



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.

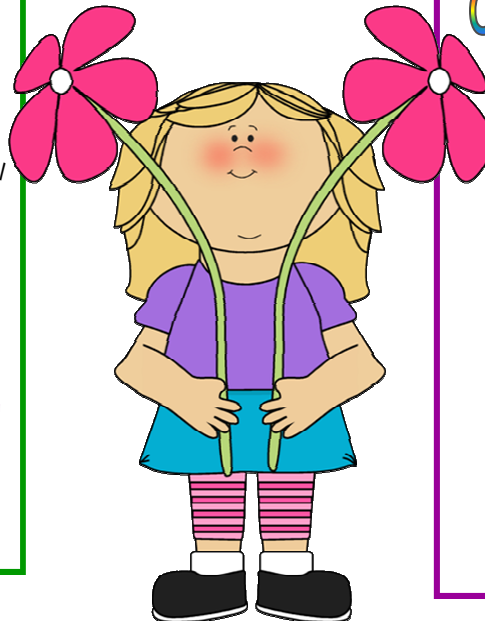
- **Please remember to sign up for ALL field trips and special events in order to participate!**

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

Let's spring into open door hours of Family Room Fun! We have lots of play time to offer including Saturdays thru May 14th. Lots of learning time left too with our playgroups & "Discovery Days" 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.



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.
*(THRU MAY 14TH)

PLAYGROUPS:

"Toddler 101"

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

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

"DISCOVERY DAYS"

Thursdays

10:00 - 11:00 am 18 mos.-5 yrs.
Register for the days you want to play!

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FIELD TRIP TIPS!

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



Wednesday, April 13th
10:30 am Walden Galleria

Journey into *Billy's Rainforest* for a one-of-a-kind adventure! Play Arena is the home of wildly twisting slides, intricate obstacle courses and so much more! This unique indoor playground offers safe, hands-on fun for the whole family!

Mom & Me Tea with Tastefully Simple -
Wednesday, May 4th 10:30 am
Northtown Center

Let's celebrate MOM with some Tastefully Simple treats. Kids will prepare finger foods, dessert and tea to serve to moms, grandmas, like a mom or whoever is that special one in your child's life. Tastefully Simple Representative, Kristin Schmutzler will be our guide to our kitchen creations. All are welcome!

Snyder Fire Hall!
Friday, May 27th;
10:30 am - 12 noon ~ Lincoln Road

We'll meet and greet our local firefighters, talk about fire safety, and check out the trucks too! The Fire Hall is located on the corner of Main St. and Lincoln Rd with parking available in the back. You don't want to miss this! Donations to the Fire Hall are graciously accepted.

Kelkenberg Farm
Friday, June 17th; 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Wolcott Rd. Clarence

A Family Room favorite! The whole family will enjoy the farm tour, hay ride and pony ride too! Bring your lunch along for a group picnic. Kelkenberg Farm is located on Wolcott Rd. off Transit. Maps will be provided upon registration.

PLAYGROUPS!

"Discovery Days"

"Discovery Days" is six weeks of thematic fun and you get to choose which ones! We will be highlighting gross motor, indoor and outdoor activities for children 18 months and up. Lots of hands on experiences and movement will round out the learning, playing and participating!

"Discovery Days" will be held each **Thursday from 10 - 11 am** unless otherwise noted. The locations will change each week, so be sure to check the schedule carefully.

If you'd like to participate, please return the registration form included in this newsletter with payment by Friday, April 15th. Pick ALL or ONE, but just be sure to join the fun.

"Toddler 101"

Eric Carle's Busy Bugs

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! This session's theme will be "Eric Carle's Busy Bugs" based on his series of children's books.

"Toddler 101" is just \$25 per six week session. Snack and water are also provided.

The next session will begin on Tuesday, April 26th - May 31st. You **MUST PRE-REGISTER** to participate in all the learning and fun. Registration will take place on Tuesday, April 19th. Just call 631-7218 between 9 & 11 am.



The most fun you can have this summer with your family is **RIGHT HERE** at The Family Room! Join us Tuesday mornings from 10-11:30 am and be ready for some fun in the sun!

This six week Summer Fun Playgroup session will be held Tuesdays, July 12th - August 16th on the Harlem Rd. playground. All activities are held outdoors (weather permitting) and include water, music, crafts and lots of hands on fun. Snack & water are also provided.

Registration will be held on Tuesday, July 5th by calling 631-7218 between 9 & 11 am. Space is limited so be sure to call early!!

THANK YOU!

On behalf of The Family Room, Amherst Youth Foundation & Amherst Youth & Recreation Department, we would like to say THANK YOU for all your generous support at The Family Room MINIONS MOVIE NIGHT!

We were thrilled to see so many faces participating in the evening's events. It was a FANTASTIC night for everyone and we truly appreciated friends and families who attended, volunteered or GENEROUSLY donated to the event.

The Family Room raised \$1200.00 that will be used towards further enhancing the Harlem Rd. "Big Room"

THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



ONLINE HELPERS!

Sometimes its nice to know we are all in this together.

"THE DISHEVELED PARENT"
<http://thedisheveledparent.com/>

Whinypaluzza.com

Oh the places you will go...
if you use these links to family fun!
Fun4kidsinbuffalo.com

buffalo.kidsoutandabout.com

Need ideas how to inspire fun and learning
at home...check these sites out

teaching2and3yearolds.com

www.playcreateexplore.com



We are in DESPERATE NEED of VOLUNTEERS to CLEAN TOYS at BOTH FAMILY ROOM LOCATIONS!!
Centers need de-cluttering, organization, and CLEANING!!

PLEASE CHECK YOUR CALENDARS FOR DATES TO VOLUNTEER and email knorton@amherst.ny.us

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

Family Room Birthday Parties!

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

BABY WIPES
NAPKINS
DISINFECTING WIPES
KITCHEN SCRUB SPONGES
MAGIC ERASER SPONGES