



## Ann Doyle President/CEO

"Summer memories are like seashells we gather along the shore of time."  
– Unknown

By the time you read this newsletter, the following will have happened since the last newsletter:

1. Jessie is back from maternity leave.
2. Field trip RUSH season is mostly over.
3. School is out for many children, and those who are not out will be soon.
4. Spring sports are either done or about to be done.
5. The Memorial Cup Tournament is over.
6. The "official" start to wearing white shoes has begun. (My mom always told me I couldn't wear them until after Memorial Day!)

You may be wondering how all of these affect Mid-Michigan Children's Museum. Please allow me to share my thoughts on each:

1. Without Jessie at the museum in her role as educator guru, Emily (events guru) taught the extension lessons to visiting students. In addition, Emily, Whitney (volunteer guru), Barb (volunteer guru), and Beth (volunteer guru) helped with the many field trips. Also, while Jessie was gone, Diane helped to keep The Tinkery (store) stocked and took inventory at the end of each month. Emily kept track of summer camp applications. Now that Jessie is back, she is finishing up with field trip students and preparing for summer camp where her education skills shine! Thank you to all who helped while Jessie was off.



2. Field trips are the highlight of spring and we had a lot of field trips! Usually, schools want to come in April and May as school is starting to wind down. The museum welcomes all schools (public, private, parochial, Pre-K, Daycare, and home schools) to visit the museum any time during the year they are in session. The museum has some grant money to assist those schools that cannot afford the group rate of \$5.00 per person. See the [field trip application](#) on our website.

3. School is out and that means summer is here. Summer brings the question to many families and caregivers of how to keep their children busy. Well, the best way is to visit Mid-Michigan Children's Museum! The building is airconditioned and the environment is a safe one. It's easy to keep track of the children, especially when playing right along with them. Even better, a basic membership is just \$90! It includes discounts in the Tinkery (store) and also for Summer Camp. You can easily do the math and see that a membership pays for itself.

4. Spring sports are done and that means more time to visit Mid-Michigan Children's Museum! We are the perfect stay-cation destination. The best part? It's a stay-cation that can be repeated throughout the summer and even the entire year.

5. The Memorial Cup is over and Saginaw Spirit won the Memorial Cup for the first time ever! Congratulations to the Spirit players, Dick Garber, Craig Goslin, and the entire team it took to plan the event. Thank you Dow for making it possible for Saginaw to host the event. It came and went in a hurry! Mid-Michigan Children's Museum was more than delighted to host one of the hares for the Scavenger Hunt. In addition, the museum lowered admission rates to \$5.00, and we welcomed all who visited the museum. We are very appreciative to have been included in the promotion of things to do in the Great Lakes Bay Region.

6. White Shoes? This has nothing to do with the museum but it is forever stuck in my mind. Thanks Mom!

Have a happy and safe summer. Be sure to visit us at Mid-Michigan Children's Museum!

*Ann Doyle*

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## Summer Theme Weeks Start June 2nd!

Starting June 2nd, we will be doing "Summer Theme Weeks." Each week, we will have a new theme. Come dressed up according to the week's theme and each person participating will get \$1 off their regular admission. Have fun, be creative, and save! Check out the schedule below!

# **MMCM Summer Theme Weeks**

**Theme weeks - Dress up following our themes!**

**Participation will get you \$1 off regular admission!**

<b>June 2-8</b>	<b>Tie Dye</b>
<b>June 9-15</b>	<b>Tacky Tourist</b>
<b>June 16-22</b>	<b>Crazy Hat</b>
<b>June 23-29</b>	<b>Dress like Grandparents</b>
<b>June 30-July 6</b>	<b>Red, White, and Blue</b>
<b>July 7-13</b>	<b>Hawaiian Shirt</b>
<b>July 14-20</b>	<b>Retro</b>
<b>July 21-27</b>	<b>Dinosaur</b>
<b>July 28-August 3</b>	<b>Artist</b>
<b>August 4-10</b>	<b>Super Hero</b>
<b>August 11-17</b>	<b>Old Western</b>
<b>August 18-24</b>	<b>Mismatched Clothes</b>
<b>August 25-31</b>	<b>School Spirit</b>



When you visit the museum this summer, be sure to spend some time in our 'Scrap Studio' gallery. You'll find empty water bottles, egg cartons, and cardboard tubes, and we'll be adding different items each week for creating unique craft projects.

Before you leave, stop by the reception desk and show us what you and your child/children have created together. We love seeing all the unique creations.

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## Jessie Teeter - Director of Exhibits and Education

We have officially made it to the end of the school year and the beginning of summer camps! This is my favorite part of the year. If you are in town and looking for something fun for your kiddos to do, please check out camps. There is a different theme for each week so they will never be bored.



This year we will be doing Toddler Time all year round with a new time 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM! Check us out every week for a new craft or activity curated specifically for toddlers!

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**Click below to register for a field trip!**

**Register Here**

**Click below for summer camps!**

**Register Here**

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**Toddler Time Wednesdays from 1:30PM - 2PM**



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**Children's Grief Center + MMCM = Community Night!  
June 26th, 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

**Community Night: Make a Coping Skill Box!**

**Cost**

\$15/each or  
\$40/family

June 26th, 4:30-7:30 pm

at the Mid-Michigan Children's Museum

Join us for a night of fun creating a kit with different coping tools to use throughout the summer while enjoying all the Children's Museum has to offer!



**Children's  
Grief Center**  
GREAT LAKES BAY REGION



Get Your Ticket Here

**Whitney Watt - Volunteer Coordinator**



Group volunteering is a great way to bring together your co-workers, friends, family, classmates, or team members to enhance your teamwork skills and contribute to your community in an enjoyable setting.

We offer one-day projects such as cleaning up museum grounds or facilities, as well as special events and much more. If your group has an idea for a project you'd like to contribute, please contact me at:

[volunteer@michildrensmuseum.org](mailto:volunteer@michildrensmuseum.org)

Interested in volunteering? Check out these links:

Individuals: <https://michildrensmuseum.org/volunteer-form/>

Groups: <https://michildrensmuseum.org/volunteer-group-form/>

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## June Reciprocal Month - Impression 5

**June's reciprocal memberships!**  
**For the month of June your Mid-Michigan Children's Museum membership also works at the Impression 5 Science Center,**  
**AND**  
**Your Impression 5 Science Center membership also works at Mid-Michigan Children's Museum**



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## **Emily Schmidt - Special Events Coordinator**

Saturday Scrap Studio Kits are back! Each Saturday, we will have a new craft in our Scrap Studio to complete. These craft kits can be made at the museum in our Scrap Studio, or taken home to be done later. Scrap Studio Kits are included in admission into the museum. Here are the crafts you can expect in June:

- June 8th - Cupcake Liner Owls: Whoooo's there? Create your own feathery friend (free of feathers, of course) in our Scrap Studio using cupcake liners!
- June 15th - "Stained Glass" Sea Turtles: Celebrate World Sea Turtle Day with us! Create your own sea turtle suncatcher using tissue paper and wax paper in our Scrap Studio.
- June 22nd - Paper Plate Parrots: Celebrate World Rainforest Day! Make your own paper plate parrot in our Scrap Studio.
- June 29th - Cardboard Cameras: Celebrate National Camera Day with us!



Create your own camera in our Scrap Studio.

Summer doesn't slow down for us at MMCM! Don't miss us out in the community this summer! You can catch us at these events coming up:

- Light Up the City Saginaw on Wednesday, June 5th
- D.E.A.R. at the Zoo on Wednesday, June 19th
- National Night Out on Tuesday, August 6th
- Children's Fun Night on Wednesday, August 14th

Fire trucks, garbage trucks, race cars, oh my! The call for vehicles and sponsors for our annual Touch-A-Truck event has begun! We want your organization's semi-truck, heavy construction equipment, emergency vehicle, or any other vehicle that children may find interesting and exciting! This event is intended to allow children to experience vehicles from the driver's seat right in MMCM's parking lot.

For more information, a presenter's form, or a sponsorship form, reach out to [specialevents@michildrensmuseum.org](mailto:specialevents@michildrensmuseum.org). Stay tuned to our Facebook page and monthly newsletters for more information regarding other exciting activities at this year's Touch-A-Truck event!

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## Touch-A-Truck September 14th, 10 AM - 3 PM



**Touch-A-Truck is our biggest event of the year, but we can't do it without your help! Whether that help is through sponsorships, presenting a truck, or even**

**volunteering, we need you! Click the buttons below to Sponsor, Present a truck, or both!**

**Sponsor T-A-T**

**Present a Truck**



# Mid-Michigan Children's Museum Family Reunions

Did you know that MMCM is not only a great place for your child's birthday party, but also an ideal location for your family reunion? We have four spacious rooms and a large, beautiful outdoor pavilion available, providing ample space for most families. It's a perfect setting for children to play and learn while adults catch up on family matters. Additionally, adults can also engage in fun and educational activities with the children.



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## Jeff McLellan - Marketing Director



Howdy \*|FIRST\_NAME|\*,

Happy June! Summer is here, and we're adding some new excitement to the museum. Starting this month, we will be introducing theme weeks, which offer an easy way to get a discount on your admission! It's super simple, each week we will have a new theme. Come dressed up according to the week's theme and each person participating will get \$1 off their regular admission.

We have a bunch of fun themes planned (as you may have seen near the top of this newsletter) and we hope you'll all enjoy participating in them as much as we enjoyed coming up with them.

I can't wait to see all the kiddos during Dress Like Your Grandparents Week (June 23rd - 29th), and Dinosaur Week (July 21st-27th)!

If you'd like to keep updated more regularly than once a month you can also follow our Instagram or Facebook pages! Click the icons below for those!



**Please take a moment to see the businesses, foundations, and people  
who make what we do possible!  
Click the button below to go to our donor page!**

**See Our Donors**

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