



Monthly Newsletter

November 2025



Director's Thoughts

Fall is in full swing, and while the air is getting cooler, things are heating up here at the FRC! Our [Play & Learn Groups](#) kicked off the season with fun-filled field trips to Indian Rock Nature Preserve, where children explored the colorful fall foliage, learned about local wildlife, and enjoyed a scenic hayride.

Behind the scenes, we've also been busy collaborating with teachers and school administrators to launch our sixth year of the [Primary Project/BOOST Program](#), which kicks off this month!

We know that while the change in seasons brings excitement, it can also bring new challenges for some families. In addition to the support we offer year-round, the FRCs are proud to provide extra seasonal resources, including winter coats, Thanksgiving meals, and holiday gift sponsorships. Please reach out to your school's FRC to learn more about accessing these resources or to find out how you can help support other families in our community this winter.

Warm wishes,
The Bristol FRCs

[Read more on our website](#)

Shout Outs!

We thank all of our community partners who are working incredibly hard to help Bristol's lower-income residents access food during the federal government shutdown and resulting loss of SNAP benefits. Local service agencies, Bristol Schools, Bristol Burlington Health District and the City of Bristol are all teaming up to provide extra support to our many existing food distribution programs until federal SNAP benefits resume. If you are able to pitch in to help your friends and neighbors, please see the list below of donations which are generally needed the most. [Food pantries donation requests](#). There is also a food drive happening in Bristol tomorrow morning, from 9:00-12, if you are in a position to help others: [DTC Food Drive](#)

If you need a list of locations to access food or other resources, please click the links below: [211 Resource Guide](#) (statewide) [Bristol-Burlington Area food pantries](#)
Bristol area [Community Resource Guide \(English\)](#) [Community Resource Guide \(Spanish\)](#)

Donation Requests

Our FRCs offer a winter holiday sponsorship program, designed to support families in our schools who are financially struggling during the winter season. If you would like to help by sponsoring a child, the flyers below include the links to connect you with the list of registered children in each program. Please contact South Side at 860-584-7812 Ext 5. Thank you in advance for your support!

Greene-Hills



West Bristol



Parenting Support

Did you know that the FRCs offer play-based home visits for families? You can enroll during a pregnancy, or anytime up until age 5. We use the acclaimed, evidence-based Parents as Teachers curricula for your visits, and every visit includes a play activity for your child, information about your child's growth and development at their current age, and a check-in about your family's overall wellbeing. If needed, we can also help connect you with other resources or services in the community. Call us with any questions, or to register!

Play & Learn at home Do you have a child between the ages of birth to 5 years? Do you enjoy learning about your child's development? Do you enjoy engaging in play activities with your child? The FRC provides monthly activities for you to do with your child, and information specific to your child's development. To sign up for this monthly program contact: Greene-Hills FRC at 860-584-7822 Ext 5 South Side FRC at 860-584-7812 Ext 5 West Bristol FRC at 890-584-7815 Ext 5  Any other school district, please choose the school you are closest to. 	Juega y aprende en casa ¿Tiene usted un hijo entre 0 y 5 años de edad? ¿Disfruta aprendiendo sobre el desarrollo de su hijo? ¿Disfruta usted participando en actividades de juego con su hijo? El FRC ofrece actividades mensuales para que usted realice con su hijo, e información específica para el desarrollo de su hijo. Para inscribirse en este programa mensual comuníquese con: Greene-Hills FRC al 860-584-7822 Ext 5 South Side FRC al 860-584-7812 Ext 5 West Bristol FRC al 890-584-7815 Ext 5  Cualquier otro distrito escolar, elija la escuela más cercana. 
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All Around the Town

Playful Learners Group (Mondays in November)

November 3rd - Musical Storytime
November 10th - Leaf rubbing
November 17th - Fall Suncatchers
November 24th - Sensory dough play

1:30pm-2:30pm, Imagine Nation A Museum Early Learning Center
The entire session is \$40 for all 4 weeks
Registration required – [Click here to register](#)

This is a 4 week program for children under 3 years old! Each week, children and their parents will explore play-based learning in our museum studios. The hour-long program includes gross motor fun in the kinetic studio, an educator-led activity or experience, and time to explore the museum together.

Playful Learners Group (Fridays in November)

November 7th - Musical Storytime

November 14th - Leaf rubbing

November 21st - Fall Suncatchers

10:30am-11:30am, Imagine Nation A Museum Early Learning Center

The entire session is \$30 for all 3 weeks

Registration required – [Click here to register](#)

This is a 3 week program for children under 3 years old! Each week, children and their parents will explore play-based learning in our museum studios. The hour-long program includes gross motor fun in the kinetic studio, an educator-led activity or experience, and time to explore the museum together.

Magic Show with Ed Popielarczyk

November 4th 2025

4:30pm-5:30pm, Manross Memorial Library

Registration and confirmation phone call required – [Click here to register](#)

Free admission

Children and their families are welcome to this special event! Ed Popielarczyk is a professional magician, balloon sculptor, flea circus ringmaster, and storyteller who has been entertaining children and adults for over 35 years! Sure to be a sell-out, don't miss this comedic magic show!

Discovery Days @ Barnes Nature Center: Busy Beavers

November 7th 2025

10:30am-11:30pm, Harry C. Barnes Memorial Nature Center

No registration required

Members: Free, Nonmembers: \$5.

Join us on select Friday mornings this fall for story time – a cozy and creative program just for kids at Barnes Nature Center! Led by retired school teacher and dedicated volunteer, Diane Benson, this program is perfect for curious young minds who love stories, creativity, and the great outdoors.

Fall Storytime (Every Tuesday)

November 13th 2025

10:00am-10:45pm, Manross Memorial Library Bristol Public Library Children's Department

No registration required

Free admission

Join us for a fun-filled time of songs, stories, and movement designed especially for children ages 0–5 and their caregivers! Laugh, wiggle, read, and sing together as we explore the joy of

early learning through storytelling. It's the perfect way to bond, grow, and make memories this season!

Discovery Days @ Barnes Nature Center: Turkey Time

November 21st 2025

10:30am-11:30pm, Harry C. Barnes Memorial Nature Center

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Mantels for the Season

November 22nd-January 5th

Wednesday-Sunday, 10am - 5pm, American Clock & Watch Museum

No registration required

Mantels for the Season is included with museum admission:

Adults (18+) = \$12.00

Seniors (60+) = \$10.00

Students (6-17 or with college ID) = \$5.00

Children (5 and under) = FREE

Family Rate (2 adults & 2 students/children) = \$25.00

Come enjoy the whimsical fireplace mantels, festive tablescapes, and cozy corners that will be set throughout the museum's 1801 Miles Lewis house and adjoining galleries. Each space will be festooned with seasonal and creative decor, featuring some of the special and unique clocks from the museum's collections.

An Afternoon with Santa & Elsa at The Carousel Museum

November 28th 2025

1:00pm-4:00pm, The Carousel Museum

Registration required – [Click here to register](#)

Admission: \$25 per child

\$10 per adult

Get ready for a magical holiday celebration! Join us at The Carousel Museum for an enchanting afternoon with Santa Claus and his very special guest, Elsa! This festive event is packed with delightful activities that will make your holiday season sparkle.

Santa Saturday

November 29th 2025

10:00am-2:00pm, Bristol Public Library Children's Department
No registration required
Free admission

Drop in for free pictures with Santa!

Crafts and Fun!

Fingerprint Tree

Supplies:

- A piece of paper
- Paint
- Sticks
- Glue
- Plate

Instructions:

1. Gather sticks from outside
2. Create your tree trunk and branches using sticks
3. Glue sticks onto your piece of paper
4. Pick the color paint you want and put it on the plate
5. Dip your fingers into the paint and create the leaves!

[Fingerprint Trees](#)



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