Fingerprints

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ScienceFair Winners, NASA Finalists / Spring Break & Earth Day at CM!

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Spring Break & Earth Day Activities at Children's Museum: **Every day:** LED Play Dance Floor Contest; Be a Radio DJ live in our radio room; Caring for our Critters; Hot Wheels, Science, Space Scale, Train exhibits + real airplane "ride."

Additional activities include: ***Sat. April 17th*** - Make a Wrist Sundial; Learn about bee keeping, butterfly raising & Earth Day. ***Mon. April 19th*** - Make Native American Dream Catchers; ***Tues April 20th*** - Paint/Design Bird House or Flight Vehicle; ***Thurs. April 22nd*** - Paint/Design Bi Plane, Jet Plane, or Ship; ***Fri. April 23rd*** - Make Butterfly Puppet"; **Set up a campsite w/ Mr. Scott,** owner of Adirondack Exposure. Set up tent, purify water, learn about equipment found around campsites; ***Sat. April 24th*** - **Grow Green w/ Mr. Johnny Green Thumb** - decorate a flower pot, plant a seedling tree in it to take home and help Green Earth; **Kids Komputers w/Mr. Josh.** Learn to take a computer apart & how it works! ***Plus 100's of interactive exhibits for kids from 1-101 on our 4 floors, including:*** Robots; Lego's; NASA; Trains; Intl Hall BRCK; Dinosaurs; Weather Rm. Hours Open: 9:30am-2:00pm. Admission: $7. Children 2 to 17; $8. Seniors; $9. Adults; Children under 2 years of age & Members Free. **Download $ off coupons on our web!**

The Children's Museum ***7th Annual Science & Tech Fair*** **Winners are:** *Senior Category Grand Prize*: "Got Water" - Lilly & Mary Ann Bulawa, Fiona Dutcher, Ben Olney, Tyler & Bayline Marschall, the NASSA group, 6th-8th graders at Strough & Staley, Rome. ***Exhibit is also 1 of 20 finalists*** in nationwide NASA simulated wastewater challenge, hosted by the Children's Museum of CNY!

Intermediate Individual – 1st place: "Crown of Thorns/ GBR" - Lucia Davis, 4th grade, Denti Elem, Rome, 2nd place: "It's Electric". - Liam Evans, 3rd grade, E. R. Hughes Elem, New Hartford;

Junior Individual- 1st place: "Evolution of Birds" - Matthew Muller, 5th grade, Bradley Elem, New Hartford; 2nd place: "Life Science Hamsters" - Matthew Schmid, 5th grade, Bradley Elem, New Hartford, 3rd place "Science of Illusions" – Nathan Benjamin, 5th grade Bradley Elem;

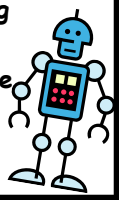
Junior Group - 1st place: "What is Polymer?"; Mariah Mungo, Samantha Aguilar,Bianca Polanco, Michayla Fair, Hiyana Lacy, Nerissa Martin, Jannet Nuhanovic, 5th grade Martin Luther King Jr. Elem, Utica; 2nd place: "Astronomy of Mars" - George Yin, Royce Weber -Pierson, 5th grade Bradley Elementary, New Hartford, 3rd place: "Coke & Coffee & Plants" -Sarah Allam, Abigail Weaver, 5th grade Bradley Elem, New Hartford; Honorable Mention: "Light & Dark of Hamsters" - Natalie Kraft, Madison Fillapponi, 5th grade Bradley Elem.

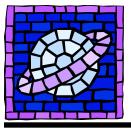
Sponsors: HMI Pratt & Whitney and Prevalere/ Icon; **Exhibitors:** Princeton Plasma Lab & NASA Ambassador.

View pictures on our website. Come in to see NASA contest exhibit!

www.museum4kids.net/ ScienceFair2010.htm

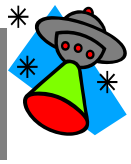
VOLUNTEER: Donate your services & exhibits, offer your talents, your time, bring your family or group to this unique one of a kind Children's Museum right here in Central NY. Help make a difference in the community by becoming part of a wonderful legacy that will live on long after you're gone! Contributions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





Check our upcoming yearly events for children, families, tourists, sponsors!

~ Director's Report: CM's Spring Break & Earth Day Activities ~ Hosting NASA finalists ~ Our Growth & Future Vision Requests ~



Spring Break & Earth Day Events: The week of April 17th - 24th, we'll be open 6 days. Ck website for dates / times / & activities.

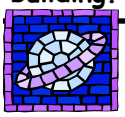
March Science Fair: View winners on our website along w/the NASA design finalists from Rome we're hosting!

Our Growth: 2002-opened 4th floor adopted by NASA & Office Science. 2003-installed new HVAC & Int'l Hall Fame. 2004-redid entranceway. 2005 -installed energy efficient windows. 2006-Hot Wheels Hall opened. 2007-certified a NYS & Federal Historic building. 2008-installed new lighting throughout + new roof signs, commemorative brick sidewalk; 2009-new LED dance floor & touch-screen exhibits.

Our Future Plans: We are awaiting grant approval & sponsor support to do the following: repair our current leaking roof & install a new green solar panel roof; finish 4th floor Surround Sound Theatre; install 3rd floor bathrooms; new flooring on 2nd & 4th floors; eventually a Green Butterfly/Eco pond out back!

Funding Requests: Please check our website's Future page. We currently run our operations on admissions & donations and have asked the City for CDBG funding and County for contributions we would use to reduce admission for residents & school children & we've applied for United Way funding. We'd appreciate your support in these endeavors.

Admission: $7. children 2-17; $8. seniors; $9. adults; members & under 2 yrs free. 60 pavilions w/1,000's of interactive exhibits for kids 1 to 101. *Come on in!*



~ 2010 Children's Museum Special Events ~ 4/17-4/24 *Spring Break Activities* (9:30a-1:30p); 7/10 & 8/10 –*Summer Activities* (9:30a to 1:30p); 7/4-7/10/10– *Christmas in July Wonder Art Family Play Days* (9:30a to 1:30p); 7/17/10– Children's Museum *FolkArt Festival* (10:00a-1:00p); 10/16/10-*Int'l Halls Fame Induction* (10:30a-12:30p); 10/30/10 -*Halloween BooBash* (10:00a-12:00p); 11/19/10 –47th *Holiday Gala/Festival Trees & Lights* (6:30p-9:30p); 11/20/10 – *Family Festival of Trees & Lights* (10a to 2p); 11/27/10 – *Holiday on Main Street* (10a to 2p); Check our website for further details. Honor the Past & Pave the Future Our beautiful commemorative brick sidewalk recognizes support from our Brick purchasers & the late Roger Sinnott. Only $75., @ brick holds 3 lines, 14 characters a line. Forms available in museum or on website.

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. One of the oldest in the country, safe, fun, learning environment, CM is a definite asset to the MV & CNY, one we all can be proud of. What better place to bring * field trips * scout badges * family for great day

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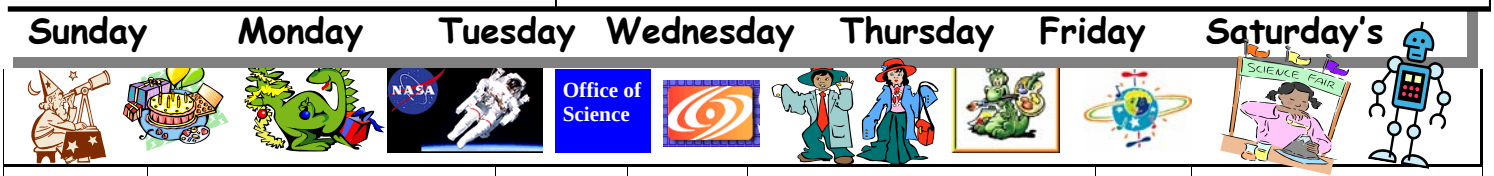
We welcome volunteers. to assist with activities, program in areas of of expertise, help keep museum shipshape, donate to Our wish list: toys in good shape, exhibit items, art supplies, DVD players, LCD's, educational items of value. These give you a renewed sense of pride as *we serve our community.*

Corporate Memberships positively impact the community. Our Fund the Vision Campaign looks to gain new & renewed sponsors as *CM Heroes.* Please show your thanks by investing in their products/services. Check out our Sponsors & Donors page on our website and join them!

May-Aug 2010 Calendar

Check online calendar for updates

We currently receive no funding for operations from the City, County, or State, thus we rely on the many visitors, donors, and sponsors who support the Children's Museum's Education Enrichment Programs & many Exhibits.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday's
Sunday's *Closed*	Monday's: Spring Brk-Dance Floor/Crafts/Space Science	Tuesday's *Closed*	Wed's *Closed*	Thursday's: Spring Brk-Dance Floor/Crafts/Space	Fri's *Closed*	Sat: Spring Brk-Green Gardens/ Critters Care
May/June *Closed*	Monday's: PlayDance Floor/ Legos / Open 9:20a-1:20p	Tuesday's *Closed*	Wed's *Closed*	Thursday's:PlayDance Floor/ Legos / Open 9:20a-1:20p	Fri's *Closed*	5-8 *Open* Dance Floor /Kids Komputers
July/Aug *Closed*	July/Aug - Mon *Open* 9:20-2 (ck web activities)	Tues. Open	Wed. *Closed*	July/Aug -Thurs *Open* 9:20-2 (ck web activities)	Fri. Open	July/Aug-Fri.*Open* 9:20-2 (ck activities)

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~ serving Utica, Rome, the Mohawk Valley, CNY & beyond ~ www.museum4kids.net

Come Visit! 1st fl -PlaySpace, Exploration Space, Wooden Train, Robot Room, Saturn, Dentist Office, Grocery Store; *2nd fl* - DancePlay Floor, Longhouse w/Kiosks, History Diorama, Fossil Dig, Dinosaurs; *3rd fl*-Critters, Legos, Crafts, Weather/Radio Rooms, Halls Fame: BRCK; *4th fl* – Planes, Fire/Police, Hot Wheels, NASA/Rover/Science.

Contact: The Children's Museum of History, Science & Technology, 311 Main St, Utica, NY 13501 Tel: 315-724-6129 Open: Monday, Thursday, Saturday 9:30am-2:00pm; Open extra days during holiday & school breaks. Check online calendar. Last admission 1 hour before closing. Admission fee: $7.children 2- 17; $8.seniors; $9. adults. Members & children under 2 Free.

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Important Info in April-May 2010 Issue

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- ☺ Hosting a NASA competition finalist!
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- ☺ Our Board of Directors & Staff
- ☺ Calendar of Events & Special Dates
- ☺ Heroes/Heroines: our Supporters

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CM's Heroes & Heroines: Helping Fund "The *Children's Museum's Current Growth & Future Vision.*" NOTE: As of this date, we receive no City, County, State, or Federal funds for Operations costs. Corporate Sponsors - *Gold Level*: Dr. Ted & Melva Max; National Grid; Oxford Medical Imaging; the late Roger Sinnott; RigAll; Mack Goldner Foundation; George/Pinny Kuckel. *Silver Level*: The Hartford; Pratt Whitney HMI; Radiology Assoc; Wilcor International; Fountainhead Group; Strategic Financials. *Bronze Level*: Burns Agency; Joseph Flihan Co; ConMed; Bonide Corp; Carbone Group; NBT Bank; McDonald/Mac Clark; Dove Laser; Utica National; JetNet; James Donovan Fund; Earle Reed; Pacemaker Millar; Utica First; Bill Corrigan. *Honorable Mention:* N.Utica Walmart; M & R Heating; Prevalare Life Science; First Niagara; Gold Mine Jewelers; Serianni Signs; Color Ad Signs. Grant Sponsors - *Gold Level:* Community Foundation; NYS Senator Joe Griffo; former Congressman Sherry Boehlert; former NYS Sen. Ray Meier. *Silver Level:* NYS Council on the Arts; Met Life; Niagara Mohawk Foundation. *Bronze Level:* NY Power Authority; Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito. Honorable Mention: Gannett Foundation; Fleet Foundation. Time and/or Exhibit Sponsors: Meyda Tiffany; AdvantechCNY; Ed Waszkiewicz; Regent Broadcasting; Quadsimia; John Stephenson; John Nogas; Bradley Zacek; Tim Perry; Mike Zarnock; Josh Glassberg; GE Elfun's; Jim Williams & Donna; Mike Pilawa; Vin Gilroy Jr; MVCC & Ric Rosero; The Butterfly Wranglers; Congressman Arcuri; Oneida Nation; Bob Almy; Bob Galliher; Princeton Lab; Stage Music; Big Apple; ABC Fire Extinguisters, Office of Science; NASA; Alice P. O'Shea; Les & Mackie Kernan; the late Ted Kibiuk; Glenn & Marshall Space Cntrs; MV Astronomy Society; Kurt Wiehenstroer; Proctor High; UPD/UFD; Junior League; Roma Welsh; Dave Spoon; Zangrilli Engineering; Brandeles; F.X. Matt; M & R HVAC; BOCES; Bill Morehouse; Dr. Rosinski; Mark Crever; Allen Gilberti; Time Warner; HCCC; Bill Keeler; Col. Kurt Hoch; Anthony Garramone; Utica P.O.; Ralph Eannace; Ed Welsh; WKTV; Utica.tv; Herkimer Telegram; Rome Sentinel; MV BizJournal; UticaOD; uticadailynews; oneidacountycourier; Vol Earl Lewis; Board of Directors