

Montessori Center of Downriver - June Newsletter

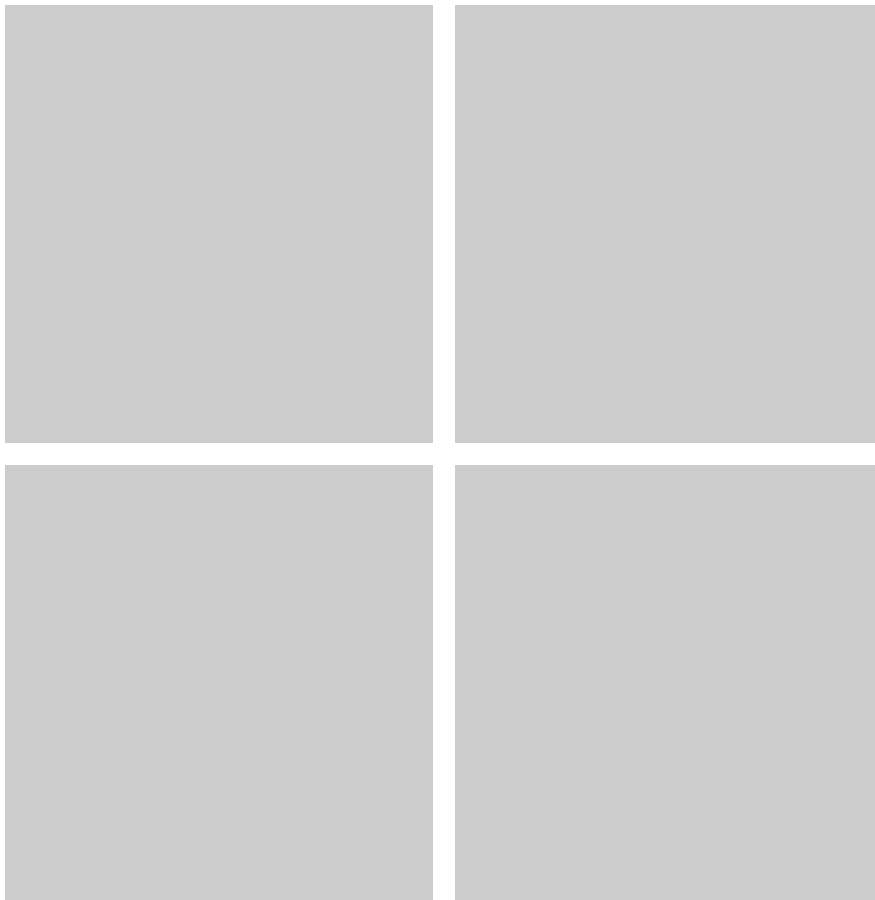
As we draw to a close this school year, we wanted to take the time to thank each parent for entrusting us with your beautiful children; we have so enjoyed watching them grow and learn throughout the year!

We also want to thank you for everything you have done to make our community what it is. We very much appreciate your kind and generous donations for various events and classroom snacks and activities. We couldn't do what we do without our families. Your partnership is so important to us.

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

In the Classroom



Congrats Grads!

Please join us in congratulating this year's kindergarten graduates! We are so proud of all the hard work they've put in this year and know that they are going to thrive as they move to their new schools.

Celebrating Ms Paula and Ms Patty!

It's with both sadness and happiness that we're announcing the retirement of Ms Paula and Ms Patty at the end of this school year.

Paula has been with MCOB since the very beginning in 1990, and Patty joined us in 2008! These two have touched so many lives in their time here, and they are going to be so dearly missed.

But while we are sad for us, we are happy for the new adventures coming their way. Enjoy retirement, you two!



Announcements

1. 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.
2. If your child is attending the June summer session and you have not yet signed up for pizza lunches, you can do so [here](#).

Important Dates

June 9th: Last day of school
June 13th: First day of June summer session
June 18th: Father's Day
June 30th: Last day of June session

Local Events and Resources

Chalk the Walk at HuRoc Park on Saturday June 3rd. This year's event is scheduled from 11am to 1pm. We invite artist of all ages to show their skills on the 3/4 mile walk around the park. Chalk and refreshments are provided to the little ones.

Spring Fishing Derby at Pointe Mouille on Sunday, June 4, 2023 at 10am-1pm. Registration begins at 10 am and the competition is from 11am-1pm. Trophies for biggest, littlest, and most fish caught! Raffle for all kids!

Free character meet and greets on Saturday June 10th at the Open Air Market in Downtown Monroe! Characters will be doing a free meet and greet, posing for photos with children, and the princesses will perform live vocal performances for guests as well!
11-1pm Ariel: & Prince Eric
1:15-3:15pm: Captain America & Jasmine

Kids Fishing Fest by the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy. Sunday, June 11 from 12-4:00pm at Milliken State Park and Harbor. Free family event for kids: Free bait and free pole rental for those without--please plan to bring a pole if you have one. Free snacks. [Registration required.](#)

Mexican Food Fiesta at Market Center Park in Southgate: Friday, June 30, 2023 from 6-10pm

Detroit Kite Festival: Sunday, July 9th from 10am-4pm at Belle Isle Cricket Field, near the James Scott Fountain.

Touch a Truck! Climb, touch, and explore real-life trucks and cool vehicles. From fire trucks and police cars to tractor trailers and more, it's guaranteed fun for kids of all ages. July 22 from 10:00am-2:00pm. First hour is siren free. Public parking lot at W. Philomene and Bob Seger Blvd.

Movies in the Park! Free movies in Brownstown at two parks. Bring the kids, a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy some great movies under the stars. Children's activities take place 1 hour prior to the show. Movie starts at dusk.

Movies Held behind the Event Center, 23345 King Rd

Thursday, June 29: Rock Dog

Thursday, July 27: Luca

Thursday, August 31: Lyle, Lyle Crocodile

Movies at Hunter Park

20822 Roche Rd-near Hunter Elementary School

Friday, August 4: The Bad Guys

New Center Park is the place to enjoy a mix of old and new films in the open-air, all free of cost on first and third Fridays of the month. Doors open at 8:00 p.m. and [movies begin at dusk](#). Preceded with a puppet performance, "Pirate Utopia," at 7:30 and 8:30 p.m.

June 2: Vivo


August 18: Muppet Treasure Island

Heritage Park Family Fun Days: Crafts, market, outdoor games, characters, entertainers, and more. From 12-4pm:

June 16th: Around the World

July 21st: Day at the Beach

August 18th: Dog Days of Summer



Family Fun Days at Beacon Park: Come to Beacon Park with the whole family to enjoy a mix of free activities for community members of all ages, everything from music and lawn games to interactive dance performances, puppet shows and more. New this year is a variety of hands-on science and technology activities such as robotics and virtual reality to inspire and introduce young audiences to STEM/STEAM. Please feel free to bring your own chairs or picnic blankets!

June 18 & 25: 1:00-5:00pm

July 9, 16, 23, & 30: 1:00-5:00pm

Aug 6 & 13: 1:00-5:00pm

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

June 17 & 18

July 15 & 16

August 19 & 20

Free River Tours! In celebration of their 20th anniversary, Diamond Jack is offering free boat tours along the beautiful Detroit River. Tours take place the second Tuesday of June (13), July (11) and August (8) from 6-7:30pm. [Register here:](#)

Registration begins May 30 for the June 13 tour


Registration begins June 27 for the July 11 tour

Registration begins July 25 for the August 8 tour

Reading & Rhythm on the Riverfront (R3) features readings by local celebrities, as well as business and community leaders. The program also boasts live and interactive family entertainment, a healthy snack provided by the YMCA and free books provided by General Motors in partnership with the Detroit Public Library's "Library on Wheels." The 2023 program will run July 6 - August 11 with sessions taking place on Thursdays and Fridays at 10 AM and 11:30 AM at Gabriel Richard Park. Each session lasts about 45 minutes. Participants must participate in the session to receive a free book. [Pre-registration is required.](#)

The Let's Play! Recreation Enrichment Vehicle (REV) is packed full of activities to get you moving, from hula hoops and yoga mats to a portable volleyball net. Operated by Allen Parks and Recreation, the REV is described as a "recreation center on wheels" bringing events and programming to locations around Allen. Various dates and times. Check the calendar [here.](#)

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.](#)



Fish & Loaves Community Food Pantry: Fresh Market

The Fresh Market is held each Saturday at Fish & Loaves from 9am-12pm. This program is open to anyone, there are no residency or income requirements. We provide 20-25lbs of dairy and assorted produce. We are closed the Saturday of holiday weekends, and in cases of extreme inclement weather.

*Fish & Loaves Community Food Pantry
25670 Northline Road, Taylor, MI 48180
From: 9am-12pm*

Gleaners

Gleaners provides boxes of food to anyone in need. No registration or proof of income required.

*City of Woodhaven
23101 Hall Rd
06/6/2023 9:00am - 11:00am
06/20/2023 9:00am - 11:00am
07/18/2023 9:00am - 11:00am
08/01/2023 9:00am - 11:00am
08/15/2023 9:00am - 11:00am
08/29/2023 9:00am - 11:00am*

*City of Wyandotte - Yack Arena
3131 3rd St.
06/09/2023 9:00am - 11:00am
06/23/2023 9:00am - 11:00am
07/07/2023 9:00am - 11:00am
07/21/2023 9:00am - 11:00am
08/04/2023 9:00am - 11:00am
08/18/2023 9:00am - 11:00am
09/01/2023 9:00am - 11:00am*

*Ford Community and Performing Arts Center
15801 Michigan Ave
Dearborn, MI 48126
06/13/2023 9:00am - 11:00am
06/27/2023 9:00am - 11:00am
07/11/2023 9:00am - 11:00am
07/25/2023 9:00am - 11:00am
08/8/2023 9:00am - 11:00am
08/22/2023 9:00am - 11:00am*

*Kennedy Building - Central Office - Ecorse Public Schools
27225 West Outer Drive
Ecorse, MI 48229
06/13/2023 2:00pm - 4:00pm
06/27/2023 2:00pm - 4:00pm
07/11/2023 2:00pm - 4:00pm
07/25/2023 2:00pm - 4:00pm
08/08/2023 2:00pm - 4:00pm
08/22/2023 2:00pm - 4:00pm*

