

Montessori Center of Downriver - March Newsletter

Happy March, families!

It's hard to believe that spring break is nearly here. This year has been flying by, and that's why we're so excited to be able to welcome you all in the building this month to see what your children have been learning! They've been working hard, and they're looking forward to showing you their work.

When you're in the classrooms, you may notice that the flooring looks different than the last time you may have seen it. Over winter break, we had new flooring put in throughout the building. We love being able to provide beautiful spaces for the children!

And one final bit of housekeeping: Fall enrollment has opened to our wait list, and there are limited spaces left. If you're planning on returning next year and haven't yet enrolled, you may want to do so soon as we cannot guarantee availability. We'll also be sending enrollment for the summer programs on March 11th.

In the Classroom



Mrs. Ashley's Class

March in Mrs. Ashley's class will be all about our oceans and the creatures that live in them!



Mrs. Dona's Class

Mrs. Dona's class will be busy this March! They'll be learning about St. Patrick's Day and celebrating with pesto pasta for a snack. They are going to do a rainbow art project, explore color mixing, and learn about frogs and turtles. And they'll also be doing an Easter egg hunt!



Ms Mandi and Ms Donnette's Class

In March, Ms Donnette and Ms Mandi's class will be leaving South America and heading to Africa! They'll be learning about the countries and their cultures. They'll also be learning about farm animals!



Mrs. Melissa's Class

Mrs. Melissa's class will be learning about wild land animals from each continent. They will also continue exploring with colors.

Important Dates

March 25-29: Spring break (school closed)

April 1: School resumes

Local Events and Resources


Maple Sugaring Through the Ages

Oakwoods Metropark Nature Center

Date(s): 03/02/2024 and 03/09/2024

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Come see the methods used to collect maple sap and learn how the maple tree helped sustain early Americans. We will begin indoors learning about the history of maple sugaring before heading outside to visit three sugaring "camps." While visiting these camps we will discover how maple sugaring has changed, and in many ways stayed the same, throughout history.



This program starts indoors, ends outdoors. The time, approximately 45 minutes will be spent seated, the remaining 75 minutes will be spent on a leisurely walk. We will conclude at the Oakwoods Nature Center. The planned path surface is dirt and gravel, and mostly flat and level.

Ages: Fun for all ages!

Time: 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Cost: \$4 per child, \$6 per adult, children under 2 Free!

[Pre-registration is required](#) by 4 p.m. the day before the program.

Story Time With a Ranger

March 9th

1:00pm – 2:00pm

Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge

Cozy up in front of the fireplace to hear a story (or two) read aloud from a Park Ranger.

Afterward, feel free to explore all that our Visitor Center has to offer. Register [here](#).

Detroit St. Patrick's Parade

Sunday, March 10th

1:00pm – 2:00pm

The parade typically attracts 80,000-100,000 people, making it one of the largest St. Patrick's parades in the country and it features floats, marching bands, color guard units and more.

Don't BUG Me, I'm Reading! – Family Literacy Event

The Guidance Center Taylor

8850 Pardee Rd

March 12

3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

You're invited to a FREE "Don't BUG Me, I'm Reading!" family literacy event for World Book Day 2024! Join Ladybug Girl for fun and games including: story time, crafts and activities, and a snack. Live entertainment will be provided by Erie Metroparks Nature on Wheels: Crawling Cuties

[Register](#) by Monday, March 11 at 5pm to be entered into three raffles. Must attend event to win.

DIY-U KIDS WORKSHOP

March 16th

10:00am - 1:00pm

Lowe's Various Locations

Your mini-DIYer will learn basic building skills while crafting a unique flower-shaped bird feeder to attract their feathered friends. Register [here](#).

Southgate Library

Baby & Me Painting

March 25

10:30am

Children birth to walking and their caregivers are invited to join us in a colorful art project. All materials will be provided and paint will be contained so no need to worry about the mess. Art pickup will start March 26th.

Family Yoga

March 26th

1pm

Join us for some yoga for the whole family! We've invited DownPup Yoga to teach a class that is designed for all abilities. Yoga mats will be available but limited, so feel free to bring your own or a beach towel.

Afternoon Crafting

March 28th

2pm

Don't know what to do with your day? Come join us in a crafting palooza! We have tons of materials, but we need you to figure out how to use them in creative ways.

Bacon Memorial Library

Robots & Coding for Early Childhood

March 19, 2024

4:00pm - 4:30pm

Can 4 and 5-year-olds learn to code a robot? You bet they can! Tiny the Robot is a programmable robot for young children. Through social-emotional stories and play, children will learn the basics of coding to control Tiny's movements and emotions. Each session begins with a Tiny the Robot adventure story followed by a hands-on coding lesson. A snack will be provided. Each session will run 30 minutes.

Make Time for Play In-Person

March 26

11:00am - 11:30am

The story time room will be changed into a playgroup space featuring multiple play and learn stations for children to circulate through. The stations will include dramatic play, large and small motor play, sand table, and a rotating monthly themed station. Families are welcome to come and go throughout the morning.

DIA Crafts

The Detroit Institute of Arts is free to all Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb county residents. They offer drop-in [arts and crafts activities](#) every weekend from 12-4pm.

Build-a-Critter

10:00am - 3:00pm

Oakwoods Metropark Nature Center

Cost: \$3 – \$5

Build a Critter is a monthly program where you can get crafty! Each session, we will be learning about a specific animal and then we will make one of our own from coastal seashells or bright-colored beads. All materials and step-by-step instruction will be given to complete the craft.

March 16 – Build a Critter: Beaded Dragonfly

April 27 – Build a Critter: Shell Fish

Two times: 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. & 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

[Pre-registration is required](#) by 4 p.m. the day before the program.

Gleaners

Gleaners provides boxes of food to anyone in need. No ID or income requirements, but boxes are first come, first serve.

City of Woodhaven

23101 Hall Rd

Woodhaven, MI 48183

03/05/2024 9:00am - 11:00am

03/19/2024 9:00am - 11:00am

City of Wyandotte - Yack Arena

3131 3rd Street

Wyandotte, MI 48192

03/08/2024 9:00am - 11:00am

03/22/2024 9:00am - 11:00am

Ford Community and Performing Arts Center

15801 Michigan Ave

Dearborn, MI 48126

03/12/2024 9:00am - 11:00am

03/26/2024 9:00am - 11:00am