

Northern Berkshire FAMILY News

March 2010

Resources and “FUN things to do” for Parents and their families

March 12 from 10 am to noon: Myths About Our Teens: Stereotypes from Skateboarding to Sexuality and School Personalities

Join us for the March monthly forum of the **Northern Berkshire Community Coalition**. The discussion will offer a chance to listen and interact with teens from our local area. The meeting is held at the First Baptist Church in North Adams, at the corner of Eagle and Main streets. Use the Eagle Street entrance.

4 Week Parenting Series on Positive Discipline

Mondays: March 22nd, March 29th, April 5th, and April 12th 5:30pm-7:00pm

Haskins Community Center, North Adams Presented by Jennifer Bernard, LICSW

Give your child the tools he or she needs for a well-adjusted life.

The key to positive discipline is not punishment, but mutual respect. This series coaches parents to be both firm and kind, so that any child can learn creative cooperation and self-discipline with no loss of dignity. In this series you'll discover how to: defuse power struggles; show messages of love; build on strengths

On-site child care available

Call 664-4821 to register

Kidspace @ MassMoCA

10th Anniversary Celebration

March 20th: 11:00am- 4:00pm MassMoCA, 87 Marshall St., North Adams

Kidspace will celebrate ten years of service to the Northern Berkshire community.

For information call: 413-664-4481

Berkshire Museum

The Family Resource Center and Northern Berkshire Community Coalition have free museum passes to borrow. Also check local public libraries.

Free Rick Goldin Concert for Children and Families

Saturday March 20th at 11:00am St. Patrick's Parish Hall, 53 Southworth Street, Williamstown

Rick Goldin is a lively, interactive, and humorous children's entertainer. Children love his live performances because they get to sing familiar songs and dance along with Rick and his singing animal puppets.

Do have a doctor's appointment? Want to workout? Have lunch with a friend?

The Magic Seasons Toddler/ Preschool Program is there to help! We can care for children ages 2-5 years of age on an hourly basis for parents needing intermittent and part time care during the school calendar year. Call 413-664-4657 for more information or to register

Vermont Maple Open House Weekend

March 26-28, 2010

The Open House Weekend is the public celebration of the maple syrup season in Vermont and an opportunity for the public to visit one or more "sugarhouses" throughout the state. Activities during Open House Weekend will be different at each sugarhouse but will include the opportunity to watch maple syrup being made (weather permitting) and often sample maple products. You may also pick up the "Vermont Ski & Maple Syrup Guide 2009-2010 " at all Vermont welcome centers or request one by calling the Vermont Department of Tourism at 1-800-837-6668 or go to the website:

<http://vermontmaple.org/open-house-weekend.php?county=bennington>

Preschool Screenings and Registrations

Call your school for information and to make an appointment

Adams-Cheshire Elementary School : Tuesday, March 16th & Wednesday, March 17th

413-743-5202 ask for Mary Ellen Sutliss

Brayton Elementary School : To Be Announced 413-662-3260

Williamstown Elementary School Call to be placed on Lottery List for Preschool 413-458-5707

Savoy Elementary School Wednesday, May 7th 9:00am-10:00am 413-743-1992

Kindergarten Screenings and Registrations

Call your school for information and to make an appointment

Adams-Cheshire Elementary School : Week of March 8th 413-743-5202

North Adams Public Schools: Tues. Apr. 13 & Wed. Apr. 14 8:30am-2:30pm 413-664-7512

Williamstown Elementary School Thurs, Mar. 11 Fri. Mar. 12 8:30am-12:00pm & 1:00pm-3:30pm

Savoy Elementary School Wed. May 7th 9:00am-10am

Gabriel Memorial Abbott 413-664-6023

Clarksburg Elementary School 413-663-8735

Free Family Program: Art & the Brain: March 6 at 1 pm, Williams College Museum of Art, 413-597-2429, This family program offers student-led tours of the exhibition, Landscapes of the Mind, mind games, artmaking projects, and mind-blowing activities by Williams professors Betty Zimmerberg and Noah Sandstrom. Children of all ages welcome.

Free Special Event - St. Patrick's Day with an afternoon celebration March 12 at 3 pm, The Clark, Art in Williamstown, 413-458-2303, Kevin O'Hara will read from his recently published book A Lucky Irish Lad, an evocative and comical memoir of growing up in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, during the 1950s and 1960s.

Free Family Event - Storytime in the Galleries, 10:30 am, Williams College Museum of Art, Find the connection between art on view and children's stories. Enjoy readings, songs, performances, and art-making activities. Preschoolers and toddlers with adults are welcome. No reservations required for families.

The children's department at the North Adams Public Library presents programs such as pre-school story time (with a craft or activity) and toddler time. These programs are presented on weekdays. For details, call Youth Services Librarian Kim DiLego, 662-3133.