

Montessori Center of Downriver - End of Year Newsletter

End of Year Note

Another year in the books! As we draw to a close this school year, we wanted to take the time to thank each parent for entrusting us with your beautiful children; we have so enjoyed watching them grow and learn throughout the year!

We also want to thank you for all your understanding and cooperation as we navigated this post-2020 world and all that entailed. We have missed having you in the building and hope that the future will bring more in-person events.

Some of you are moving on to new adventures, and we will miss you all dearly! Please keep in touch and let us know how your children are doing. For those of you returning, we can't wait to welcome you back!

Have a wonderful, safe, fun-filled summer!
The staff at the Montessori Center of Downriver

Summer Safety

With summer comes so many fun activities--swimming, camping, cooking out. But many fun summer activities also present dangers to children. [Check out this article](#) on reducing the risks of these dangers.

Summer Resources and Events

Food Resources

Meet Up and Eat Up: No registration necessary. Children 18 and under can enjoy a free meal—breakfast and lunch are available! Several nearby locations include:

Creative Montessori Academy
12701 McCann Ave, Southgate, MI 48195
Mon-Fri, June 20-Aug 12
Breakfast: 7:30-8:30am
Lunch 11:30-12:30pm

Seitz Middle School
Address: 17800 Kennebec
Riverview, MI 48193
Mon-Fri
Breakfast: 8-9am
Lunch: 11-1pm

Gleaners offers fresh food boxes to anyone in the community. There is no registration necessary but they are first come, first serve. Boxes can be picked up at Yack Arena in Wyandotte on the following dates:
6/10/2022: 9:00-11:00am
6/24/2022: 9:00-11:00am

Dates for later in the summer will [be found here](#) when posted.

Bundled meals for children can be picked up the Downriver YMCA on June 9th from 1:00-1:30 pm. Bundle meal pickups are first come, first served. Pre-registration is not required. For children 18 years and younger only. Be sure to check the YMCA special event calendar for summer dates when they become available.

Events and Activities

Kids Fishing Fest: Fishing Fest is presented by the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy. Sunday, June 12 Noon-4:00pm at Milliken State Park and Harbor. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy a beautiful day in Milliken State Park.

- Free family event for kids
- Free bait
- Free pole rental for those without, please plan to bring a pole if you have one.
- Free snacks

[Pre-registration is strongly encouraged.](#)

Get the Scoop on Reading! June 14th: 3:09-5:30pm. Free animal show, ice cream, and activities at the Lincoln Park Community Resource Center. All children receive a tote bag with a book. Register by June 13th to be entered into the raffles: call Hazel at 734-785-7700, ext. 7099.

Hot Wheels Legend Tour in Dearborn: Bring kids to see life-size Hot Wheels Garage of Legends vehicles, play in the Hot Wheels Kid Zone, check out the Hot Wheels Die-Cast Vending Truck, and more! July 9th from 8am to 12pm. Walmart Parking Lot, 5851 Mercury Dr., Dearborn

Allen Park Recreation is doing mobile recreation this summer. Monday through Thursday, 9am to 3pm, children can enjoy yard games, crafts, and other summer fun at different Allen Park parks. Event is free and no registration is required. Program doesn't run the week of July 4th. Park schedule:

- Monday: Sudman Park
- Tuesday: Moore Park
- Wednesday: Boccabella Park
- Thursday: Humpty Dumpty Park

Wyandotte's Bacon Memorial Library has several events running all summer long:

1. In-person story time! Baby/Toddler story time is Tuesday from 10-10:20am and family story time is from 10:30-11am.
2. Lego Wednesdays: Located in the Program Room every first Wednesday of the Month! 10am-7pm.

Family Fun Days at Heritage Park. Enjoy free bounce house, crafts, kid shows, and character meet and greets (in the Sheridan Pavilion)! [June 17th, July 15th, and August 19th: 12-4pm.](#)

Great Lakes Live Steamers Train Rides. Take a free train ride at Southgate Train Park (13901 Leroy Street). Saturday, June 18 from 12:00-4:00 pm.

Detroit Kite Festival: [Free event on Belle Isle on July 10th](#). Kites will be available for those without, and attendees can also make a kite.

Campus Martius Movie Night: Enjoy free outdoor films all summer long on the big screen in Detroit at Campus Martius Park. Every Thursday evening, movies start at 7pm, seating opens at 6pm. Bring your own chairs! Popcorn is available for purchase. [Schedule can be found here](#).

Free Friday night movies [at New Center Park](#) in Detroit. Bring your own chairs/blankets.

Reading and Rhythm on the Riverfront is back for 2022! The program includes live and interactive family entertainment, a healthy snack provided by the YMCA, and free books. [Individual registration](#) begins at the end of June.

Summer Festivals/Fairs

Grosse Ile Island Fest: June 3-5th

Riverview Summer Fest: June 16-18th

Taylor Summer Fest: June 23-26th

Trenton Summer Festival: June 24-26th

Uncle Sam Jam: July 7-10th

Wyandotte Art Fair: July 13-16th

Allen Park Street Fair: August 5-6th

Kids Mental Health Summer Groups: Mala Child & Family Institute is holding [various summer groups](#) for children 8 through 12. Children can learn to improve their executive function skills, ease anxiety, face their fears, stay calm, and more. For children 5-7, they are holding an eight week ["Fun with Feelings"](#) group.

Kids Bowl for Free! Kids can bowl for free all summer long! Registered children receive 2 free games of bowling each day of the program. For more details and participating alleys, [check here](#).

Tye-Dye Tuesday: Cheap family fun making tye-dye items at the Flat Rock Community Park Pavilion! Call at 734-279-1450 to register. Dates are as follows:

- June 21: Towels
- July 12: Hats
- August 9: Bags

Mail-In Freebies

[Lego Club Magazine Subscription:](#) Children can get a free subscription to LEGO® Life Magazine. It is filled with fun stuff such as comics, activities, competitions, sneak peeks and the latest LEGO news, all shipped to your door 4 times a year! All you have to do is sign up for an account.

Free Flower Seeds: Sign up to be a Butterfly Hero and get a free Butterfly Garden Starter Pack in the mail. [Check out the details here](#) for free seeds and get your sample kit.