



December 2021

Concord Family Network Members,

On behalf of the CFN Board we want to wish you a happy, healthy, safe holiday season! We've said it before, but this year has been so hard and the recent heartbreaking vaccine news for our littles and Omicron is creating a disappointing end of 2021 for many. We at CFN are committed to continuing to host safe parent and family events to keep our community connected during these challenging times and hope you will continue to join us!

Despite COVID, we hosted a number of amazing events to close out 2021, only possible due to our incredible membership. First, we hope you've checked out our newly designed website courtesy of our wonderful Webmaster **Sana Damsgaard**. Over the past few months we've had wonderful great Mom's Nights (outside!) thanks to our Mom's Night Coordinator **Sarah Schulsinger**, the dads dined in Maynard and organized SantaCon(Cord) thanks to our Dad's Night Coordinator **Michael Julian**, our Halloween committee hosted a wonderful Halloween party outside at Verrill Farm led by **Sarah Schulsinger** with games and a raffle! **Ellen Waller** our Outdoor Adventures coordinator organized self-guided hikes, the book club continued, **Anjuli Curran** and **Allison Flynn**, our Baby Activities Coordinators have been holding a baby group to connect moms with infants, **Joanne Taranto**, our Family Outings Coordinator, organized a firetruck wash at the fire department, we hosted an outdoor dance party at the Fowler Library and did a Saturday Studio meetup there as well. We had an outdoor holiday sing-a-long and a WONDERFUL Cookies (and photos!) with Santa event at the Ripley Playscape that was enjoyed by all, organized by our Director of Programming **Katherine Manning** with help from our treasurer and membership chair **Kira Beaulac** and CFN adviser **Erin Piro**. This event also collected new unwrapped toys for the Concord Fireman's Relief Association to brighten local children's holiday season. Thank you ALL for your time and dedication to CFN, we appreciate all you do and how you have helped brighten yet another challenging year.

In 2022, we hope to have similar events to bring people together safely and have some fun! As always, please see Tinyhood for event details and to RSVP. Some events currently on the calendar are:

Thursday, January 13<sup>th</sup>: Sarah Schulsinger is hosting an outdoor Mom's night in her yard

Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>: Private Puddlestompers winter class at the Hapgood Wright Forest on We'll look for active winter critters, identify animal tracks and build cozy winter burrows. Space is limited, please RSVP

Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>: Shannon Sweeney is hosting an outdoor Mom's night in her yard, Apres Ski themed!

Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>: Zoom, pick up a kit to make a fun cocktail from home with instruction from a mixologist and then learn about estate planning from David Feakes at The Parents Estate Planning Law Firm!

We have a few other ideas in the works, please stay tuned! If you'd like to get more involved with CFN or would like to host an event in your yard, please reach out, we can always use help in planning events and are regularly looking for outdoor locations to host events as well. If you have a great idea for an event and would like to champion it, please let us know. We are also looking for a co-coordinator to plan this year's Easter Egg hunt in April! Thank you to **Chong Park** for volunteering, we're looking for someone to assist her.

Please let us know how we can continue to help connect with you and your families into 2022! Stay safe and Merry Everything!

Sincerely,  
Shannon Sweeney, CFN President