

# Montessori Center of Downriver - April Newsletter

Welcome back! We hope you had a restful and fun spring break. We are so excited to be back with our favorite little humans!

Now that spring has sprung, we're looking ahead to the end of the school year. We're working on plans for our kindergarten graduation ceremony. For those of you with kindergartners, we'll be in touch soon with more details. It won't be long before they're in their cap and gowns!

Enrollment is also open for our summer camp and the Fall 2023/24 school year. We have limited spots remaining, so if you have not yet done so, you can go to [myprocare.com](https://myprocare.com) and select the program(s) you need.

We also wanted to share with you that our school is being highlighted by the Michigan Montessori Society (MMS) this month! A school bio will be published in [the upcoming MMS spring newsletter](#), and after the MMS Workshop on Saturday, April 22, participants will tour our school for the chance to see a model Montessori.

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## In the Classroom

### Ms Ashley's Class

In April, Ms Ashley's class will be learning about jungles and the animals that live in them!

### Mrs. Dona's Class

In April, Mrs. Dona's class will continue studying South America, and they will be introducing physical science, such as magnets and the concept of sinking versus floating. And spring is in the air! The class will be learning about animals, birds, and flowers.

### **Ms Paula's Class**

In April, Ms Paula's class will be learning about Asia and continuing their work on Monet.

On the last day before spring break, the class enjoyed learning more about Guyana with Ms Donnette, including a special song. See pictures and videos of them [singing and dancing here!](#)

### **Mrs. Melissa's Class**

Mrs. Melissa's class will be learning about reptiles and amphibians in April!

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## **Saying Goodbye to Ms Morgan**

We are so sad to announce that Morgan will be leaving us this month. Her last day will be on April 14th. We have been so lucky to have her with us this past year; she is going to be incredibly missed by us all, but we are excited for her to start her new journey as a flight attendant! Good luck, Morgan!

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## **Reminder**

The school will be *closed* on Friday, April 7th. Classes will resume on the 10th.

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## **Local Events and Resources**

### **Romulus Public Library**

April 18, 5:30pm – 7pm  
Kids Crafting Club: Join us Tuesday nights at the library for access to the Library's craft supplies. Create to your heart's content!

### **Southgate Library**

April 22, 2pm – 3pm  
Community Helpers Day! Want to learn more about our Southgate Community? Join us for visits from the Police Department, Animal Control, and the Fire Department.

### **Marshmallow Drop**

April 7  
9am – 10am  
Elizabeth Park Trenton

Wayne County Parks and Recreation are thrilled to bring back the Marshmallow Drop! Thousands of marshmallows will be dropped from a helicopter to be turned in for a prize. There will be three separate age groups for children:

1. 4 and younger

**Wyandotte Library**

April 19, 4pm – 5pm

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Slime-the-Makerspace: Peeps Slime: Learn how to make Peeps slime. All ingredients and a storage container will be provided. This class is limited in size to ensure the safety of all participants. Registration required.

**Taylor Library**

April 6, 5pm – 7pm

Growing Crafty is an open arts and craft session for kids. The library will provide the craft supplies and space, and kids bring their creativity and imaginations. The session is aimed towards kids ages 5-12. For more information, call 734-287-4840.

**Trenton Library**

Pajama Story Time: A family storytime to help get kid ready for bed! Everyone comes in the PJs, and we read relaxing nighttime stories. Every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm. Please call the library at (734)676-9777 or stop by the reference desk to register.

**Allen Park Library**

April 22nd, 10:30am – Noon

Family Fun Saturdays: Visit the library for themed storytime and crafts appropriate for the whole family!

2. 5 – 7 years old

3. 8 and older

The event is not competitive and only one marshmallow is needed for a prize.

**Flat Rock Model Train Museum**

April 15th and 22nd

1 – 4pm

28700 Arsenal Rd, Flat Rock

Kids under 10 free.

**Detroit Institute of Arts**

April 15 and 16

12 – 4 pm

Stop by the DIA Art Making studio anytime between Noon and 4 pm to learn about the process of screenprinting with Detroit artist Melissa Dettloff. Guests will choose their color paper and use Melissa's geometric designs to create a notebook with a unique printed cover to take home.

Free with general admission (General museum admission is FREE for residents of Wayne, Oakland, and

**Lincoln Park Cinco de Mayo Festival**

April 29

Noon – 7pm

1681-1685 Fort St

Kids games, bounce houses, entertainment, vendors, and more!