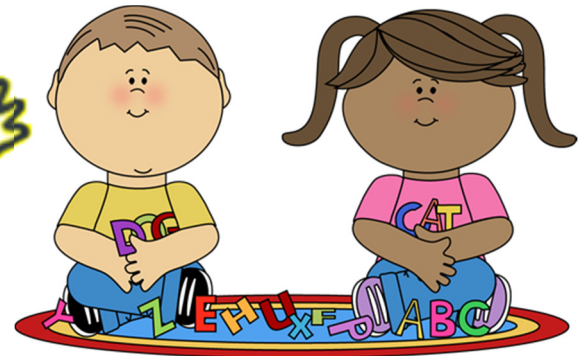


OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2016

The Family Room



The Family Room is a play/learning environment for children ages birth-five, with their parents or caregivers. We provide a clean, safe, and fun educational play area where children are encouraged to explore, experience, and engage. To make it fun for all, please remember the following tools for the program...

- **It is your responsibility to "parent" your child**

Please supervise and encourage your child to play safely and appropriately with toys and other children.

- **We are an "ALLERGY AWARE" program**

Please keep all food and beverages in designated eating areas. Hand sanitizers are readily available. Please use them upon entering or after eating/drinking.

- **Sick children and caregivers... please stay home!**

Keep germs away and let's play on a healthy day!

- **Please put all toys that have been drooled on or in a child's mouth in the disinfecting baskets!**

- **All coats and strollers must be placed on the hooks or in the coat room**

Please keep all personal belongings on you. We are not responsible for lost or missing items.

- **Changing tables are provided**

Please do not change your child anywhere else in the facility

- **Let's keep it fun for EVERYONE!**

Clean up after yourself and put toys back in their proper centers. It's a part of the learning process!

- **The Family Room no longer accepts CASH for program fees**

We will gladly accept check, money order, or credit/debit cards for payment.

- **Please remember to sign up for ALL field trips and special events in order to participate!**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION
IN FOLLOWING AND HELPING TO
MAINTAIN THESE VALUABLE TOOLS!

It's cooler outside and the "coolest" place to go is THE FAMILY ROOM with more open door hours! We have lots of play time to offer including plenty of learning time with our PLAYGROUPS for pre-registered participants.

Pass this info along to your friends and family, and, don't forget, The Family Room is open to ALL families in WNY with children birth to 5 years of age.

ALWAYS check your calendar for field trips, special events, and room closings. Calendars are also available online at www.amherst.ny.us keyword FAMILY ROOM or AmherstYouthandrec.org



OPEN DOOR HOURS

Monday & Friday

9:30-11:30 am Harlem Road
12:30-2:30 pm Northtown Ctr.

Wednesday

9:30-11:30 am Northtown Ctr.
12:30-2:30 pm Harlem Road

Saturday

10:00-12:00 pm Northtown Ctr.

***BEGINNING OCTOBER 15th**

PLAYGROUPS*

"Toddler 101"

Tuesday @ Harlem Road
10:00-11:30 am 18 mos.-3 yrs.
12:30-2:30 pm 3-5 yrs.

"Fit Kids"

Thursday @ Northtown
10:00-11:30 am 18 mos.-5 yrs

Playgroups are for registered participants. Please note the registration dates on your calendar.

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Field Trip Tips!

We have many, exciting special events, fun-filled field trips and activities that highlight our fall months!

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION!

Please note that The Family Rooms are **CLOSED** on field trip days and special events. Check your attached calendars for all the upcoming fun, but for more specific information on our field trips, **please read all about it!**

The Great Pumpkin Farm - Friday, October 7th 10:30 am; Main Street Clarence

It's pumpkin pickin' time! Join us for hayride to the pumpkin patch where EVERYONE gets to pick a pumpkin. Haymaze, chicken cluck show and farm friends round out the day! NO MIDWAY OR RIDES to contend with...just fall fun with friends!

Annual Halloween Costume Party - Wednesday, October 26th 11:00 am - Harlem Road "Big Room"

Our annual Halloween party can't be beat! Kids come in costume and will make a treat bag, sit down for a "spooky" sing-a-long then TRICK OR TREAT in the building! Pizza and potluck lunch to follow. So much fun for EVERYONE!

MONKEY SEE MONKEY DO!

**Wednesday, November 16th 10:30 am
9060 Main Street Clarence**

Time to give thanks with our friends and good books! Thanksgiving stories, crafts and activities will help us celebrate the harvest holiday. Great time to shop for the gift of literature with store discounts too! Don't miss it!

Holiday Party - Friday, December 16th 11:00 am - Northtown "Big Room"

A holiday celebration for ALL! We will sing songs, create crafts and dine together on pizza and potluck lunch. The event wouldn't be complete without sweet treats and a visit from Santa Claus too! A wonderful way to gather before the Holiday Break!

FALL PLAYGROUPS!

"Toddler 101"

The Family Room offers "**Toddler 101**" for children 18 months - 3 years at Harlem Road on Tuesdays from 10 - 11:30 am. Children 3-5 years of age meet from 12:30 - 2:30 pm. Your child will learn from many themes introduced each six week session through songs, music and movement, stories and arts & crafts. All that learning with YOU by their side! The next session's theme will be "SHAPES ALL AROUND!" beginning on Tuesday, November 8th.

You **MUST PRE-REGISTER** to participate.

**REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 1st JUST CALL 631-7218**

"Fit Kids"

"**Fit Kids**" is essential for the child with lots of ENERGY! "Big Room" fun and structured gross-motor activities round out this musical, physical and recreational playgroup for children 18 months to 5 years, offered on Thursdays at the Northtown Center from 10 - 11:30 am. This session will be 8 weeks beginning on Thursday, September 29th through November 17th.

You **MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED** to participate.

VOLUNTEERS

NEEDED TO CLEAN

The cold and flu season is coming!
We need **YOU** to volunteer to disinfect toys.

PLEASE REMEMBER, WE **REQUIRE** EACH MEMBER TO **DISINFECT TOYS** AT LEAST ONCE DURING THEIR MEMBERSHIP!

Please fulfill your membership commitment. It only takes a couple of hours but gives us all the reassurance that our kids are playing in a safe and clean environment.

*Check your calendar for dates and times and email Miss Kristen when you are available at knorton@amherst.ny.us



COMMUNITY CORNER



Spectacular Saturdays!

Fall Family Flicks –

Harlem Road Community Center Auditorium

4255 Harlem Rd., Amherst

Crafts & Games before the show –
12:30pm-1:30pm with Amherst YES!

Movies start at 1:30pm

NOVEMBER 5 – *Secret Life of Pets*

DECEMBER 10 – *Finding Dory*

JANUARY 21 – *Jungle Book* (Movie starts at 2:30pm)

FEBRUARY 18 – *Ice Age – Collision Course*

Cost: FREE (no registration required)



For a list of programs and events sponsored by the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) at Reinstein Woods, visit DEC's [Reinstein Woods events page](http://reinsteinwoods.org/events/).

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Unless otherwise noted, events take place at Reinstein Woods Nature Preserve, 93 Honorine Drive, Depew,

Train Day! November 25th

The Buffalo History Museum
One Museum Court, Buffalo
(716) 873-9644

www.buffalohistory.org

See what the "loco-motion" is all about! The Buffalo History Museum's annual family event, "Train Day," is a popular holiday tradition that includes a tour of the 1900s replica model trains, artifact scavenger hunts, train-themed crafts, and new this year, letters to Santa for "train delivery." Live music by Rail Barons Band is also featured.



Santa's Workshop - December 10th 10:00 am - 2 pm

Buffalo & Erie County Botanical Gardens
2655 South Park Avenue, Lackawanna
(716) 827-1584

<http://www.buffalogardens.com/collections/events>

Enjoy fun holiday themed activities and visit Santa from 10am-2pm. Photo prints with Santa will be available for \$5. each. Santa's Workshop and holiday themed activities are included with Gardens admission!

SATISFACTION SURVEY

The Family Room would like your input and feedback about the program. We are conducting a formal survey to assess your satisfaction of hours, activities, cost and more. You will be receiving the survey via email which will enable you to respond quickly and efficiently. Surveys will also be made available in the Family Room. Submitted responses will be anonymous and confidential. The whole process will take a few minutes of your time but will provide the program with an abundance of information to help better serve the families in WNY. Thank you in advance for your participation and cooperation.



The Family Room will be your favorite party place! Children can ride, romp, & play in our large, safe and age appropriate center. The "BIG ROOM" is available for children celebrating birthdays up to age 5, complete with ride-on toys, foam climbing equipment and toddler sized bounce house! Table and chairs are provided for seating and eating (up to 40) and you can bring in or have delivered, your own food!

Why try to fit your family and friends into your house when you can invite them to the Family Room and let someone else do the clean-up for you! Party packages are available for 2-3 hours and as a Family Room member, you will receive a special discount!

Be sure to book early as dates fill up fast! Call today @ 631-7218 and we'll make sure you have the best party ever!

Wish List

HAND SANITIZER
KLEENEX
BATTERIES (C, AA & AAA)
MAGIC ERASERS
ZIPLOCK SANDWICH BAGS
CORNSTARCH
SHAVING CREAM
BAKING SODA
VINEGAR