



Fingerprints

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Winter Events at CM lead to another Great Year of Events!



By Feb.3rd: Know a child who has made a positive impact on his/her school/community? Nominate them for Jr Ambassador. Forms on website & in museum.

February includes not only our daily activities but our annual Winter Break Programs scheduled for Mon. 2/20- Sat. 2/25. (*we're open every day that week*) Programs include: Science fun with Plasma toys: John DeLooper from Princeton Lab, Canine Working Companions: Deanne Balutis, Collecting Hot Wheels: Mike Zarnock, Weather Phenomenon & Predicting: Amanda Gabeler, Microbe Explorations: Jen Herzog, KidsSafety:Kathy Slocum

The \$7. admission includes all the above, plus viewing of and interacting with the 100's of exhibits on our four floors! Spend your day enjoying in a warm safe environment! (*under 1 year & members free*)

We are collaborating with Proctor High School and the CNY Convention for Future. Keep tuned!

Want to get your children/students more interested in the essential topics of science, math & technology? Register them for our 3/25/06 Science & Technology Fair where they'll get to meet an Astronaut! Registration

form on our website.

Mark your calendars for our 4/15/06 Easter Egg Hunt & our 4/17 - 4/22/06 Spring School Break Programs. Also, coming in the spring will be an Antique & Fine Art Appraisal Fair!

Sign up for our 6/12/06 Annual Golf Tournament (12:00-6:00p at Cedar Lake)

Plan to come to our 8/4/06 Int'l Halls of Fame Induction and our 8/26/06 Vino/Ale/Art Baggs Square Luau!

View pix & info on our website as we continue growing CNY's premiere Quality of Life family/tourist attraction.

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Visit us on the web:
www.museum4kids.net

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~ Honor the Past & Pave the Future ~ Children's Museum Commemorative Brick Project

PROUD PARENTS
CONGRAT'S TO
JOHN DOE '03

Join in the Children's Museum Commemorative Brick Sidewalk Project. For only \$75. each, you can purchase personalized engraved bricks for the paved sidewalk in front of the museum, to commemorate your support for our community treasure. Each brick

holds 14 characters on 2-3 lines. Purchase in the museum or on our website.

To date, the following have supported our brick drive: Joan Shkane Esq, Mark Barres M & R Heating, Dr. Nancy Shaheen, Dr. Philip Reitz, Steven Genett, Northern Safety, Dr. Leo Sullivan, Dr. Anthony & Carol

Mandour, Garro Utica Drug Store, Bader Reynolds, Don & Linda Dresher, Nicholas Calogero Jr, Mukesh Shah, John Stephenson, Marlene Brown. ===== Contributions to The Children's Museum are tax deductible. We also gratefully accept checks, stocks, bonds, mutual funds & goods of value.

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 we're gone! We're proud to be an important asset to our community.



Director's Report: Winter Break Programs Coming * Commemorative Brick Project Growing * Proctor & Hamilton students involved with CM



Thanks to all who are volunteering their time and talents to present programs during our Winter Break Week, including John DeLooper's Science fun with Princeton Plasma Lab toys, Deanne Balutis's Canine Working Companions, Mike Zarnock's Collecting Hot Wheels, Amanda Gabeler's Weather Phenomenon & Predicting, Jen Herzog's Microbe Explorations, Kathy Slocum's Kids Safety. Check the days they'll be presenting on the enclosed flyer.

porting our Commemorative Brick Project. And to Proctor High School's Academy's A & C for the collaborative projects we're doing with them, and to Hamilton College students who come in to volunteer on a monthly basis at the museum.

Thanks to our Board members who continue for their support. We're proud of our 1,000's of exhibits designed for educationally enjoyable experiences for kids 1 to 101 at the only children's museum adopted by NASA & Office Science.

Our dozens of NYS Curriculum Enrichment Programs are offered to educators from Pre-K & Day-care to Schools & Scouts. Groups book field trips, grandparents/families enjoy outings, & parents book children's birthday parties.

Groups gain admission to CM's 4 floors of interactive exhibits & may opt for educator's program. Bag lunches can be eaten in our kitchen & pre-ordered food is available in our Cafe. View more on web: www.museum4kids.net/



There's Always a Fun 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 — a safe, fun, learning environment— is a definite asset to the Mohawk Valley, one all residents can be proud of and utilize to its highest capacity. One of the oldest Children's Museum's in the country, we're continuing renovations and new exhibits.

What better place to bring * your students on a field trip * scouts to earn a badge * family for a great day out * children for a fun time * grandchildren to enjoy * group for a tour * association for a meeting? 1st floor, children 4 & under enjoy PlaySpace & our life-size wooden train, while older children enjoy Main Street Exploration. 2nd floor all enjoy our Longhouse, Karaoke, Diorama, Erie Canal & Dinorama. 3rd floor, Our Cute Critters, Interactive Train & Lego exhibits, Int'l Halls of Fame, Radio & Weather Rooms. 4th floor, Fire & Police artifacts/exhibits, Airplanes, Hot Wheels, intriguing NASA & Science exhibits.

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Staff: Christie Hubbard, Dan Kazmierski, Don Zyga.

Volunteer: Exhibits Manager & Birthday Party Host Earl Lewis.

Become A CM Hero: Corporate Sponsor; Donor; Volunteer; Wish List



We welcome volunteers. There's no greater reward than helping the children.

How can you help? 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, educa-

tional items of value. These will give you a renewed sense of pride as *we continue to serve the children, our future.*

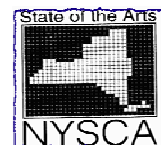
A Corporate Membership is a positive way to impact the community. Our levels of corporate sponsors include a \$250 T-Rex, a \$500 Velociraptor, a \$1,000 Brontosaurus, a \$2,000 Triceratops, a \$5,000 Diplodocus,

& a \$10,000 Oviraptor. We value your donations & support.



Our 42nd Anniversary 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!



February '06 Calendar

Check online calendar for updates

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1-22 <i>Closed</i>	1-23 11a / 2p Music for Munchkins / Craft Fun	1-24 <i>Closed for renovations</i>	1-25 <i>Closed</i>	1-26 11a/2p Puppet Story/ Paint & Design	1-27 <i>Closed for renovations</i>	1-28 Legos, D-Jays, Space Science, Caring for our Critters
1-29 <i>Closed</i>	1-30 11a / 2p Music for Munchkins / Craft Fun	1-31 11a / 2p Caring for our Cute Critters	2-1 <i>Closed</i>	2-2 11a/2p Puppet Story/ Paint & Design	2-3 11a / 2p Crafty Creations	2-4 Legos, D-Jays, Space Science, Caring for our Critters
2-5 <i>Closed</i>	2-6 11a / 2p Music for Munchkins / Craft Fun	2-7 11a / 2p Caring for our Cute Critters	2-8 <i>Closed</i>	2-9 11a/2p Puppet Storytime/ Paint & Design	2-10 11a / 2p Crafty Creations	2-11 Legos, D-Jays, Space Science, Caring for our Critters
2-12 <i>Closed</i>	2-13 11a / 2p Music for Munchkins / Craft Fun	2-14 11a / 2p Caring for our Cute Critters	2-15 <i>Closed</i>	2-16 11a/2p Puppet Storytime/ Paint & Design	2-17 11a / 2p Crafty Creations	2-18 Legos, D-Jays, Space Science, Caring for our Critters
2-19 <i>Closed</i>	2-20 Spring Break Programs	2-21 Spring Break Programs	2-22 Spring Break Programs	2-23 Spring Break Programs	2-24 Spring Break Programs	2-25 Spring Break Programs
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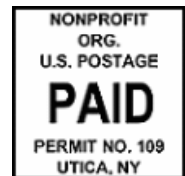
Join the many educators, families & groups who book *birthday parties and educational field trips* at the Children's Museum! Check our website, call us at 315-724-6129, visit us in person. Here's some of what you'll find: *1st floor* - Play Space, Exploration Space, Saturn, Tea Room, Dentist Office, Grocery Store, Trains; *2nd floor* - Musical Stage, Iroquois Longhouse, History Diorama, Fossils, Dinosaurs; *3rd floor* - Science Room, Animals & Insects, Legos, Computers, Arts & Crafts, Weather Room, Int'l Halls of Fame; *4th floor* (open 11:30a-12:00p, 1:00-1:30p & 2:30-3:00pm) Airplanes, Fire & Police Dept. exhibits, NASA exhibits, Office of Science exhibits, Carriage & Buggy exhibits, Hot Wheels Hall. **Check enclosed Flyer & Online Calendar for 2006 events:** www.museum4kids.net Including Winter School Break activities; Science & Technology Fair; Easter Egg Hunt; Antique & Fine Art Appraisal Fair; Golf Tournament; Folklore Festival; Int'l Halls Fame induction; Luau; 43rd Anniv. Gala

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Museum Hours: Open Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Friday 9:45am to 3:45pm;
Open Saturday 10:00am to 4:00pm
Closed Wed. & Sun. & some holidays. Open
most school holidays - check online calendar.

Admission: \$7. for adults & children;
Members + under 1 year Free (*reduced
member fee for some events*).



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CM's Heroes & Heroines: *they continue to make a difference.*

* Congressman Sherry Boehlert * NYS Senator Ray Meier * NASA * Office of Science * Roger Sinnott
* Herk/Oneida Co Community Foundation * National Grid * Oxford Imaging * Oneida Nation Foundation
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