



June 2021

Happy June, CFN! The rain has cleared and by the end of this week it will feel like summer...and aren't we all ready for summer to begin? June marks the end of our CFN year, but we will continue events throughout July and August with farm trips, parent socials, and other casual gatherings for children. This time also marks the transition of several Board members phasing out of their roles and the emergence of a new [CFN planning team](#), who will take the reins in September. We are grateful to all our parent volunteers; CFN would not exist without your dedication, creativity, and energy! To celebrate our outgoing and incoming team, we are planning an End of the Year Social this Sunday (see below). Several positions and volunteer opportunities are still available, so sign up [HERE](#) to get more involved in CFN. It is a great way to connect with families and give back to your community! We hope you can join us!

JUNE EVENTS:

- **End of the Year Thank You Party – Sunday, June 6 at 4pm (Erin Piro's Backyard ~ 35 Stacey Circle, West Concord).** Mark your calendars for this adults-only social this Sunday afternoon in Erin's backyard for all incoming and outgoing volunteers, coordinators, chairs and board members. Food and drinks provided. Please [RSVP to the Events Tab](#).
- **Financial Planning Speaker Event with John Conte – Tuesday, June 8 at 8pm (via Zoom).** Take some time out of your busy schedule to learn more about how to improve your family's financial planning strategies. John Conte, CFP® and founder of Oliver Capital Management based in Concord, will provide tips to simplify financial life and streamline strategies for saving money. Please [RSVP to the Events Tab](#) and to access the Zoom link.
- **CFN Book Club – Thursday, June 10 from 8-10pm (KC Camp's Back Deck ~ 43 Brooks Street, Concord).** Hey, Bookclubbers! There are 10 days left to finish reading *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr, winner of the Pulitzer Prize and several other prestigious literary awards! It's a must-read novel and a discussion you won't want to miss. [RSVP](#) if you can make it!
- **Story Time in the Park, Diverse Books Edition – Sunday, June 13 from 3-4pm (Rideout Park).** Join CFN and COAR (Communities Organizing Against Racism) for Storytime in the Park. We'll start by sharing a few diverse stories out loud together, and then we'll invite families to spend some time perusing through COAR's collection of diverse stories on their own. COAR members will be on hand for a casual discussion about talking to young children about race and racism. We'll even send a few lucky families home with their

own copy of some of our favorite books that highlight diverse characters! Feel free to bring a picnic blanket to sit on. Open to the public and to children of all ages. RSVP is not required.

- **Outdoor Mom's Night In – Friday, June 18 at 8pm (Jillian Connell's backyard).** Come celebrate the start of summer with a backyard "Mom's Night In" at Jillian Connell's house. For more details and to RSVP, please click [HERE](#).
- **Strawberry Picking at Verrill Farm – TBD!** The strawberries are not yet ready to be picked, but as soon as they are ripe, we'll be posting this event to Tinyhood. Verrill Farm is tentatively anticipating mid-June as the start of the Strawberry Season. Stay-tuned!

THANK YOU'S:

- **Erin Piro** (CFN Co-President) and **Katherine Manning** (Mom's Night Coordinator) led last month's Book Club meeting on *The Vanishing Half* by Britt Bennett. Thanks, ladies, for organizing and starting this new recurring event! We hope more interested readers will join you this coming month!
- **Sheri Long** (CFN Co-President) created the May Self-Guided Hike at CLCT's Newbury Field. The staked signs will be coming down sometime this week, so if you did not get a chance to explore Newbury field, head there ASAP! It's a fun and diverse landscape with much to see and do. Many thanks to [Concord Land Conservation Trust](#) for partnering with us on this event.
- **Sheri Long** (CFN Co-President) organized the Bedford LEAP School Preschool Playdate at the beginning of May, and **Lauren Rogers** organized the Lincoln Nursery School Playdate mid-June. Many thanks to **Tricia Wilson** at The LEAP School and **Nancy Fincke** at LNS for their wonderful tours of these awesome schools!
- **Katy Goldman** hosted the last Mom's Night Backyard Firepit. Thanks, Katy, for your hospitality! There was a large attendance, and everyone had a fabulous time!
- **Rebecca Lemaitre** (Family Outings Coordinator) organized the Playtime Theater Meetup on Saturday. We hope CFN families enjoyed the last show of the season on this raining holiday weekend. Thanks, Rebecca, for organizing!

EXTRA SPECIAL THANK YOU'S:

- **KC Camp** has been the CFN Treasurer for 4 years and has additionally taken on the Membership role these past 2 years. There is much that goes on behind the scenes to keep CFN rolling, and KC has been there with consistent dedication and attention to detail. Thank you greatly, KC! You have been invaluable to CFN!

- **Lauren Scanio** has played an active role in CFN for many years. Her last position of Community Outreach has helped many organizations such as Open Table, Rosie's Place, House of Hope, and Mary's House. Thank you, Lauren, for all your time and coordination so that CFN could be a helping hand to those in need.

- **Matt Mailand** and **Chris Johnson** have been the Dad's Night Coordinators these past two years, harnessing their creativity during the pandemic and rallying the dads to meet via Zoom. Thanks for adding a fun outlet for our CFN male counterparts! The last event at Rapsallion had an impressive turnout, and what a great way to end your term. If there are any dads out there who want to take the baton, please [sign up!](#)

- We are grateful for the following members who are taking on new roles in CFN and will continue the shared goals of our organization. We are excited to announce the 2021-2022 Concord Family Network Board:
 - **Shannon Sweeney** (President)
 - **Katherine Manning** (Director of Programming)
 - **Annie O'Malley** (Clerk and First Connections Liaison)
 - **Kira Beaulac** (Treasurer/Membership and Community Outreach Co-Chair)
 - **Sharon Bosdet** (Publicity Chair)
 - **Charlotte Doyle** (Welcoming Chair)
 - **Joanne Taranto** (Sponsorship Co-Chair)
 - **Sana Ghaard** (Webmaster)
 - **Erin Piro** (Sponsorship Co-Chair and CFN Advisor)
 - **Sheri Long** (CFN Advisor)
 - **Benjamin Klein** (Legal Consultant)

Finally, thank you to the entire CFN membership for your support and participation in CFN throughout this pandemic and now into the next chapter of life! Enjoy your start of summer and we'll see you at upcoming events!

Cheers,
Sheri Long and Erin Piro (CFN Co-Presidents)