Saturdays 10:30 am -12:00 noon March 3 and/or April 7</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 March 17 and April 28</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 March 2 - April 13 (NO SESSION 3/30)</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 March 5 - April 9 9:30 - 11:00am <u>Registration Required!</u></p>	<p>Spanish Language Play-to-Learn Group <i>(ages birth - PreK with an adult)</i></p>	<p>Held in the FRN Playroom. 6-week group facilitated in Spanish, including free play, craft, snack brought from home (no nuts) and a circle time with stories and songs. (This is not a language-learning group; it is designed for adults who are fluent in Spanish.) <i>Facilitated by parent Pam Hrones and caregiver Laura Lopez.</i> Preference given to Natick families; others accommodated if space is available.</p>
<p>Mondays 11:30am - 1:00pm (NO GROUP ON 4/16)</p>	<p>Grandparents & Kids Drop-In Play <i>(ages birth - PreK with a grandparent)</i></p>	<p>NEW! Held in the FRN Playroom. Grandparents, we have reserved our playroom for a special drop-in play time just for you and your grandchildren! Come to meet other Natick grandparents and enjoy our toy-filled playroom. Feel free to bring a lunch or snack to eat at the table - no nuts, please.</p>
<p>Tuesdays 9:00 - 11:00am (NO DROP-IN ON 4/17) Natick families only, no registration required</p>	<p>Multi-Age Drop-In Play <i>(ages 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 March 6 - April 10 11:30am - 1:00pm <u>Registration Required!</u></p>	<p>Mandarin Chat & Play <i>(ages 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. <i>Facilitated in Mandarin Chinese.</i> Preference given to Natick families; others accommodated if space is available.</p>
<p>Tuesday, April 3 10:00 - 11:00am <u>Registration Required!</u></p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>PUDDLESTOMPERS Nature Exploration™ <small>It's just so good to be outside!</small></p>  </div> <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> <p><i>Outdoor class for Natick kids ages 2 1/2 - 5 with an adult</i></p> </div> </div>	<p>Held outdoors at FRN. PUDDLESTOMPERS Nature Exploration is generously bringing this one-time free sample class to FRN! They seek to help build the foundation for a lifelong enjoyment, love of the outdoors, and a lasting stewardship of nature. The class will be organized around a seasonally relevant concept, occurrence, or natural element. Activities include some combination of hands-on exploration, games, songs and a craft. <i>Facilitated by Melissa Roberts, Program Manager at PUDDLESTOMPERS.</i></p>
<p>Wednesdays March 7 - April 11 9:30 - 11:00am <u>Registration Required!</u></p>	<p>Sensory Fun Playgroup <i>(ages 18 - 36 months with an adult)</i></p>	<p>Held in the FRN Playroom. Time to get messy! This 6-week group will focus on soft, squishy, tickly, wet, smelly and sticky fun! We'll explore our different senses, and have some time for free play, circle and story time, gross motor play, and a snack brought from home (no peanuts/nut products please.) Dress in play clothes that can get wet or messy! <i>Facilitated by Miss Linsey.</i></p>
<p>Wednesday April 11 11:30am - 12:30pm <u>Registration Required!</u></p>	<p><i>In Collaboration with our local WIC program</i></p> <p>The Happiest Baby on the Block <i>Calming and swaddling class for caregivers and babies age 0-5 months; expectant parents welcome!</i></p>	<p>Held in the FRN Playroom. Newborn babies cry. Sometimes a lot! They're hungry, they're fussy, they're tired...and parents and caregivers can feel frazzled and helpless, especially when they're also tired. This one-hour session will teach the "Calming Reflex" and swaddling techniques for newborns and young babies. Every attendee will take home a DVD and a swaddling blanket! <i>Facilitated by Happiest Baby on the Block educator and nutritionist.</i></p>
<p>Thursdays March 8 - April 26 9:30 - 11:30am (NO SESSION 4/19) <u>Registration Required!</u></p>	<p><i>In Collaboration with Criterion-Middlesex Early Intervention</i></p> <p>Integrated Playgroup <i>(ages 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 10:00am - 12:00pm (NO GROUP 3/30 OR 4/20)</p>	<p>Baby and Me <i>(ages birth to "pre-walker" with parent or caregiver)</i></p>	<p>Held in the FRN Playroom. A weekly get-together for Natick parents and caregivers with their infants (pre-walkers). Come meet other families with infants, chat about the joys and challenges of life with baby. Approx. once/month, a particular topic or developmental milestone will be discussed, and special guests will share expertise!</p>
<p>Fridays March 9 - 23 10:00 - 10:45am <u>Registration Required!</u></p>	<p>"Stone Soup" Story Time <i>(ages 3-5 with an adult)</i></p>	<p>Held in the Cole Center Classroom. Join Miss Pam to read 3 different versions of the classic story, <i>Stone Soup</i>, and explore the folk tale's message of cooperation, sharing and generosity. Group includes time for a snack brought from home (no nuts, please.)</p>

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Registration Form

March - April 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 Wednesday February 28 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 group** (birth through pre-K with adult)

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

___ **PUDDLESTOMPERS** (2 1/2 to 5 with adult)

___ **Sensory Fun** (18-36 mos with an adult)

___ **Happiest Baby on the Block** (infant 0-5 mos and expectant parents)

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

___ **Stone Soup Story Time** (3, 4 and 5-year-olds with an adult)

SATURDAYS

↘ **Me & My Dad** (birth-PreK with dad or male caregiver)
___ Mar 3 AND/OR ___ Apr 7

___ **Tots & Tales** (2-6 years with an adult)

