

Montessori Center of Downriver - June Newsletter

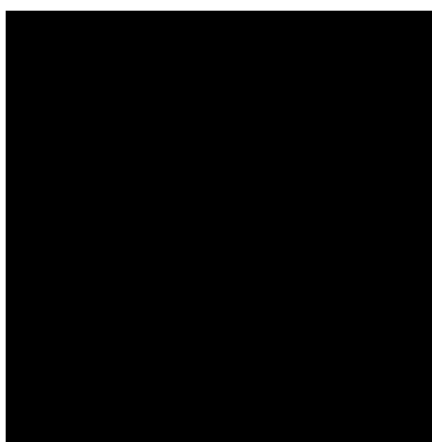
As the school year winds down, it's amazing to reflect on how quickly time has flown! We're incredibly grateful for the opportunity to spend this year with your wonderful children; watching them learn, grow, and thrive has truly been a joy.

Thank you so much for being such a vital part of our school community. Your generosity and support have meant the world to us. We couldn't create such a warm, engaging environment without your help.

To those families heading off to new chapters, know that you'll be missed, and we hope you'll stay in touch and share updates along the way. For those returning next year, we're already looking forward to seeing you again!

Wishing you all a summer full of sunshine, laughter, and great memories!

In the Classroom

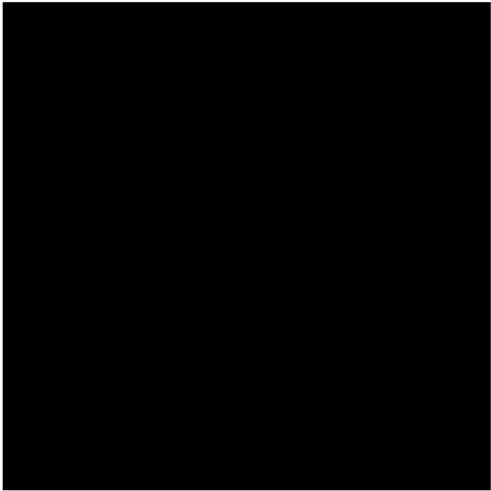


In the Garden



The children have been enjoying working on our spring garden. Thanks for the help, Mr. Rick!

Congratulations, Grads!



Please join us in celebrating our class of 2025! Congratulations, kindergarteners!

We have a graduate of our own to celebrate as well: Ms Jenni is now a certified Montessori teacher! Congratulations, Jenni! We are all so proud of and happy for you!

Local Events and Resources

Bug Out with Art in the Park
June 5, 4-6:30 pm
Heritage Park Sheridan Pavilion

Making art is a great way to grow and learn, and it's a fun way for parents and kids to spend time together and be happy. Come join us for an afternoon full of fun activities for kids of all ages!

Music & movement, bubble play area, balloon animals, bug hunt, face painting, arts & crafts, sidewalk chalk and much more! Snack and ice cream provided. Registration preferred but not required: <https://www.guidance-center.org/community-calendar-event/kids-art-in-the-park/>

Southgate Heritage Days

June 6 and 7

Join us for the 49th Annual Heritage Days, a weekend filled with fun, food, and fantastic entertainment! Enjoy live music, delicious food, and family-friendly activities throughout the weekend. Family entertainment: Parade, face painting, stilt walker, Kid O'lympics, and more!

Skip Clack's Fishing Derby

Bishop Park Fishing Pier

June 7, 10am

Free for children 5-13. One of Wyandotte's most popular events! Draws over 200 participants for the annual fishing derby, ranging from 5-13 years of age. Prizes and trophies are awarded for several categories, including longest fish, smallest fish, most fish caught, and most unusual item caught. Judges' rule final. In addition, every child receives a gift bag with miscellaneous coupons and gift certificates from local merchants, including such things as movie passes and recreational and fast food coupons.

Taylor Colonial Days

June 7, 9-5

June 8, 9-4

This historical event brings the 18th century to life with an immersive weekend of reenactments, demonstrations, and hands-on experiences. Guests will have the chance to explore authentic 18th-century military and civilian camps, interact with reenactors, and witness live demonstrations, including:

- Mini Militia for Kids (Daily at 1 p.m.), where children can train as Revolutionary War-era soldiers with wooden muskets

Storytime with a Park Ranger

June 13, 11-11:45am

Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge

Listen to a park ranger read aloud a picture book and sing a few nursery rhymes. Intended for young children, but all are welcome!

Taylor Friday Family Fun Day

June 20, 12-4pm

Heritage Park Petting Farm

A free event that includes crafts, games, characters, and entertainers, and the official grand opening of the new playscape at the petting farm .

Kids' Day at the Brownstown Market

June 25, 2-7pm

23345 King Rd

This outdoor market will feature local small businesses selling everything from delicious food to handcrafted items. There will also be live entertainment, food trucks, weekly themes, giveaways and more!

Allen Park Music in the Streets

June 25, 5:30-7pm

Allen Park Community Center

Special kids' concert featuring The Music Lady.

Movie in the Park: Moana 2

June 27, 7pm

Hunter Park

Enjoy Moana 2, with free popcorn! Movie starts as soon as it's dark enough. Activities start at 7 p.m. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on.

Wyandotte Independence Day Parade

July 4, 10am

Biddle Ave, Downtown Wyandotte

You are cordially invited to celebrate the 4th by watching the City of Wyandotte Independence Day parade. Immerse yourself in the lively procession of floats, marching bands, and community pride, turning your Thursday into a full-fledged Fourth of July extravaganza. Join us for an unforgettable day of fun, community camaraderie, and patriotic spirit in the heart of Wyandotte!

Gibraltar Independence Day Parade

July 4, 10am

Gibraltar Community Center

Taylor Friday Family Fun Day

July 18, 12-4pm

Sheridan Pavilion in Heritage Park

A free event that includes crafts, games, characters, and entertainers.

Allen Park Touch-a-Truck

July 19, 10am-2pm

Join us for Allen Park's 13th annual Touch-a-Truck event! Bring the whole family for a day of hands-on exploration as children get up close and personal with a variety of vehicles, including fire trucks, police cars, construction equipment, and more. This interactive experience allows kids to climb aboard, honk horns, and learn about the vehicles that help our community thrive. Don't miss out on this fun-filled day of discovery and imagination!

Movie in the Park: Sonic 3

July 25, 7pm

Carlson High School Varsity Baseball Field

Enjoy Sonic 3, with free popcorn! Movie starts as soon as it's dark enough. Activities start at 7 p.m. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on.

Lincoln Park's Art in the Park

July 26

See circus performances on our Kids Stage on July 26th by the The Motley Misfits with a magician, hula hooping, juggling, LED show and a fire show!

Movie in the Park: Minecraft

August 6, 7pm

Woodland Heights Park

Enjoy Minecraft, with free popcorn! Movie starts as soon as it's dark enough. Activities start at 7 p.m. Bring a chair or blanket to sit on.

Allen Park Music in the Streets

August 6, 5:30-7pm

Allen Park Community Center

Special kids' concert featuring KY ART (Magic and Flo Show).

Taylor Friday Family Fun Day

August 15, 12-4pm

Sheridan Pavilion in Heritage Park

A free event that includes crafts, games, characters, and entertainers.

Wyandotte Library

Outdoor Messy Art Storytime

June 17, June 24, July 1, July 8, July 15, July 22, July 29, 12-1pm

Each week will feature an art-inspired book, highlighted artist, and an outdoor art experience. Dress for a mess--of fun!!!! This story time is intended for preschool-2nd grade.

Foam Party!

June 26, 1-2pm

The Mad Foamer is back to host another foam party on the front lawn of the Bacon Library. Bring a towel and prepare to be covered in foam!

Bugs on Wheels!

July 10, 11am-12pm; 12-1pm; 1-2pm

Bugs! Big, small, come see them all! Learn how amazing bugs are and touch them, if you choose. Crawl, fly, hop, or dig your way to the program. Registration required.

Art Explosion: SPIN TABLES

July 17, 20 minute slots available from 1-3pm

AGES K-8. Even if you can't draw a stick figure, we swear our spin tables will assist you in making a beautiful piece of abstract art! Grab an apron, pick out your color scheme, and get ready to spin your masterpiece!

Spinning uses acrylic paint that does stain and is not washable. The majority of splash is contained in the protective ring. Aprons are provided. Registration required.

Cameron Zvara Comedy Magician

July 24, 5-6pm

Join us for an evening of AMAZEMENT & FUN with Comedy Magician & Entertainer- Cameron Zvara!

Cameron's show is filled with mind-blowing magic, squeaky clean comedy, and tons of audience participation. You do not want to miss out!

Kid's Yoga! In-Person

July 31, 5:45-6:45pm

Kids Yoga- A playful and engaging yoga class designed just for kids! We'll stretch, move, breathe, and have fun with creative poses, games, and mindfulness activities that build strength, balance, and focus—all while encouraging self-expression and relaxation.

Parents must accompany their child. Registration required.

Dearborn Library

Preschool Builders

Mondays all summer, 10:30-11:30am

Henry Ford Centennial Library

Ages 3-5 are invited to come and build with blocks during this weekly summer playtime.

This is a drop-in program, no registration required.

Read with Pippin

June 11; July 9; August 13, 4:30-5:30pm

Henry Ford Centennial Library

Children are encouraged to read with our patient friend, Pippin, a trained Goldendoodle therapy dog. Pippin especially loves to listen to reluctant and shy readers. Pippin also appreciates belly rubs and cuddles. Come say "Hi" to Pippin in the Quiet Cottage. No registration.

Besties Day at the Library!

June 14, 10am-5:30pm

Henry Ford Centennial Library

Calling all besties, BFFs, friends, pals, and buddies! Meet up at the library and play games, eat snacks, make shared crafts, and hang out together. This is a drop-in event taking place in the kids area at the library, no registration required. Snacks and materials are available while supplies last.

Mini Games Day

June 18, 2-3pm

Bryant Branch

Bring a friend and try your luck at mini games!

Toddler Drive-In

June 20, 10:30-11:30am

Henry Ford Centennial Library

Bring your babies and toddlers to this crafty event! We will be decorating boxes to be our cars and then watching a short movie through the hoopla app. All supplies will be provided.

Cuddle Crew: Stuffed Stories & Adoption

July 7, 6-7pm

Henry Ford Centennial Library

Do you like to play pretend with your stuffies? Join Miss Lindsey in creating stories for a stuffie. We'll give them names and go on adventures with our new friends! Feel free to bring your favorite stuffie from home. There will be some stuffies available to "adopt"!

Magic & Comedy with Cameron Zvara

July 21, 2-3pm

Henry Ford Centennial Library

Get ready to laugh out loud and be amazed during the energetic performance of Cameron Zvara. All are welcome.

Ice Cream Storytime

July 24, 6-7pm

Henry Ford Centennial Library

Families are invited to celebrate National Ice Cream month with a special evening storytime and craft!

Trenton Library

Monarch Butterflies with a Park Ranger

June 26, 6-7pm

July 18, 2-3pm

Join a park ranger from the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge to learn all about monarch butterflies! We will learn and play together with a story and craft about these colorful creatures. This program is intended for all ages. Please register by calling 734-676-9777 or visit our online Events Calendar.

Riverview Recreation Department: Kids' Summer Programs

Starting June 19th, there is a free program each Thursday (1:30-3pm) of the summer for children 4-12. [Registration is required.](#)

June 19: Rocco Rock Painting

June 26: Soda Bottle Rocket

July 10: Water Balloon Toss

July 17: Scavenger Hunt

July 24: Water Twister

July 31: Paint a Tote

August 7: Horse Basketball

August 14: Karate in the Park

August 21: Badminton

August 28: Batting Practice

Great Lakes Live Steamers Train

Southgate Train Park

June 21 & 22; July 19 & 20; August 16 & 17

12-4pm

Miniature train rides are free. Donations are appreciated.

Reading and Rhythm on the Riverfront

Thursdays and Fridays (July 10-August 15), 10am and 11:30am

Gabriel Richard Park

Reading & Rhythm on the Riverfront is the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy's unique, interactive early literacy program. The program boasts live and interactive family entertainment and free books sponsored by Priority Health in partnership with the Detroit Public Library's "Library on Wheels." Each session lasts approx. 45 minutes. [Pre-registration is required. Individual registration will open up in June.](#)

Detroit Institute of Arts

General museum admission is FREE for residents of Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties.

Drop in Workshop: Mixed Media Pet Portraits

Friday, Jun 6, 2025

6 – 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jun 7, 2025

12 – 4 p.m.

Sunday, Jun 8, 2025

12 – 4 p.m.

Use a variety of drawing and collage materials to create a portrait of your favorite pet or animal!

Drop in Workshop: Pamphlet Stitch Books

Friday, Jun 13, 2025

6 – 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jun 14, 2025

12 – 4 p.m.

Sunday, Jun 15, 2025

12 – 4 p.m.

Use an assortment of decorative papers to create a handmade book, bound with a traditional stitching technique.

Drop-in Workshop: Water Color Postcards

Friday, Jun 20, 2025

6 – 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jun 21, 2025

12 – 4 p.m.

Sunday, Jun 22, 2025

12 – 4 p.m.

Create your own unique postcards to send to friends and family! All supplies provided—just bring your creativity.

Drop-In Workshop: Mosaics

Friday, Jun 27, 2025

6 – 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jun 28, 2025

12 – 4 p.m.

Sunday, Jun 29, 2025

12 – 4 p.m.

A mosaic is a picture or decoration made from small pieces of stone, glass, or other materials. Create your own simple mosaic using painted cardboard and paper, then explore the museum to spot other examples of this timeless art form!

Drop-In Workshop: Open Studio

Wednesday, Jul 2, 2025

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Thursday, Jul 3, 2025

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Saturday, Jul 5, 2025

12 – 4 p.m.

Sunday, Jul 6, 2025

12 – 4 p.m.

Create something uniquely personal using a variety of fun and interesting materials in this open-ended Drop-In Workshop. Let your creativity flow and make a one-of-a-kind piece!

Drop-In Workshop: Impressionist Landscapes

Wednesday, Jul 9, 2025

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Thursday, Jul 10, 2025

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Friday, Jul 11, 2025

11 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jul 12, 2025

12 – 4 p.m.

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12 – 4 p.m.

Inspired by landscape paintings in the DIA collection and your own favorite places, create a vibrant and unique landscape drawing using materials like paint sticks, colored pencils, and oil pastels. Let your creativity bring your personal memories to life on paper!

Drop-In Workshop: Crayon Rubbings

Wednesday, Jul 23, 2025

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Thursday, Jul 24, 2025

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Friday, Jul 25, 2025

11 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Use wax crayons and found objects to create unique, one-of-a-kind prints on paper. Experiment with textures and shapes to bring your designs to life!

Drop-In Workshop: Drawing with Scissors

Wednesday, Jul 30, 2025

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Thursday, Jul 31, 2025

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Friday, Aug 1, 2025

11 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug 2, 2025

12 – 4 p.m.

Sunday, Aug 3, 2025

12 – 4 p.m.

Explore the art of collage and create your own unique artwork using just paper, scissors, and glue—drawing inspiration from the vibrant cut-outs of Henri Matisse.

Drop-In Workshop: Rod Puppets

Wednesday, Aug 6, 2025

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Thursday, Aug 7, 2025

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Friday, Aug 8, 2025

11 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug 9, 2025

12 – 4 p.m.

Create a simple puppet on a stick with moving parts using a variety of art-making materials.

Drop-In Workshop: Pop Art Pins

Wednesday, Aug 13, 2025

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Thursday, Aug 14, 2025

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Friday, Aug 15, 2025

11 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Visit the Art Making studio and create a pin-back button. Draw your own design or find an image from a magazine to create your very own wearable piece of art.

Drop-In Workshop: Doodle Art

Wednesday, Aug 20, 2025

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Thursday, Aug 21, 2025

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Friday, Aug 22, 2025

11 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug 23, 2025

12 – 4 p.m.

Sunday, Aug 24, 2025

12 – 4 p.m.

Many people doodle as a fun, spontaneous way to express ideas. Grab some drawing materials and see where your creativity takes you!

Drop-In Workshop: Shrinky Dink Key Chains & Charms

Wednesday, Aug 27, 2025

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Thursday, Aug 28, 2025

11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Friday, Aug 29, 2025

11 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug 30, 2025

12 – 4 p.m.

Sunday, Aug 31, 2025

12 – 4 p.m.

Watch your colorful design shrink to nearly half its original size in a toaster oven, then turn it into your own keychain or pendant!

Michigan Activity Pass (MAP)

MAP provides Michigan library cardholders the opportunity to discover and explore participating cultural destinations, parks, campgrounds and recreation areas in the state at a discounted rate. [Find experiences here.](#)

Meet Up and Eat Up

Summer meal sites provide breakfast and lunch for children 18 and younger Monday through Friday all summer long. [Click here](#) to find your closest summer meal site, as well as hours and days of operation.

Gleaners

City of Woodhaven (Drive-Up Only)

23101 Hall Rd

06/10/2025 9:00am - 11:00am

06/24/2025 9:00am - 11:00am

07/22/2025 9:00am - 11:00am

08/05/2025 9:00am - 11:00am

08/19/2025 9:00am - 11:00am

09/02/2025 9:00am - 11:00am

Ford Community and Performing Arts Center (Drive-Up Only)

06/03/2025 9:00am - 11:00am

06/17/2025 9:00am - 11:00am

07/01/2025 9:00am - 11:00am

07/15/2025 9:00am - 11:00am

07/29/2025 9:00am - 11:00am

08/12/2025 9:00am - 11:00am

08/26/2025 9:00am - 11:00am

Kennedy Building - Central Office - Ecorse Public Schools (Drive-Up Only)

06/03/2025 2:00pm - 4:00pm

06/17/2025 2:00pm - 4:00pm

07/01/2025 2:00pm - 4:00pm

07/15/2025 2:00pm - 4:00pm

07/29/2025 2:00pm - 4:00pm

08/12/2025 2:00pm - 4:00pm

08/26/2025 2:00pm - 4:00pm

NEW WYANDOTTE LOCATION (Replacing Yack Arena): Christ The King Church

06/13/2025 9:00am - 10:30am

07/11/2025 9:00am - 10:30am

07/25/2025 9:00am - 10:30am

08/08/2025 9:00am - 10:30am

08/22/2025 9:00am - 10:30am