



Ann Doyle President/CEO

"You are never too old to set a new goal or to dream a new dream." ~ C.S. Lewis

Welcome to 2026 and welcome to Mid-Michigan Children's Museum! We hope your New Year resolution is to visit the museum and have some fun with your little ones. If you have never visited us, you are in for a big surprise. We are always updating something at the museum, whether it is a gallery or the facility. Our list never goes away, but it is definitely more manageable than what it has been over the last 4 plus years.



At our December board meeting, new officers were voted in, and all board members whose terms were expiring agreed to stay on the board. The board's new members are Chris Young and Paul Sanderude. Both are family men with children, and we are so lucky to have them join us. They bring new ideas and new perspectives to the board.

The 2026 board members and officers are:

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Stacie Quast – Re/Max of Michigan

We all look forward to seeing you in 2026!



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MMCM's 2025 Year in Review



Diane Novak - Museum Experience Coordinator



When the weather this winter becomes too cold to play outside, the museum is a great place to visit. Children can use their imagination while playing in any of the galleries or creating artwork or a craft to take home with them. Adults may want to do the same.

We would like to express our gratitude to everyone who has generously donated to our Art Mart and Scrap Studio galleries. We enjoy seeing the creativity of the children as they use the donated items to create something new.

If you come across any toys or other items while cleaning that you would like to donate to our galleries, we would be more than happy to accept them. All the toys in the museum receive a lot of love from the children who visit, and many often need to be replaced. Thank you once again for your continued support!

If you're visiting often, a museum membership may save your family money.

Find more information at: michildrensmuseum.org/room-rentals

Call 989-399-6626 to make your reservation.

January's Event - Pirates & Princesses - Jan. 24th



Jessie Teeter - Director of Exhibits and Education

2026 is here! Wow, it is exciting to think that this January will be my 8th anniversary of helping provide a 'Play and Learn' experience. So much has changed, but so much is the same.

We still offer field trips; however, this year is special because we have funding to cover the admission cost of students, two teachers per classroom, and one lesson for each student, if requested. This funding was made possible by GM Corporate Giving and an anonymous donation. If you know of a classroom that would like to visit, please have them fill out the form at the link below so they can experience all the museum has to offer.



Click this button to register for a field trip!

Field Trips

Whitney Watt - Volunteer Coordinator



Thank you to all the volunteers who contributed their time to MMCM in 2025. As we begin a new year, we're excited to continue working with our current volunteers and to welcome new ones. There are a variety of opportunities available that can be tailored to meet different needs. MMCM is able to accommodate both individuals and groups.

For more information or to get involved, please contact Whitney, Volunteer Coordinator, at volunteer@michildrensmuseum.org or 989-399-6626.

Check out our needs here:
<https://michildrensmuseum.org/volunteers/>

Or, if you're ready, you can **Click the buttons below to get registered.**

Volunteer Applications:

Individuals Apply Here

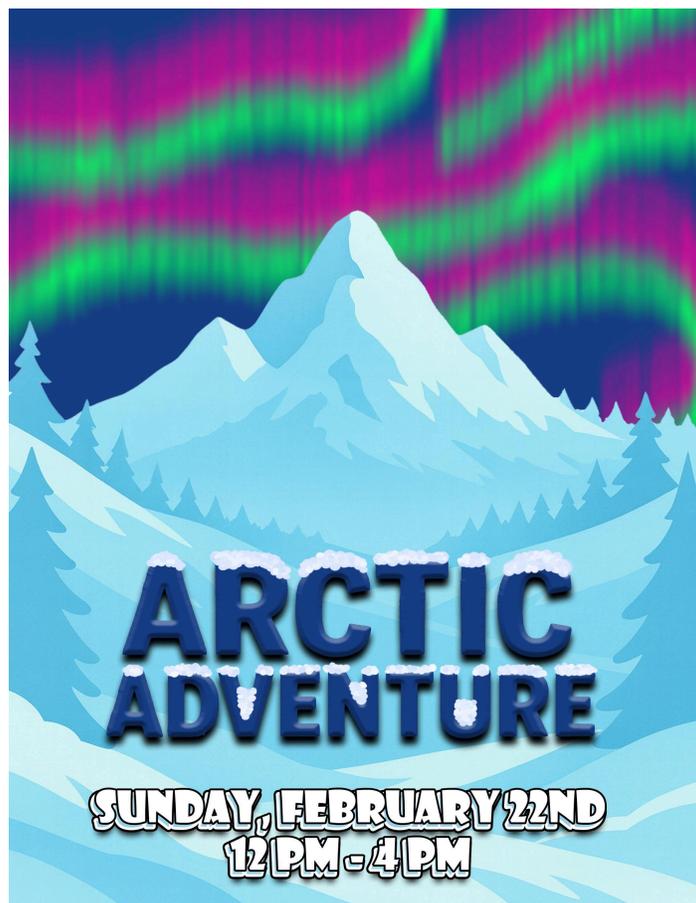
Groups Apply Here

Emily Schmidt - Special Events Coordinator

Ahoy there! It's nearly time for our annual Pirates and Princesses Day! Saturday, January 24th from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM will be a day filled with swashbuckling and magical fun. You can join the MMCM Pirate Crew and make your own pirate costume, learn your pirate name, and pick your first (temporary) tattoo! You can also join the MMCM Royalty Club and make your own crown and magic wand, listen to stories told by the Michigan Sugar Queen, and train with our visiting princesses!



February's Event - Arctic Adventure - Feb. 21st



Jeff McLellan - Marketing Director



Hello *|FIRST_NAME|*,

This is the very last newsletter from this email address; February's will come from our new mail service on Bloomerang. For sure this time! Our text line will be changing as well. As always, you'll have the choice to unsubscribe from either.

Newsletter will be coming from:
MidMichiganChildrensMuseum@mailman.bloomerang-mail.com

Texts will come from:
50155 and will start with "Bloomerang:"

Thanks, as always, for making it to the end of the newsletter!

This year, I wanted to try something new. Instead of anagrams, how about a word search? Click the word search below to play online, or just try it right here in the e-mail! Enjoy!

How did you do with last month's anagram?
Beep strings - Big Presents

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 JOLLYROGER
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 TALLSHIP
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 DRESS
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