

JULY - SEPTEMBER 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 time for some "hot" fun during the SUMMER open door hours! We have lots of play time to offer including plenty of learning time too with our SUMMER FUN PLAY-GROUP 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

Wednesday

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

**PLAYGROUPS*:
"Summer Fun Playgroup"**

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

***Playgroups are for registered participants. Please use the enclosed form to register and return by July 6th**

CLEAN SUMMER SWEEP!

We are hosting "Clean Summer Sweep" hours at the Harlem Road & Northtown Center Family Room locations. It will involve cleaning & disinfecting toys as well as repairing and eliminating excess items which will be donated to various charities. Storage areas will also be addressed so if you are an organizer WE NEED YOU!!

Harlem Road Clean Sweep will be held on Thursday, July 14th at 10 am.

Northtown Clean Sweep will be on Thursday, August 18th at 10 am.

Please let us know if you are interested/available to volunteer your time that day. Children are welcome to attend!

EMAIL Miss Kristen at knorton@amherst.ny.us if you are available!



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Field Trip Tips!

We have many, exciting special events, fun-filled field trips and activities that highlight our summer 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!](#)

"Fun in the Sun Days!"

Check your calendar for these summer fun activities during Family Room Open Door Hours. No need to register, but we could get wet, sticky or sandy, so dress appropriately for all the fun!

Riverwalk & Mississippi Mudds -

Wednesday, July 6th 10:30 am - 12:30 pm,

Isleview Park Get your walking, strolling or biking feet ready to move as we take in the sights along the Niagara River. Lunch and ice cream to follow at Mississippi Mudds! NICE way to kick off the summer!

Kidding Around Yoga with Julie! - Monday,
July 18th - 9:45 am or 10:45 am session Harlem Rd.

Join us for this new and exciting Kids Yoga class incorporating singing, dancing, games, movement and MORE! Great way to introduce your young ones to the awesome skills and benefits of yoga!

Olcott Beach Carousel Park & Krull Park & Playground - Friday, July 29th; 11:00 am

This fantastic park is nestled along Lake Ontario in the quaint town of Olcott. Vintage kiddie rides for just 25¢! We will meet and picnic at Krull Park at 11 am & then RIDE at noon in the Carousel Park! A scenic ride that is worth the trip!

Garrison Park Wading Pool with Mr. Cool -
Wednesday, August 10th - 11:00 am ;
Garrison Rd. Williamsville

All ages can cool off, swim & splash and play with pool toys too! Pack a lunch for a picnic in the park but save room (and money too!) for an ice cream treat from Mr. Cool's Ice Cream Truck. The best ways to keep cool this summer!

Explore & More - Canalside - Friday, August
26th 11:00 am; 1 Marine Drive Buffalo

Explore & More has expanded its "tents" to downtown! Lots of hands on activities to enjoy right down by the Buffalo Harbor. Bring a lunch & blanket to picnic CANALSIDE.

Tift Farms Tiny Tikes Hike & Bus Ride - Fri-
day, September 16th; 10:30 meet at Harlem Rd.

We'll meet at Harlem Road and hop on the yellow school bus to Tift Farms where we will explore great wildlife and appreciate the outdoors! Bring a lunch for a picnic in the preserve.



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!

NEW THIS YEAR!

YOU CAN REGISTER FOR ALL 6 WEEKS FOR \$40 OR PICK AND CHOOSE WEEKS FOR \$10 EACH

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 play, music, crafts and lots of hands on fun. Snack & water are also provided.

Please use the enclosed form to register and return with payment to The Family Room by July 6th. Forms can also be sent & returned via email.



The Family Room Summer Fun Playgroup will be LOTS OF FUN!

ALL 6 WEEKS WILL BE HELD OUTSIDE ON THE PLAYGROUND!

When rainy weather happens (and we all know it does in Buffalo), we will have to cancel Playgroup for that day and try to reschedule at the end of the session. You will be contacted if other arrangements for play will be made.

We cannot guarantee all 6 weeks of playgroup. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

COMMUNITY CORNER

Town of
**Amherst Youth
& Recreation**
Department

FRIDAY NIGHT FAMILY FLICKS

Friday nights - 7/8 - 8/26 DUSK; locations vary FREE

Amherst Youth and Rec presents Summer Outdoor Movies on a GIANT inflatable screen!

For movie details and locations go to www.amherstyouthandrec.org

GIANT BASKET RAFFLE & KROSLICK'S CHICEN DINNER

**Saturday, August 13th 3-7 pm 5005 Sheridan Drive
Williamsville**

Winner, winner, chicken dinner! Awesome baskets and \$10 half chicken dinners. Proceeds to benefit the Amherst Youth Foundation.

Summer Blast!

August 14th 12 -3

Clearfield Community Center

**Family Fun in the water and sun!
Boat races, tennis skills & games,
family pool games, synchronized
swimming demo and MORE!**

- **INFLATABLE FUN ACTIVITIES**
 - **CRAFT ACTIVITY**
 - **FACE PAINTING**
 - **SNOW CONES**
 - **POPCORN**

Oh the places you will go this summer...
if you use these links to family fun!

Fun4kidsinbuffalo.com

<http://www.visitbuffaloniagara.com>

buffalo.kidsoutandabout.com

ONLINE HELPERS!

teaching2and3yearolds.com

www.topmommyblogs.com

thedisheveledparent.com

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 fall session's theme will be "Colorful Characters beginning on Tuesday, September 20th.

You MUST PRE-REGISTER to participate.

**REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th.**

JUST CALL 631-7218 BETWEEN 9 & 11 AM.

"Fit Kids"

"Fit Kids" is essential for the child with lots of ENERGY! While promoting a healthy lifestyle & choices. "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 North-town Center from 10 - 11:30 am. This session will be 8 weeks beginning on Thursday, September 29th through November 17th.

You MUST PRE-REGISTER to participate.

**REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD ON
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd.**

JUST CALL 631-7218 BETWEEN 9 & 11 AM.

"BIG WISHES"

Could you please help us restock our shelves with the following items?

DISINFECTING WIPES
BABY WIPES
KLEENEX
SPONGES (plain and scrub)
NAPKINS
PAPER TOWELS
PLAIN PAPER PLATES (LARGE & SMALL)
DISINFECTING SOLUTION
ZIPLOC BAGS (SANDWICH, GALLON & QUART)

THANK YOU SO MUCH!