

Early Childhood Events



*Activities and Events
Around the Peninsula,
Deer Isle and Stonington*



May/June 2019

Pre-K & Kindergarten Registration



Do you have a child who will be 4 or 5 by October 15, 2019? You can now register for Pre-K and Kindergarten!!!

Call your local school to set up a visit, sign up or learn more!

Blue Hill Consolidated School – 374-2202

Brooklin Elementary School – 359-2133 or email the Principal Jil Blake at jblake@brooklinschool.org.

Brooksville Elementary School – 359-2133

Adams School (Castine) – 326-8608

Deer Isle-Stonington Elementary School – 610-5187

Penobscot Community School – 326-9421

Sedgwick Elementary School – 359-5002

Surry Elementary School – 667-9358

A Note to Parents/Guardians: Space is limited for Pre-K programs in each of our schools. Please contact your local school as soon as possible.

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Up

Adams School in Castine is having a Preschool Meet & Greet Thursday, May 16th at 11:00am to 1:00pm at the Witherle Memorial Library Family Room in Castine



“Play gives children a chance to practice what they are learning”

- Fred Rogers

Summer is Around the Corner, Here's What's Coming Up!

Summer Camps

Hearthstone Forest Preschool is now enrolling for Summer Camp and the fall school year! Located at 18 Christy Hill Road in Sedgwick. Contact Jennifer McCall at 207-359-8406 for more information and to schedule a visit!

Nichols Day Camp is enrolling for Summer Camp at www.nicholsdaycamps.org. Applications are now online. Scamp Camp for 5-6 year olds and Nichols Program for 7-12 year olds. Adventure Program for 13 and 14 year olds. Counselor in Training (CIT) opportunities may be available for children 14 years or older. Located in Sedgwick. Call 207-374-9906 for more information.

Downeast YMCA in Ellsworth is now enrolling for summer camp! Please visit www.defymca.org/programs/summer-camps/ for more information and registration forms.

Camp Kooky is now enrolling for Summer Camp. Located at the Island Community Center in Deer Isle. The application is available on their website, at the ICC and by email: officeassistant@islandcommunitycenter.net.

Please note that scholarships are available for most camps, though not all. Please do not hesitate to inquire about the possibility of a scholarship!

If you know of other day camps in the area, please let us know!

Art and Sports Camps

New Surry Theatre - Ages 8 and up starting July 8-12. Visit their webpage to learn more and register: <http://www.newsurrytheatre.org/summer-camp>

Sunshine Vacation Bible School – June 24-28 from 9:00-12:00 pm. Lunch and snacks provided. Free. Ages 4-12. Visit their webpage to learn more and register: http://www.sunshinechurch.us/Sunshine_Advent_Christian_Church/Vacation_Bible_School.html

For more, head to page



Playgroups and Story Hours

***All Playgroups and Story Hours Listed Here are Free!**

Storytime on Tuesdays, 10:30–11:15 am in the Larchwood Room, Blue Hill Public Library – Children ages 0-5 are invited to come hear a story and make a craft to take home!

Pre-school Playgroup on Wednesdays, 10:30–12:00 pm in the Howard Room, Blue Hill Public Library – Pre-school Playgroup meets in the Howard Room every Wednesday at 10:30 am except for July and August when it meets at the town park. Playgroup is a great opportunity to meet other local parents with young children while your kids engage in play with one another. For more information, give us a call at 374-5515.

Parents are Leaders Playgroup on Mondays 9:30–11:30 am (except third Monday of each month) at St. Brendan the Navigator Episcopal Church in Deer Isle – Playgroups offer a chance to participate in fun learning and music. Lessons targeted for children 0-3 but older pre-school children are welcome. You can stay until 12:30pm to chat with Linda Shepard to get parenting tips or advice/referrals/resources for any concerns you may have.

Baby Rhyme Time on the third Monday of each month from 9:30–11:30 am at the Stonington Public Library – Fun, interactive reading/play activities for your little ones. Take home materials and resources are available free after the activity.

Kindermusik Group on Tuesdays 9:30–10:30 am at the Stonington Public Library – Kindermusik is a fun, learning activity for young children through music and movement. Children experience music of varying types, interact with other children, and engage in movement, rhythm and vocal activities that develop far more than just music skills. These activities boost your child's ability to learn and grow.

Community Playgroup on Thursdays 9:30–11:30 am at the Deer Isle Congregational Church – Offers you and your young child(ren) an opportunity to participate in fun learning and music activities.

Story Hour on First Saturdays of the Month 9:00 am at the Stonington Public Library – Stories, crafts and snacks with friends old and new.

Weekly Playgroup by Maine Families on Thursdays 10:00–11:30 am at the Congregational Church of Ellsworth – Playgroup for infants and toddlers (birth-3 years old) and their parents or caregivers. Call Maine Families at 667-5304 ext. 260 for more information. You do not have to be currently receiving Maine Families' services to attend.



Farmers' Markets

Blue Hill – Saturdays from 9:00–11:30 am at the Blue Hill Fairgrounds (starting mid May)

Brooklin – Thursdays from 3:00–5:00 pm near library (starting late May–October)

Brooksville – Tuesdays from 9:30–12:00 pm at the Community Center (starting mid June–September)

Castine – Thursdays from 9:00–11:30 am in Town Square (starting June – September)

Deer Isle – Wednesdays from 9:30–11:30 am at the Old Elementary School (starting June–September)

Stonington – Fridays from 10:00–12:00 pm at the Island Community Center (starting late May – October)

Magic Food Bus – Returns the last week of June! Check the Healthy Peninsula website for the new schedule!

Meals and Food

Tree of Life Food Pantry – Thursdays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at 23 South Street in Blue Hill – 374-2900

St. Brendan's Episcopal Church (Deer Isle) – Free Meal usually 4th Monday each month – 348-6240

Stonington Island Pantry – Thursdays from 5:30–7:30 pm at Island Community Center

Calendar of Events

Butterfly Garden Party at Healthy Peninsula in Blue Hill on May 18th 11:00 am

Kids and families are invited to help clean up the butterfly garden at the Healthy Peninsula office. Learn to identify plants, design labels and spruce up the beds. Snacks provided.

Crafternoons! At the Blue Hill Public Library on May 25th at 1:00 pm

May's craft project will be decorating reusable book bags for your library books!

BHHT Magic Bridge Walk – Saturday, June 8, 10:00–11:30 am at Peters Brook in Blue Hill

Come join Blue Hill Heritage Trust and Merrie Eley for a magical hike through mossy woods along Peter's Brook to the beautiful new bridge. Once you are there a story about the Three Billy Goats Gruff will unfold; prepare to be transported back in time to the land of fairy tales! Wear bug repellent and hats. Space is limited; please call to pre-register at 374-5118.

Second Annual Touch-A-Truck – Saturday, June 22, 9:00–1:00 pm at the Blue Hill Fairgrounds

\$5/person Support Sedgwick Elementary School PTF. Quiet hours with no lights, sirens and/or horn from 10:00–11:30 am. After that, children are free to honk every horn and start every siren. Children under 1 free.



Follow us on our Peninsula Birth-5 years
Activities & Tips Facebook Group for more



Youth Clubs and Workshops

Lego Club at the Blue Hill Public Library – Every Other Wednesday 3:00–4:00 pm

Come build and create with Legos! Every other Wednesday, starting March 13, from 3:00-4:00 pm, kids are invited to create anything within their imagination and an optional special challenge will be provided. The library will provide the Legos and creations will be on display in the Larchwood Room for one week. This event is for kids ages 5 and up. Kids under 8 years of age must be accompanied by a caregiver at least 12 years of age. For more information, call the library at 374-5515.

Youth Chess Club at the Blue Hill Public Library – Thursdays 3:00–3:45 pm

Kids are invited to our new chess club! Do you want to learn how to play chess? Do you already know how to play and are interested in playing more? Come learn and play at the library! We will provide chessboards, but participants are welcome to bring their own. Snacks will be provided. This event is free and all levels are welcome.

Dungeons and Dragons Club at The Surry Gatherings – First and Third Fridays of each month at 4:30 pm

Family-friendly club for all those looking to play Dungeons and Dragons or other tabletop role playing games to come together and enjoy an adventure together. Anyone who is interested is welcome to play. Stay up to date on The Gatherings Facebook page.

Globe T-Readers at the Stonington Public Library – Every Third Saturday 9:30 am – Ages 7-10 –

Travel the world country by country through chapter and non-fiction books; snacks and crafts included.

Summer Camps Continued...

Challenger Sports – British Soccer Camp at the Deer Isle-Stonington High School

July 15–19 and at the A.A. Fields in Blue Hill August 12–16 for ages 3-14

TinyTykes program for 3-5 year olds with fundamental soccer activities, games and stories. Half-Day Camp for 6-16 year olds is most popular program and will provide 3 hours of skill development each day. Full day camps will offer more advanced coaching for more competitive players and those wanting a whole day of camp activity. Find out more on Challenger Sports www.challenger.configio.com. Search Deer Isle, Maine.

Explorations Learning Center in Deer Isle – Lego Robotics Family Build Sessions – Tuesday Evenings from 6:00–8:00 pm starting June 25th

For ages 6 to adults, 1 adult per robot. \$25/session. Follow on Facebook at Explorations Learning Center or call Torri Robbins at 266-2567 to learn more.

Explorations Learning Center – Summer Art Sessions – Wednesdays starting June 26th thru August 14th

Call Torri Robbins at 266-2567 or email at explorationslearningcenter@gmail.com to learn more and register. Limit of 8 students per session. Limited scholarships available.

Early Morning Art from 9:30–10:45 am – Ages 4-5. \$15/session or \$95/whole series.

Afternoon Art from 2:00–3:30 pm - Ages 6-9. \$15/session or \$95/whole series.

Childhood Favorites: trucks, boats, magical creatures, etc. Artists will enjoy a theme based story, and a focus on art techniques ranging from guided drawing, painting, watercolor resist, collage, pinch pot piggy banks and simple sculpture.

June 26th Session – Trucks and Tractors

July 3rd Session – Calder Inspired Fish Mobiles

July 10th Session – Boat Collage

July 17th Session – Fairy Tale Frogs

July 24th Session – Gond Inspired Fish

July 31st and August 7th Sessions – Clay Piggy Banks

August 14th Session – Owl Wall Hanging

Ancient Civilizations Art from 11:30–1:30 pm – Explore Ancient Civilizations (Ancient Egypt, Rome and Greece) through art. Themed snacks provided daily. Ages 9-14. \$20/session or \$130/whole series.

June 26th Session – Boats of Ancient Egypt

July 3rd Session – Study of Sarcophagus

July 10th Session – Roman Colosseum

July 17th Session – Roman Busts

July 24th Session – Greek Architecture

July 31st and August 7th Sessions – Greek Vessels with Clay

August 14th Session – Cats of Ancient Egypt

Summer Garden Camp at Brooksville Elementary School – Every Tuesday from June 25th– August 20th, 8:00–11:30 am

The program includes activities and lessons around gardening, cooking, reading, and writing, and weaves together several other subjects and skills from soil science to arts and crafts. The program is currently offered at no cost to all Blue Hill Peninsula, Deer Isle and Stonington residents in grades 1-8, with preference for Brooksville students. No meals are provided, but campers will be served a vegetable-based snack during the morning and will regularly cook food to be consumed onsite. Feel free to give program co-director Justine Appel a call at (973)-968-1638 if you have any questions, or e-mail her or Anna at jappel@brooksvilleschool.org or awind@brooksvilleschool.org.

Local Resources for Families with Young Children

Childcare on the Peninsula, Deer Isle and Stonington

For up-to-date information on availability and cost, please contact each childcare center individually.

The Bay School "Morning Garden"	Blue Hill	374-2187
Blue Hill YMCA	Blue Hill	374-2248
Cubby Hole Too	Blue Hill	610-3488
Christy Whitmore - Ladybugs and Dragonflies	Surry	664-8433
Jennifer McCall - Hearthstone Forest School	Sedgwick	359-8406
Island Childcare	Stonington	367-5887
Terri Lee Jones - Just for Kids	Stonington	367-5849
Megan Dee Gross - Muddee Hands	Deer Isle	348-6728
The Fiddlehead School	Deer Isle	508-439-0903
Skip to My Lou Day Care	Penobscot	326-9414

Family Support Services

Maine Families of Hancock County – 667-5304 (x-225)

Home visitors provide information on infant development and support for families with newborns

Catholic Charities – 775-5671

Short-term therapy in-home or office, children's case management, therapeutic foster care, migrant family services

Child Development Services (CDS) Office for Hancock County – 667-7108

Referral Line – 1-877-770-8883

Provides both Early Intervention (Birth-2 years) and Free Special Education (3-5 years) under the supervision of the Maine Department of Education

Downeast Community Partners – 664-2424

Lifespan opportunities and services. Visit their website downeastcommunitypartners.org. Early Child Care and Education Programs including Head Start in Deer Isle/Stonington. Family Futures Downeast program. Hancock County Child Abuse and Neglect Council.

Early Childhood Consultation & Outreach (ECCO) – 667-7171

Provides support and training to childcare staff, teachers and parents working with and raising children ages birth to 8 years old

Office of Child and Family Services – 1-877-680-5866

www.maine.gov/dhhs/ocfs/ec/occhs/infoparents.htm

Information on types of childcare, voucher program, licensing and links to other sites

Special Children's Friends – 667-2430

Community-based playgroups for children with developmental delays, nursery school programs, individual developmental therapy for children birth through five years, case management

An Early Childhood Educators Opportunity!

"Emotions as Gifts" Mindfulness on Sunday, June 16th
from 1:00–4:00 pm (\$25)

Relax & Refresh Mindfulness on Sunday, June 30th
from 11:00 am–4:00 pm (\$55)

Offered by the Center for Studying Mindfulness with Nancy
Hathaway, M.Ed., LpastC, SDT

541 Morgan Bay Road in Surry, Maine 04684

FMI or to Register: ApplyMindful@gmail.com

(Contact hours available as approved by the University of Maine)
Inquiries Welcome



Be on the lookout for....

The residents of Castine have been busy the last two years building an early care and learning center, Community Childhood Learning Place, a 501(c)(3) for children ages 4-months to 5-years of age, including an after school program. The building is built on the foundation of the 1895 water tank. We are nearing our opening date in August 2019 and are hiring staff. Check out communitychildhoodlearningplace.org!

To find the people who can help...
communityresourceguide.org



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Find Us on Facebook!

Developing a Newsletter...

Healthy Peninsula has been working on an Early Childhood Community Planning Grant over the course of the past year. We spent much of the fall in 2018 surveying families around the nine towns of the Blue Hill Peninsula, Deer Isle and Stonington. We learned that parents and guardians want more information about what is happening around the area. This could include childcare opportunities, playgroups, activities and events for children, support groups and resources.

We are striving to develop a newsletter that will help compile information about what is happening around town. We'd appreciate any comments, suggestions and additions to the newsletter.

If you have anything to add to our newsletter or if you would like more information about local resources, please contact Erica Garvey at egarvey@healthypeninsula.org.



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