

# Natick Early Childhood Network

... putting Children First



**September 2010**

Summer is almost over, school days approach, and Natick Early Childhood Network's family center will be open again on September 1. We begin this year by welcoming our new Program Coordinator, Lindsey Tarrant. Lindsey is eager to meet all of you, so check the Drop-In schedule below for our special "Meet Miss Lindsey" playtimes on Tuesday mornings in September!

This year, most of our playgroups and programming will begin in October. Our *Connections* newsletter will be circulated next month, with the program calendars and registration for October through December.

Meanwhile, we'll be opening up our year with the fall Integrated Playgroups, Drop-In times, and...**Open Gym starting a month early!** See you in the playroom!

## Parent/Child Groups:

- **Registration is required for these two playgroups, and will be conducted by lottery on Thursday, August 26; call by Wednesday, August 25!**
- *Requests should be by phone(508) 655-2557 at any time prior to the lottery deadline; please leave voicemail with your request if the office is unstaffed when you call.*

Date/Time	Title	Description
<b>Mondays</b> <b>September 13 –</b> <b>December 20</b> <b>NO CLASS October 11</b>  <b>9:30 – 11:30 am</b>	<i>In collaboration with Criterion-Middlesex Early Intervention...</i>  <b>MONDAY</b> <b>Integrated Playgroup</b>  (children 18 – 30 months with caregiver; sorry, no siblings)	<i>Held at the Cole Center.</i> These <b>12-session</b> groups each offer a play experience for 4 early intervention clients and 4 community children with their parents or caregivers. Each session includes free play, snack, circle time and other directed activities to promote fine and gross motor skills, language, and socialization. Children learn social skills like sharing and turn-taking, and enhance their ability to handle transitions. Facilitated by Chelsea Sweetapple, Developmental Specialist.
<b>Thursdays</b> <b>September 16 –</b> <b>December 23</b> <b>NO CLASS</b> <b>November 11 &amp; 25</b>  <b>9:30 – 11:30 am</b>	<i>In collaboration with Criterion-Middlesex Early Intervention...</i>  <b>THURSDAY</b> <b>Integrated Playgroup</b>  (children 18 – 30 months with caregiver; sorry, no siblings)	<i>Held at the Cole Center.</i> This <b>12-session</b> group offers a play experience for 4 early intervention clients and 4 community children with their parents or caregivers. Each session includes free play, snack, circle time and other directed activities to promote fine and gross motor skills, language, and socialization. Children learn social skills like sharing and turn-taking, and enhance their ability to handle transitions. Facilitated by Courtney Hogan, Developmental Specialist.

## Drop-In and Open Gym (no registration required):

Date/Time	Title	Description
<b>Mondays</b> <b>12:00 – 2:00 pm</b>	<b>Pre-Walkers Drop-In</b>	<i>In the NECN playroom, just for children birth to pre-walkers with their caregivers</i>
<b>Tuesdays</b> <b>10:30 am – 11:30 am</b>	<b>Meet Miss Lindsey</b>	<i>In the NECN playroom, come for free play, and a fun circle time of songs and a story with Miss Lindsey at 11am!</i>
<b>Wednesdays and Fridays</b> <b>10:00 am – 12 noon</b>	<b>General Drop-In</b>	<i>In the NECN playroom, children birth – PreK with their caregivers</i>
<b>Wednesdays and Fridays</b> <b>9:30am – 10:30am</b>	<b>Open Gym</b>	<i>A drop-in opportunity for unstructured physical play inside the Cole Center Gym. For children who are <b>competent walkers</b> through PreK age with their caregivers</i>