



Fingerprints

Fingerprints is a monthly newsletter of The Children's Museum, 311 Main St, Utica, NY 13501 * Feb.'09/March'09



Feb. Winter Break Week Activities; Science/Technology Fair in March



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311 Main Street
Utica, NY 13501

As winter settles in to CNY, and we've thanked the past year's supporters and let folks know of our future plans, we turn our actions to our Annual Winter Break Week where youngsters, their parents, grandparents, caregivers and other groups fill the museum for fun-filled educational activities in our enjoyably warm museum.

Monday, Feb. 16th thru Saturday Feb, 21st (closed Wed the 18th) we will have several cool programs plus 100's of interactive exhibits on our 4 floors.

Among the many optional activities are: Making Corn Husk Dolls; Paint & Design

Race Cars; Making Dream Catchers; Paint & Design Bird Houses; Beading Creations; Musical Mats; Magic Science Show; and a Space Shuttle Lego contest for older kids.

Guest Programs include a return visit featuring Plasma Toys & a new CM exhibit w/Princeton Lab; Meteorologists in our live weather room; D-Jay's in our life radio room; OC Kids Safety; Sports Fun; Airplane Rides; Hot Wheels, NASA exhibits.

Check the enclosed preliminary schedule, then keep an eye on our website for any changes.

The Children's Museum

6th Annual Science & Technology Fair will be held on Saturday, March 28th, 2009, sponsored by Pratt & Whitney HMI & Prevalere Life Science.

As the only children's museum in the country to be adopted by NASA & the Office of Science, we believe "as children in the U. S. struggle to compete with young minds in other nations, it is never too early to open a child's eyes to the wonders of science and technology, the disciplines of the future." View additional information & Download the Registration form & Agenda on our website.

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www.museum4kids.net

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VOLUNTEER: Donate your services & exhibits, offer your talents, volunteer your time, bring your kids, family, your group to the only Children's Museum in Central NY. Help make a difference in your community by becoming part of a wonderful legacy that will live on long after you're gone! Contributions to The Children's Museum are tax deductible.



~ Director's Report: Our Growth & Our Future Vision * New Pricing Structure & New Hours * Exhibits/Programs

Our Growth: In 2002, we opened our 4th floor and were adopted by NASA & DOE's Office of Science. In 2003, we installed new Heating/Air Conditioning and became headquarters of the Int'l Halls of Fame: Bicycling, Canoeing, Rowing, Kayaking. In 2004, we redid our entranceway, including a new oak front door. In 2005, we installed new energy-efficient windows throughout the building. In 2006, we became headquarters for the world

famous Hot Wheels collection. In 2007, we were certified as a NYS & Federal Historic building. In 2008, we cut the ribbon on our commemorative brick sidewalk, & installed new lighting throughout, including a foyer chandelier & two roof signs.

Our Future: In 2009, our goals are to install new interactive Science/ Technology exhibits geared toward older children, finish our 4th flr's Surround

Sound Theatre, install a butterfly pond, & put additional bathrooms on the 3rd floor.

Admission: Our new pricing structure is: \$9. for adults; \$8. for seniors; \$7. for children 2 to 17; free for members & children younger than 2 yrs of age. In order to do this, we're opening & closing a bit earlier.

We're proud of our 1,000's of interactive exhibits /60 pavilions, for kids 1 to 101 - Come on in!



~ Honor the Past & Pave the Future ~

Our beautiful commemorative brick sidewalk opened July 25th with our founders present! In addition to those who purchased bricks, the following deserve special recognition for helping make this happen: NYS Senator Joe Griffo & Roger Sinnott. Purchase an engraved brick to add to the paved front, which continues the beautification and renovation of our historic building, supporting our community treasure. Only \$75., each brick holds 3 lines, 14 characters a line. Forms available in museum or on website.

There's Always a Rainbow at CM!

Happy children grow up to be happy adults, who are more likely to stay & support the community they grew up in. CNY's only Children's Museum, one of the oldest in the country -a safe, fun, learning environment -is a definite asset to the Mohawk Valley, one all of us can be proud of & utilize to its highest capacity. We continue renovations and new exhibits. What better place to bring * youngsters on a field trip * scouts to earn badge * family for great day out * children for fun time?

Children's Museum Board

Dan Trevisani, Joe Ruggiero, Art Rapp Jr., Michael Pilawa, John Stephenson, Joanne Palumbo-Mozloom, Jeannette Swiderski, Ed Waszkiewicz, Matt Chmielewski; CPA Vin Gilroy
Museum Executive Director:
 Marlene B. Brown



Museum Staff: Sarah Babcock, Theresa Vella, Jeff Sterling.
Volunteer: Exhibits Manager, Earl Lewis. *More info on web.*

CM Heroes Serve our Children: Corp Sponsors; Donors; Volunteers; Wish List

We welcome volunteers. There's no greater reward than helping the children. **How?** You can assist with scheduled activities, offer a program in your area of talent or interest, help keep the museum shipshape, or help by donating to **Our wish list:** toys in good shape, exhibit items, art supplies, educational items of value.

These will give you a renewed

sense of pride as we continue to serve. We value your support.

A Corporate Membership is a positive way to impact the community. Levels of corporate sponsors are: a \$500 Velociraptor, a \$1,000 Brontosaurus, a \$2,000 Triceratops, a \$5,000 Diplodocus, a \$10,000 Oviraptor, and \$25,000 T-Rex.

Our Fund the Vision Campaign is underway to gain new & renewed sponsors as *CM Heroes (check back page)*. Please show your thanks by investing in their products/services.

Check out our Sponsors & Donors page on our website & join them!



Jan.'09/March '09 Calendar

Check online calendar for updates

Made possible with funds from NYS Council on the Arts and the many sponsors who support the Children's Museum's Youth Education Enrichment Programs & Exhibits.



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

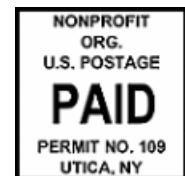
Friday

Saturday



Visit the Children's Museum! Check our website, call 315-724-6129, come in! Here's some of what you'll find: *1st floor* - Play Space, Exploration Space, Saturn, Dentist Office, Grocery Store, Micro Room, Trains; *2nd floor* - Musical Stage, Iroquois Longhouse, History Diorama, Fossil Dig, Dinosaurs; *3rd floor* - Animals/Insects, Legos, Arts/Crafts, Weather & Radio Rms, Halls Fame; *4th floor* - Airplanes, Fire/Police, NASA/Office Science * February—Winter Break Week * March 28th —Sci Tech Fair

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NY 13501 * Tel: 315-724-6129



Open: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
9:30am-3:00p; Sat. 10:00a-3:30p;
Closed Wed./Sun./some holidays.

Check calendar, www.museum4kids.net

Admission: \$9. adults; \$8. seniors;
\$7. children 2-17; Members &
children under 2 Free

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CM's Heroes & Heroines: Helping Fund "The Children's Museum's Future Vision." Corporate Sponsors
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