

# MILFORD FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

## The Infant and Toddler Times

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### Dates to Remember

#### November

**3rd. Preschool Showcase.** See page 3

**6th. Election Day.**  
Center closed.

**11th. Veteran's Day**



**21st-23rd.**  
Thanksgiving break.  
Center closed

#### December

**1st. Holiday Concert.**  
See page 4.

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### Little Children—Big Ideas

In cardigan sweater and sneakers, Mr. Rogers has entertained and educated children and parents in the not so often explored arena of heart and mind. His thoughts live on through countless articles and an online newsletter overseen by Hedda Sharapan that cover a variety of topics from the importance of silence to nurturing a love of learning.



Here is some food for thought as we approach the Thanksgiving holiday with a sampling of words of wisdom imparted by Mr. Rogers over his many years as an educator and media personality:

*"Learning about language begins long before kindergarten -- when we talk and sing with children, when we tell them the names for things around us ... when we help them see that reading helps us in our everyday lives."*

*"Deep within us—no matter who we are—there lives a feeling of wanting to be lovable, of wanting to be the kind of person that others like to be with. And the greatest thing we can do is to let people know that they are loved and capable of loving."*

*"Anyone who does anything to help a child in his life is a hero to me."*

*"Haven't you found that one of the best ways children learn is from the example of the grownups they love? When children see that you wonder about the world around you ...that you ask questions ...that you notice things and look carefully, then they'll want to be curious about the world around them, too."*

*"Above all, I think that the willingness and the courage to keep on trying develops best if there is someone we love close by who can lend us some of the strength we do not yet have within ourselves. We all need quiet, caring cheerleaders like that -- grownups as well as children."*

*"Anything that we can do to help foster the intellect and spirit and emotional growth of our fellow human beings, that is our job. Those of us who have this particular vision must continue against all odds. Life is for service."*

*"One of the greatest dignities of humankind is that each successive generation is invested in the welfare of each new generation."*

*"We all have different gifts, so we all have different ways of saying to the world who we are."*

*"The greatest gift you ever give is your honest self."*

*"We don't always succeed in what we try—certainly not by the world's standards—but it's not the honors and the prizes and the fancy outsides of life which ultimately nourish our souls. It's the knowing that we can be trusted, that we never have to fear the truth, that the bedrock of our very being is good stuff."*

*"How many times have you noticed that it's the little quiet moments in the midst of life that seem to give the rest extra special meaning?"*

*"There are three ways to ultimate success: The first way is to be kind. The second way is to be kind. The third way is to be kind."*

*Happy Thanksgiving*

# Happy Halloween







We had boo...tiful fun!

### Highlights of upcoming events at the Milford Public Library Children's Department:

**SILLY SING-A-LONG** with Edward Leonard Thursdays November 8 at 6:30pm. Enjoy some high energy and interactive family time with popular children's musician Edward Leonard. Sing, dance, and act silly with guitars, drums, and grab bag full of musical surprises. Great for ages 5 and under. *Registration begins November 1.*

**NAPPY'S PUPPET'S** presents **FATHER GOOSE TALES** Friday November 23 at 2pm. Join us as the Library is transformed into a shadow puppet theater! Mother Goose is away for the day and Father Goose has to take care of all her chores, including the story-telling. Try as he might, he just can't seem to get them right. An amusing, modern retelling of popular rhymes, stories and songs.

**HAPPY HANUKKAH!** Wednesday December 5 at 2:30pm. Join PJ Library to learn about Hanukkah through story time and songs. Light the Menorah, spin a dreidel and meet new friends for this engaging and fun program for young children and their adults! Learn more about PJ Library at [www.pjlibrary.org](http://www.pjlibrary.org) and for questions or to connect with the local Jewish community, contact Stacey at [pjlibrary@jewishnewhaven.org](mailto:pjlibrary@jewishnewhaven.org)

For a complete list of ongoing story hours and special events you can visit their website:  
<https://www.ci.milford.ct.us/childrens-services-department>

**FYI: If shopping on Amazon, you can type [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) into the address bar and Amazon will donate 0.5% to a designated charity. If you would like to keep it local, Kids Count of Milford is a listed charity.**

# Preschool Showcase

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## Kids Count of Milford

Kids Count is pleased to announce that the Annual Preschool Showcase will be held on **Saturday, November 3, 2018** from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Milford Library on New Haven Avenue.

Preschools from Milford will be there to share information about their programs which will include the school's philosophy, curriculum, registration information and fees. Parents will have the opportunity to meet the staff and ask questions that will be helpful to them as a beginning step in deciding which preschool they will enroll their child.

Kids Count of Milford will provide information on the importance of preschool and how to choose a preschool

Staff from the Milford Family Resource Center will be on hand to discuss how to prepare your child for preschool.

If you have questions about this event, please feel free to call Peggy Kelly, Executive Director, at 203-783-3627 or email at [pkelly@milforded.org](mailto:pkelly@milforded.org).

## Children are welcome!!

Save the Date



**LIVE IN CONCERT**  
**"A CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY JOURNEY"**  
featuring:



Hosted by the Milford Family Resource Center  
**Saturday, December 1st, 2018 at**  
**Mathewson Elementary School**  
466 West River Street Milford, CT

Schedule of Events:

10:00 - 11:00 AM. A VISIT FROM SANTA, FACE PAINTING, and  
A READING CORNER.

11:00 - Noon. **THE LEARNING STATION** Concert

Noon - 1:00 PM. A VISIT FROM SANTA, FACE PAINTING,  
A READING CORNER, and BAKE SALE  
TICKETS: **\$5.00** per person.

No charge for children under two.

Call 783-3626 or EMAIL the Milford Family Resource Center  
at [MFRC@MILFORD.ORG](mailto:MFRC@MILFORD.ORG)







## Milford Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI)



There are few programs as uniquely designed to put people in touch with their communities. It was extremely empowering."

-Augie Harrigan, Milford  
PLTI Class of 2012

"PLTI empowers you as an effective parent and community leader, helping you to create positive change."

-Jezzabelle Noel, Milford PLTI

Class of 2015

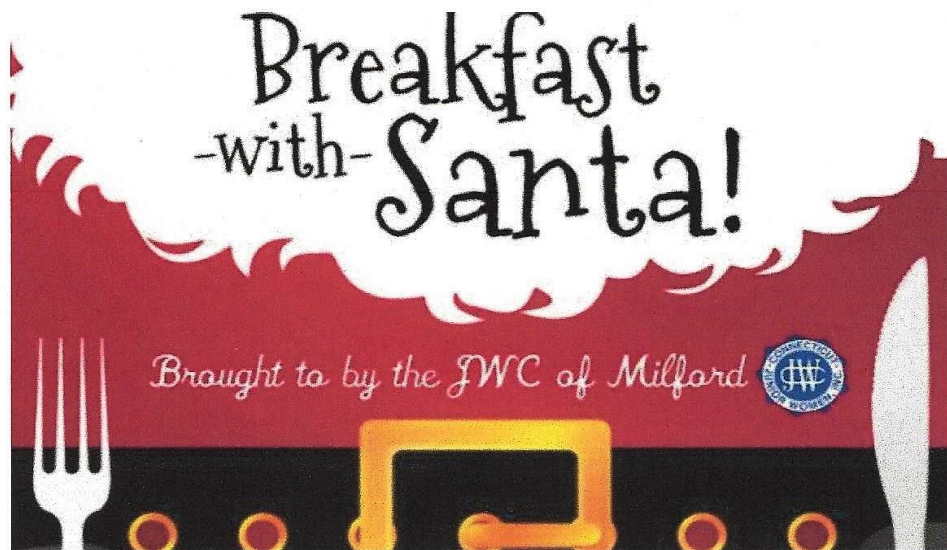


"PLTI inspired me to be the change I wanted to see and provided the tools, support, and connections to help me along the way."

-Tori Lawlor, Milford PLTI

**Class is  
enrolling now  
for January  
2019!**

**For applications or information, contact:  
Lesley Darling at 203-783-3383 OR [Ldarling@ci.milford.ct.us](mailto:Ldarling@ci.milford.ct.us)**



Join us for our Annual Pancake Breakfast  
Sunday December 2<sup>nd</sup> 9am-12pm  
185 Plains Road Milford, CT  
(juice and coffee included)

\*There will be carolers, Storytime with Mr. Elf, crafts, raffles and fun!!

\*Take your own picture with Santa or get a printed photo and craft your own frame for \$5.00


**Tickets:**

Individual (12 months and over) \$7

Family (Max of 5) \$25

**Under 12 months FREE**

- **Free** activities include pancake breakfast, meet and greet Santa, and a small craft
- Printed photos with Santa *and* supplies for kids to craft their own frame: only \$5
- Raffles for kids and adults \$1 a ticket

\*\*For more information and to purchase tickets please visit our  page at:  
[@juniorwomansclubofmilford](#)

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