




Boxborough Family Network

Hello everyone!

Hope the summer was enjoyable and safe. As we look back at the 2010-11 year, we had quite an eventful year. Recently, our BFN activities included a successful Fifer's Day, a much appreciated senior luncheon event, and a summer evening at the Lowell Spinners game. Even with our busy schedules we found time for multi-age playdates including at Drumlin Farm and Boxborough's own Flerra Playground. Our pre-kindergarten tots also managed to meet with their fellow classmates for some "get to know each other" playdates and enjoy a library program.

As we look forward to the 2011-12 BFN year, we have many exciting events planned. They include the annual Harvest Fair (with a blessing of the animals- real or stuffed!), the Halloween party, an adult Autumn Social, Mom's Night Out at Sprigs, and the annual Winter Party with entertainment.....To welcome spring, we have the annual Easter Egg hunt, a Mother's Day massage, and then Fifer's Day to kick off the summer.

We are also initiating an advertising policy with BFN, so if you know of any family friendly businesses, please feel free to tell them about us -- we will be very discerning to ensure that we are only sending e-mail on behalf of family-centered or local businesses. We will charge \$5 for an e-mail, \$15 for mention in the newsletter, and \$45 for space on our website.

If you're ever looking for info on what's going with BFN this week, month, year, be sure to check out the calendar on our website! We update it as new events are planned!

Any ideas and suggestions are welcome, and we would very much like to see someone take the position of Treasurer and Chair in the spring. Have a drink and draw your straw. :")

Look forward to seeing you at BFN events!

Nicole Sheehan
BFN Chair

It's Renewal Time! Due October 1, 2011

Dues will remain at **\$20 per family** and will run through Sept. 2012. Renewal invoices will be emailed to you shortly.

Payment options:

Mail cash or check to
BFN P.O. Box 867, Acton, MA 01720

Pay with credit card:

Email boxboro_family@hotmail.com, and a PayPal invoice will be emailed to you. Please note PayPal payments will include an additional \$1 PayPal processing fee.

(Financial hardship scholarships are available, just contact boxboro_family@hotmail.com)

Please take a moment to renew today! We have many exciting events planned for the upcoming months, including the annual Halloween Party and a parents-only Autumn Social!

BOO! We Need You!

**Volunteers Needed to Help Run BFN Halloween Party!
Sun., Oct. 30, Blanchard cafeteria**

If you love Halloween, party planning, or both -- this is the volunteer opportunity for you!

Please email Nicole at boxboro_family@hotmail.com if you are able to help out with planning, picking up/dropping of the bouncy house, set up, or clean up.
Thank you!

Older siblings also make wonderful activity helpers if you have older children!



BFN at a summer Lowell Spinners game

FALL 2011 KINDERGARTEN-CLASS PLAYDATES

2012 Kindergartners

Friday, September 30: 3:30pm until dinnertime at the Acton Cooperative School playground on Route 111 in West Acton

Saturday, October 15: 1pm to 3pm at Westward Orchards in Harvard. Please RSVP to Shelley so we can make our own scarecrows! We can also pick apples or pumpkins.

www.westwardorchards.com/events

To RSVP and for more information on the 2012 playgroup, contact Shelley Lawson at shelleyalawson@gmail.com.

2013 Kindergartners

Pumpkin picking at Westward Orchards! Oct. 16 at 2pm

Contact Tessa for details (lilyandsophie@verizon.net).

2014 Kindergartners

Stay tuned!

2015 Kindergartners

Stay tuned!

2016 Kindergartners

Wed., Oct. 5, 10:30 to 12

Fri., Nov. 18, 10:30 to 12

Sun., Dec. 4, 2 to 3:30

All playdates at Molly Wong's house.

Contact molly@mollyanderic.com to

RSVP and for directions.

Babies!

BFN's annual **New Baby Brunch** will be on Sat., October 22 at 10:30am at Molly Wong's house! If you have a new baby -- please join us!

This is a fun afternoon of pampering for the new moms in town and a chance to introduce future playmates. If you know of anyone in town with a baby 0 to 12 months, please let us know so we can include them in the fun!

RSVP to molly@mollyanderic.com

BFN Halloween Party!

Sunday, October 30

Blanchard Memorial School cafeteria

Show off your costume and join us for bouncy house fun, dancing, cupcake decorating, and other Halloween activities!

We are in need of some volunteers to help coordinate the Halloween activities. Please email Nicole at boxboro_family@hotmail.com if you are able to help out with the planning, picking up/dropping of the bouncy house, set up or clean up.
Thank you!

Older siblings also make wonderful activity helpers if you have interested older children!

Mom's (and Dad's) Nights Out**Autumn Social**

Friday, Sept. 30, 8pm to 11:30pm

At the home of John and Jeannie Hollett

Enjoy an evening getting to know the parents of our kids' playmates. John and Jeannie Hollett will graciously open their home to us the evening of September 30th to have a drink and a nosh and socialize.

Please bring an hors d'oeuvre and/or a beverage to share (No juice boxes or goldfish crackers, please. This event is just for parents!)

It's our turn for a playdate.

Please RSVP via Evite or boxboro_family@hotmail.com

Mom's Night Out, Sprig's, Acton, 8pm to 11pm

Friday, Nov. 4

Come out and enjoy a drink, dessert, or even dinner with other BFN moms. Wear slippers or heels, diamonds or sweat suit -- we are all moms here!

Please RSVP via Evite or boxboro_family@hotmail.com

**Day Trips****Apple Picking at Carlson Orchards Thursday, October 6, 2 to 4pm**

Bring the whole family and join your BFN friends at Carlson for pick your own apple fun and some outdoor playtime in the nice fall air! Great fun for kids of all ages!

RSVP to boxboro_family@hotmail.com

Bulletin Board

Acton-Boxborough High School students are looking for babysitting jobs!

1. Go to <http://ab.mec.edu/abrhs/counseling/index.shtml>.
2. Select Jobs for Students from drop-down Quick Links menu on left.
3. Post your own babysitting job requisition!
4. Call 978.264.4700 ext 3430 (Guidance Counseling) to find out where to email your posting.

West Acton Community Supper and Food Pantry list of requested items (ongoing basis):

pasta & sauce, black beans, rice, tuna, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, diapers size 2-5, baby wipes, formula, coffee, and tea. They have approximately 20 families with children under the age of 4 that they serve on a weekly basis in our community. Food may be placed in the "Food Pantry" wooden drop box area clearly labeled in Roche Bros Acton by the checkout towards the left exit door.

WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Program

Roseane Cardoso, Boxborough Community Coordinator

roseanec@smoc.org

(508) 620-2456

Newsletter sponsored by:

Acton Montessori School in West Acton

Opened in August, Acton Montessori School - The Children's House is the newest school to join our community, and it is an absolute gem! The school is a preschool focused on educating children 2.9 -- 6 years of age based on the Montessori's teaching philosophy developed by Dr. Maria Montessori. Newly constructed and with excellent natural light, Acton Montessori provides the best student teacher ratios (8 to 1) in the area. Conveniently located in West Acton at 537 Mass. Ave, the school has quick access for parents and an excellent outside green space for children at Gardner Park. If you have not scheduled a tour yet, we encourage all parents to do so at their earliest chance. Do not delay as the intimate space will fill quickly.

Call 978-263-4333 to schedule your tour. Also, visit the school during Oktoberfest weekend. Coming soon:

www.ActonMontessori.com

Visit our Web site!

Be sure to bookmark www.boxboroughfamilynetwork.org! All of our events can be easily found on the Google Calendar.

Recommend us to friends!

Be sure to tell your friends and neighbors about BFN! We are a vibrant group of almost 60 Boxborough families with kids under 8 and a great resource for meeting local families, having local playdates, and making great friends (for your kids and yourself!)

Welcome to BFN Kahan family!

Advertising: Any member of BFN may advertise in the Bulletin Board section of our newsletter free of charge (as space allows) such things as items for sale, items wanted, classes offered, home parties, etc. Contact boxboro_family@hotmail.com to advertise.

September 2011 BFN Events						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
					No school at Blanchard	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Labor Day					Boxborough Harvest Fair
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
				Blanchard early release		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	
					2012 kindergartners playdate at the Acton Coop, 3:30pm BFN Autumn Social	



BFN multi-age playdate at Davis Farmland

In the Works

Playspace Open House: BFN is currently planning an Open House at a local playspace for the 3 and under crowd in the beginning of November. Stay tuned for more details!

Car seat check-up day with the Boxborough Fire and Police Departments -- details to come

Wash the Fire Truck event at the Boxborough Fire Dept -- details to come

October 2011 BFN Events						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
			2016 kindergartners playdate 10:30am	Early release at Blanchard Multi-age playdate: Apple picking at Carlson Orchard 2pm		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Columbus Day					2012 kindergartners playdate at Westward Orchards, 1pm
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
2013 kindergartners playdate at Westward Orchards, 2pm						New Baby Brunch 10:30am
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					
BFN Halloween Party	Halloween					



BFN multi-age playdate at Drumlin Farm

November 2011 BFN Events						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		No school at Blanchard			BFN Mom's Night Out at Sprigs	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
					Veteran's Day (no school at Blanchard)	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
					2016 kindergartners playdate 10:30am	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			Early release at Blanchard	Thanksgiving		
27	28	29	30			

Help BFN Support the Acton Food Pantry this Thanksgiving Season!

Each year, BFN coordinates with the Acton Food Pantry to provide Thanksgiving meal baskets for local families in need. The list of desired ingredients in the baskets is not available until the beginning of Nov., so additional details will be emailed closer to Thanksgiving.

December 2011 BFN Events						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				Blanchard early release (conferences)	Blanchard early release (conferences)	Breakfast with Santa at Blanchard and Boxborough tree lighting
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2016 kindergartners playdate 2pm						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Christmas						New Year's Eve



BFN at a Lowell Spinners game

BFN Board and Coordinators		
Chair Nicole Sheehan	Retired Chairs Jinglin Zhang, Monica Burke, Karen Robinson, Jen Hoff	Membership Karen Robinson
Webmistress Katie Rettig	Day Trips Coordinator Linda Dallimore	Fundraising/Donations Kara Osselmann
Fifers Day Coordinator Rachel Rodman	MNO Coordinator OPEN (Nicole Sheehan interim)	Treasurer Jeannie Hollett
Newsletter Editor Suzanne Ciccone	2012 Kindergartners Social Coordinator (Pre-K) Shelley Lawson	
2013 Kindergartners Social Coordinator (3-4 yr olds) Tessa McKinley	2014 Kindergartners Social Coordinator (2-3 yr olds) OPEN (Rachel Rodman/Katie Rettig interim)	2015 Kindergartners Social Coordinator (1-2 yr olds) Jess Andrews
2016 Kindergartners Social Coordinator (babies) Molly Wong	New Baby Coordinator Dori Galvin	Halloween Party/Winter Event Coordinator Trena Minudri
DNO Coordinator OPEN		

We are always looking for ideas/suggestions, feedback and volunteer support

Is there an event you would like to see us plan or a community event you would like to see BFN be part of? Please contact boxboro_family@hotmail.com

Do you have a few extra minutes to help us plan or organize an event? We are reliant on our members' volunteer time to make everything happen. Please consider helping out with an upcoming event. For those of you who have donated your time to help plan, staff booths, and coordinate our playgroups -- thanks so much!