



Southold Mothers' Club

Serving Our North Fork Children

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SAVE THE DATE



SMC's 3rd Annual
Bagels with the Bunny
Saturday, April 9th

9:00 am to 11:30 am
Peconic Recreation Center

Bring the whole family and join us for bagels, cake, coffee and juice!
Meet the Easter Bunny! Easter Egg Hunt,
Jelly Beans in Jar Guessing Game, and more!

March 2011

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Time for Spring Cleaning!

SMC is collecting toys and books in good condition ALL YEAR ROUND for our annual toy/book sale. Contact Linda for dropoff information 631-433-4946

Director's Message

Hi all,

Is winter over yet??? I've never been so ready for spring!! The first official day is March 20th. We are almost there and I know this because SMC's spring season's events are being finalized now in preparation for enjoying some warm weather. Yeah! We have lots of activities planned and we look forward to seeing you there!

Coming up on Saturday, April 9th is our Annual Bunny Breakfast at the Peconic Recreation Center which will include the Easter Bunny, an egg hunt, raffles, bagels, cake, coffee and juice. Mark your calendars! We hope you and your family can attend this popular, fun event!

Also to welcome the warmer weather, we will be participating in the 'Springtime at Hallockville' event on Saturday, April 16th. Hallockville Farm Museum is planning many outdoor activities at this event for all ages including an obstacle course, tractor rides, an egg decorating station, egg hunts, and more. We hope you can join us!

I'd like to thank April at Ariel Fitness in Riverhead for hosting our January's Mom's Night Out. There was lots of stretching, twisting and contorting yet all those that attended had a great time. Ariel Fitness offers a wide range of fitness activities. In the next few months we are planning another MNO or perhaps a morning class for those of us that have children in preschool. Watch your newsletters so hopefully you can join us for this activity! It's a great way to get in shape and have more energy for the upcoming season!

Our Valentine's Dance on February 11th at the Floyd Memorial Library was a big hit again this year! Lots of dancing, singing and crafting by all of our children! I think this year's turn out was the greatest! Yeah! Our very own Gabriela, Michelle and Mary Grace as well as Joe Cortale, Children's librarian at Floyd Memorial Library, were great hosts to get the music, readings, crafts and various activities going. A big thank you to them!

Lastly, please remember to send in your yearly SMC dues for 2011. The email newsletter is only \$20 and the mailed version is \$25. Please send your dues to the address listed under membership info. We love that you are a part of our friendships and as always thank you for your support!

SMC has a lot of great events coming up so please join us and I look forward to seeing all of you!

Linda Stavrinou
SMC Director

Membership Info

To become a member please send \$25 to receive a mailed copy of our monthly newsletter (\$20 for email newsletter only); to:

Southold Mothers' Club
PO Box 1133
Cutchogue, NY 11935-0872
Please include your phone number and e-mail address.

**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS**
Stephany Smith
Stacy Shepard
Tina Vaccarella
Susan McKenna

SMC Member Profile

Kathy Driscoll

Hello fellow mommies! My name is Kathy Driscoll and I am so happy to be able to share a little bit of me with you. I grew up in Garden City, NY where I had a very happy childhood. Sean, my husband, and I met in high school and we have been together ever since! I studied elementary education at Adelphi and taught both third and fifth grade in Queens after graduating. The students were just amazing! I came home with such a feeling of pride for all that they achieved.

Sean and I were married on June 27, 1998. We lived in Mineola. A little more than two years later, Kaitlyn was born. What a joy and surprise to have a daughter! Since having Katie, I have been a stay at home mom and love it. Exactly six years to the day, our dear son, James, was born! I went into labor a day before Katie's birthday, but he did not arrive until very early on her birthday...August 18. We thought she might not like sharing "her special day", but emphatically proclaimed that James was the best birthday gift she ever got!

We found out when James was just over two years old that he had some developmental delays and challenges ahead of him. He has been going to special needs schools full time since he was three years old and has made tremendous accomplishments. James is a very happy, social, smart little four year old who absolutely loves his friends and is always seeking playdates!

Last Fall I decided to go back to Adelphi to obtain certification in special education. Having been out of school for 10 years, it was a bit intimidating. I had never done a power point presentation, let alone used a computer to write papers (when I had gotten my Masters in 2000, I was still using a word processor to type papers!) I am so glad that I went back. It gave me so much more knowledge to use for my son and for my career as an educator.

How we ended up out here...Sean's family had been coming out to the North Fork during the summers for over 30 years. Of course, I tagged along with them. We had always wanted to raise a family out here and last June we took the plunge and moved to sunny Cutchogue. We are so happy we did: The people are so friendly and the schools are terrific! It was an easy transition moving during the summer. We were constantly discovering new beaches and parks and also enjoyed kayaking on the creek and biking around the neighborhood. In August, we gained another new member to our family...Nugget, our sweet little shih malt puppy. She adds a lot a joy and excitement to our lives.

Kaitlyn is now a cheerful, smart, creative fourth grader attending Cutchogue East. She loves art, music, sleepovers, swimming, the Sunday comics and softball- when she isn't on the phone or playing with her friends of course. She has had a great school year so far, thanks in no small part to her wonderful teachers.

James attends the Just Kids program at Cutchogue East. He adores his teachers and friends as do we. He can't wait to be able to play t-ball and other sports as well. James loves art, legos and trains.

We are expecting our third child the end of June and are thrilled. The summer will be a busy one and hopefully one filled with family and friends. I look forward to meeting the Southold moms and making new friends. Come September when my two older children are back in school, I hope to get more involved in the club and become part of a playgroup for the baby. Having been a member of a mothers group in the past, I have an understanding of what it takes to keep a successful club going. The dedication that I see from the SMC moms is incredible! I hope to be able to help SMC in any way that I can.

Happy Birthday!
Children

- Sarah Sheppard - 14
- Gage Bennett - 12
- Bobby Doering - 6
- Evan Maskiell - 5
- Leah Weir - 5
- Ben Schaeffler - 7
- Tyler Olsen - 10
- William Helinski - 4
- Julia Dechiaro - 4
- Nikolas Stavrinou - 4
- Max Gajowski - 3
- Henry Blair - 2
- Emma Pearsall - 5
- Elias Javidi - 2
- Tanner Vaccarella - 4
- Maddin Searl Rusert - 3
- Elizabeth Fohrkolb - 1
- Emily Vaccarella - 2
- Kal-El Marine - 4



Moms

- Jen Cardi 3/3
- Cori Pearsall 3/21



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March		1 Fun N Fitness 10:15 a.m.	2 Pre-School Playgroup 9:30 a.m. We Ones Playgroup 11:00 a.m.	3 Board Mtg 9:30 a.m..	4 Fun N Fitness 10 a.m.	5 Weekend Playdate 10:30 a.m.
6 Fun N Fitness 11:30a.m.	7	8 Fun N Fitness 10:15 a.m.	9 Craft 12:30 p.m.	10	11 Fun N Fitness 10 a.m.	12
13 Fun N Fitness 11:30a.m.	14	15 Fun N Fitness 10:15 a.m. Book Club	16 Atlantis 12:00 p.m.	17	18 Fun N Fitness 10 a.m.	19 Weekend Playdate 10:30 a.m.
20 Fun N Fitness 11:30a.m.	21	22 Fun N Fitness 10:15 a.m.	23 Pre-School Playgroup 9:30 a.m. We Ones Playgroup 11:00 a.m.	24	25 Fun N Fitness 10 a.m. Mom's Night Out 7:00 p.m.	26
27 Fun N Fitness 11:30a.m.	28	29 Fun N Fitness 10:15 a.m.	30 Pre-School Playgroup 9:30 a.m. We Ones Playgroup 11:00 a.m. Safari Adventure 12:30 p.m.	31		

- Wednesday 3/2** **Pre-School Playgroup (19mo - 5yrs)** at the Cutchogue/New Suffolk Library from 9:30-11:00am. Please contact Beth Morris at bethanne9@optonline.net with any questions.
Wee Little Ones Playgroup (birth - 18 mo) at the Cutchogue/New Suffolk Library from 11:00am-12:00pm. Please contact Tonya Kaiser- Witzak at tonya@nfcparty.com with any questions.
- Thursday 3/3** **SMC Board Meeting** at Linda's house @ 9:30am. Come see the inner workings of our group. Bring food, have some laughs, make friends. RSVP necessary to Linda @ 631-433-4946.
- Saturday 3/5** **Weekend Toddler Playdate** at Susana Guillem Osorio's house @ 10:30am. Please RSVP to Beth Winter at bethmonique@hotmail.com to get location information.
- Wednesday 3/9** **St. Patrick's Day Craft** at Mattituck/Laurel Library in craft room @ 12:30pm. Come make a shamrock to welcome St. Patrick and spring. Craft open to all. Please RSVP to Tonya Kaiser-Witzak at tonya@nfcparty.com.
- Tuesday 3/15** **Book Club** to discuss Looking for Salvation at the Dairy Queen by Susan Gregg Gilmore. Join us for some adult conversation. RSVP to Mara Zonderman at mara_zonderman@world.oberlin.edu for time and location information.
- Wednesday 3/16** **Atlantis Marine World**, 431 East Main Street, Riverhead @ 12pm. Come see the stingrays and more. RSVP is necessary. Please RSVP to Beth Morris at bethanne9@optonline.net.
- Saturday 3/19** **Weekend Toddler Playdate** at Allyson Amadio's house @ 10:30am. Please RSVP to Beth Winter at bethmonique@hotmail.com to get location information.
- Wednesday 3/23** **Pre-School Playgroup (19mo - 5yrs)** at the Cutchogue/New Suffolk Library from 9:30-11:00am. Please contact Beth Morris at bethanne9@optonline.net with any questions.
Wee Little Ones Playgroup (birth - 18 mo) at the Cutchogue/New Suffolk Library from 11:00am-12:00pm. Please contact Tonya Kaiser- Witzak at tonya@nfcparty.com with any questions.
- Friday 3/25** **Moms Night Out**, at Greenport Art & Design from 7:00-9:00pm. Paint lovely pottery and be creative. You can bring your own wine and snacks. Please RSVP to Gabriella at groovychick@bluemail.com.
- Wednesday 3/30** **Pre-School Playgroup (19mo - 5yrs)** at the Cutchogue/New Suffolk Library from 9:30-11:00am. Please contact Beth Morris at bethanne9@optonline.net with any questions.
Wee Little Ones Playgroup (birth - 18 mo) at the Cutchogue/New Suffolk Library from 11:00am-12:00pm. Please contact Tonya Kaiser- Witzak at tonya@nfcparty.com with any questions.
Safari Adventure, 1074 Pulaski Street, Riverhead at 12:30pm. There is reduced admission for SMC members and 8 free tokens. No RSVP necessary.

ONGOING EVENTS

- Tuesdays** Fun n Fitness, Main Road, Southold hosts 'Open Play' at 10:15am. *
- Fridays** Fun n Fitness, Main Road, Southold hosts 'Open Play' at 10:00am. *
- Saturdays** If anyone is interested in scheduling a Weekend Playdate for ages 12 months and up, please contact Beth Winter at bethmonique@hotmail.com.
- Sundays** Fun n Fitness, Main Road, Southold hosts 'Open Play' at 11:30am. *

* No registration necessary. \$6.00 for SMC members. 2nd child is \$3.00 additional. Contact Terry Walker at 765-9118 with questions.