



Wee Play Community Project

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Call for Volunteers:

Fall Clean Up Parties at the Playground!

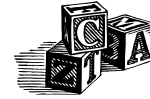
Please join us in our annual fall-clean up of the playground! Bring the kids and a pair of gloves – rakes are also welcome, especially for the later dates. Snacks and water provided.

We will be at the playground working on the following dates and times – please RSVP to Claire Browne, Volunteer Coordinator at claire@weeplayproject.com or (845) 440-6072

Thursday, October 9 – 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Tuesday, November 11 – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

"Come & Play" with us!



Wednesdays, 9:45 – 11:30

Howland Library, 313 Main Street,
Beacon
October 15 – April

****Please note new, earlier time****

*Our thanks to Ginny Figlia at the
Howland Public Library for her
continued support of this program*

If our American way of life fails the child, it fails us all. ~Pearl S. Buck

🌻🌻 Phase II Update 🌻🌻

Stepping Stones: Thanks to the Beacon Highway Department, Anthony "Zep" Thomaselli, Superintendent, for installing the stepping stones. It is still not too late to get yours in, or to purchase a kit. E-mail kelly@weeplayproject.org if you are interested, or stop and ask Kelly next time you see her in the garden!

*Thanks to all the volunteers who helped keep our garden
growing this summer:*

**Raquel Verdesi, Claire Browne, Nicole Corneyea
Yunice Heath, Sandie Griffin, Marla Teyolia
Nicole Paoli-Ramos, Alison Lewis, Nicole Golay
Rehab School Students and Teachers**

Thanks also to **Denise Shay of Seeds Design, LLC** for helping us plan the perennial garden and providing us with some absolutely beautiful specimens for planting! Denise is awesome – check out her website:

www.seedsdesignllc.com



Sculpture: Installation of the sculpture is planned for this fall! For several weeks this summer, kids from the Beacon Recreation program worked on the mosaic; we have a little bit more to go and the pedestal will be complete. For a preview of what the sculpture will look like, please go to our website: www.weeplayproject.org.

Shade Structure: The City of Beacon has agreed to purchase and install a permanent shade structure to be placed over the sandbox, funded by the Wee Play Community Project. Kelly is also in touch with a local arborist whose specialty is planting large, mature trees. The plan is to strategically install one large maple or other colorful tree, and a row of fast-growing poplars or pear trees. Within 2 years, we should have ample (and much needed) shade for most of the playground area, including the "big kids" playground

Other News: Only a few more items to be completed before the playground is finished: a paved pathway to the first gate, a log chunk circle, more log chunks for sitting around the sandbox, sealing the stepping stones and the bridge, a final mulching, and a permanent sign kiosk – much of it is planned for completion this fall.

The Last Word: Please help us keep the sand **in** the sand box and **off** the Playbounce surface! We need to keep the sand at a certain level to maintain the structure and stability of the sandbox design. Questions? kelly@weeplayproject.org.

Fun Fall Stuff and other info for you and the Kids!

Harvest Season at the Farm

A Preschool Program for 2-4 year olds
(with a parent/care provider)

8 weeks on Thursdays and Fridays
starting September 18/19
10:00am to 11:00am

We will explore the garden at Common Ground Farm, discovering vegetables, flowers and plants, tasting and touching, learning about the many parts of a plant (the roots, stems, leaves, fruits, seeds) and how they nourish our bodies. Along the way we may encounter the bugs and birds of the garden and learn about their role in the world of the farm. Be prepared to learn some new songs and take home something special from the farm!



Schedule of Topics:

- Week 1, 9/18 & 19: Sunflowers!**
- Week 2, 9/25 & 26: Plant Parts to Eat: Roots!**
- Week 3, 10/2 & 3: Plant Parts to Eat: Leaves & Flowers!**
- Week 4, 10/10: 3 Sisters - Corn, Beans, Squash**
(no class on 10/9 due to Yom Kippur)
- Week 5, 10/16 & 17: 5 Senses Scavenger Hunt**
- Week 6, 10/23 & 24: Nature Shows us Autumn**
- Week 7, 10/30 & 31: Let's Build Scarecrows!**
- Week 8, 11/6 & 7: How Animals Prepare for Winter**

Cost: \$5 per child (with adult) per class

Pre-registration preferred - classes do fill up!

Thursday & Friday classes are the same topic - you may sign up for either day.

Where?

Common Ground Farm is located within the Stonykill Farm complex on Route 9D and Red School House Road. The south entrance (which is not the main entrance) is the closest. Park by the barn and walk up to the fire circle on the hill.

Sign Up!

To pre-register, e-mail Jen Clapp at Jen.Clapp@commongroundfarm.org or contact her by phone: 845-838-1822.

Classics for Kids

Each year, the Howland Cultural Center, in partnership with the Howland Chamber Circle, presents a series of 4 highly acclaimed concerts featuring world-class musicians. The concerts are aimed at elementary school children and are approximately 45 minutes in length. Admission is free to children, who must be accompanied by an adult. A donation of \$10 per adult is suggested.

Saturday, October 25, 2008

3:00 pm

Svet Stoyanov, percussionist

Saturday, November 8, 2008

1:00 pm

Zuill Baily, cellist

Following the concert

there will be a master class for young cellists.

For more information on the master class, please contact
Gwen Stevens, (845) 297-9243

The Howland Cultural Center

477 Main Street

Beacon, NY

howlandculturalcenter.org



Children's Programs at the Howland Library

all programs are free unless otherwise indicated.

Parent or other caregiver must also attend, with exception of homework center.

Baby & Me – Tuesdays from 10:30 – 11:15. 6 week session from September 23 through October 28. Parents and caregivers are invited to bring babies up to age 24 months to the Library for a story and lap time program.

Toddler Tales – Wednesdays from 10:30 – 11:15. This program introduces 2-3 year olds to the library through books, songs, finger plays, and simple crafts.

Pre School Story Time – Thursdays from 10:30 – 11:15. Ages 3 & up. Stories, songs, games, crafts, and other theme related activities.

Homework Center – Monday-Thursday, 3:00- 5:00 pm. Parent must register; scheduled around the school calendar.

For more information please call Howland Public Library at (845) 831-1134, ex.103 or visit us at 313 Main St. Beacon, NY