

## Montessori Center of Downriver - April Newsletter

Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a fun spring break. It's hard to believe that we're heading into the final stretch of the year!

We wanted to thank you all for coming in to visit the classrooms to see your children working. They were so excited to show you what they could do! And we look forward to doing more in-person events with you all.

We also have some exciting news: Ms Stephanie is currently working toward her [Montessori certification](#) so that she can be a lead teacher! Suzee and Elizabeth are also taking assistant training. We are so proud of them all!

In the Classroom

### **Mrs. Ashley's Class**

In April, Mrs. Ashley's class will be learning about the jungle and wild animals!

### **Mrs. Dona's Class**

In April, Mrs. Dona's class will be learning about birds and bunnies, and making homemade bird feeders. For Earth Day, they'll be planting and learning the 3 Rs (reduce, reuse, recycle). They'll also begin learning about Australia--its people, places, plants, and animals.

### **Ms Donnette and Ms Mandi's Class**

Ms Mandi and Ms Donnette's class will be learning about Africa and the parts of flowers. They'll also be learning about the lifecycles of local animals and doing spring art.

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

Mrs. Melissa's class will be learning about reptiles and amphibians in April. They will also learn new language to go with this, for example, "metamorphosis".

### **Local Events**

#### **Family Carnival**

April 13th, 12-4pm

3240 Ferris, Lincoln Park

Stop by the bandshell for an afternoon of carnival games, prizes, food, and drinks.

#### **Cinco De Mayo**

April 27, 12-7pm

The festival is organized by downriver and southwest Detroit volunteers, dedicated residents, vendors, business owners, and friends to present a family friendly cultural celebration for the communities downriver and southwest Detroit. This year we are expecting up to 50 vendors, entertainment such as bounce houses and live performances, and a wide variety of food and refreshment sales.

#### *Southgate Library* **Student Art Show**

Opening Reception - April 10th, 6pm

Some of our classrooms will have their artwork displayed in the library art show! The artwork will be on display for several weeks following the reception.

#### **Taylor Swift Party**

April 17th, 7-8pm

In honor of Taylor's The Tortured Poets Department album release on April 19, we are excited to announce an all ages hype party! A raffle will be held for a CD copy of the new album, everyone who attends will have a chance to win.