

Ann Doyle, CEO/ President



"Every great dream begins with a dreamer." ~ Harriet Tubman

We are excited about Saturday's FREE special event sponsored by Cummins Ready. It's Mid-Michigan Children's Museum's (MMCM) STEM Day & 18th Birthday Party. Joining in with activities include Nexteer, The Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan and MMCM, May 2nd, 10 am – 4 pm.

Everyone at MMCM is excited to partner with Cummins, who has a location in Saginaw. They provide power systems and products (like generators, engines, alternators, and more and utilize many types of fuel technology (e.g. hydrogen, biodiesel, HVO).

Be sure to check out the flyer in this newsletter for more information about this very special day. Please note: the Cinco de Mayo Parade will be going right in front of the museum at 315 W. Genesee Avenue and ending at the high school next door. If you are coming to the FREE STEM Day and Birthday Party event in the morning, you will want to be in the parking lot before 10:00 am as the parade starts at 10:30 am on Michigan near Court St, going north toward Genesee. Genesee will get blocked off around that time or shortly after.

And.....106.3 WGER The Core – The Rock Alternative will be at MMCM from noon to 2 pm. This is going to be one "rock'n" day! Come into the museum for some fun, watch the parade, and then finish up in the museum afterwards! See you on Saturday.



Our "Name That Dog" tournament is into the quarter finals! Make sure you check out our facebook/insta to vote for your fave! Links at the bottom of this newsletter!



Name That Dog Tournament

Newton

~~Scruffy~~

Rufus

~~Brownie~~

Cooper

~~Noodle~~

Penny

~~Teddy~~

Archer

~~Sunny~~

~~Muffin~~

Baxter

Daisy

~~Shadow~~

Maverick

~~Millie~~

Newton

Rufus

Cooper

Penny

Archer

Baxter

Daisy

Maverick



Votes taken from socials and walk ins.

MMCM's B-Day/STEM Day (Tomorrow) Saturday, May 2nd, 10am-4pm - FREE!





Diane Novak, Museum Experience Coordinator

The museum's outdoor pavilion is now open for visitors from 10 AM to 4 PM. You are welcome to bring your own lunch, take a break from playing, and enjoy the fresh air while having your lunch or snack outside.

If you're interested in [celebrating a birthday party], the pavilion is available at the same price and times as the indoor party rooms. Additionally, private parties may also be scheduled after the museum closes for the day.

You can find more information about parties on our website MiChildrensMuseum.org or by calling the museum (989) 399-6626.



Jessie Teeter, **Director of Exhibits and Education**



This month will be one of my busiest months of the year. We have field trips almost every day. This will also be the last month for Toddler Time on Tuesday's until September. Even though we will not have Toddler Time in the summer, we will have 8 awesome camps. Click the button below to check them out (and get registered). They are sure to be so much fun!

Lastly, when you visit, you will notice some changes in the museum. We have a brand new pediatrician table in the Insides Out gallery, thanks to Covenant Healthcare. We also have a new Teleidoscope back by our Try It gallery. Thank you to the Castle Museum of Saginaw County History for donating it to us and to Trident Manufacturing for making the surround for it. We are excited to keep updating the museum and offering something new to all of our return visitors.

Summer Camps **Field Trips**

New Exhibit Additions!





Whitney Watt, Volunteer Coordinator

Volunteers are a crucial part of MMCM operations. Volunteers are needed for field trips, special events, summer camps, museum maintenance, and grounds cleanup. Whether you are an

individual or part of a group, MMCM has volunteer opportunities that are adaptable to skill levels and interests. Visit our website or contact Whitney, Volunteer Coordinator, for more information.

We welcome volunteers, high school age (9th grade +) up to 200 years old, after that, it gets a bit sketchy!

For more information. Contact Whitney by e-mail with the button below or by phone: (989) 399-6626

E-mail Whitney | Volunteer Registration | Volunteer Group Reg.

Kebbi and Presley from Hampton Inn - Helping to hang commemorative plates!



If you would like to purchase a plate click the order button to the right.

Order Here

Emily Schmidt, Special Events Coordinator



Tomorrow is the big day for our awesome STEM-themed birthday bash! Your Mid-Michigan Children's Museum will be celebrating 18 years of serving the kids of the Great Lakes Bay Community on Saturday, May 2nd, from 10:00am until 4:00pm. With the help of Cummins READY, admission to the museum will be entirely free on this day! Don't miss out on STEM activities presented by awesome groups like Nexteer Automotive and Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan and take home an awesome STEM-filled swag bag. Of course, no birthday party is complete without face painting and birthday cards! We're grateful for Cummins' support and partnership to further our mission of "Play and Learn!" You can learn more about Cummins Inc. and their Cummins READY initiative at www.cummins.com.



Jeff McLellan, Marketing Director





Then



Now

Hey *{{First Name}}*,

The other day, I was messing around with some new features on our graphic software and was able to bring a black-and-white image of our building, when it was Garber Buick, to full color. It isn't perfect, I'm sure. I wouldn't know either way, having never seen it in real life before it was the museum, but it looks pretty good to me! Feel free to let me know what's wrong.

This got me thinking of how, over the years, things have changed. The building, surely, but also some of the ways kids play have also changed, i.e. phones and tablets. I'm not saying those are bad, as I grew up with tech too, but there is something to be said about hands on creativity and spending time outside. Being an elder millennial and riding in on the wave of personal computing, I still spent a lot of time outside. Weird how we just want to grow up so we can be our own boss and play outside as much as we want, and then we grow up and don't do that.

At the museum, things have also changed over the years! We swapped out cars for... Well, I guess we still have cars... Ok, bad example... Instead of mechanic areas... wait... Ok, how about instead of grease we have paint! Ahh, see I got there eventually! Oh! How about instead of concrete, we have carpet? Instead of guys trying to sell you something, you have one guy who barely tries to sell you anything! (That's me, you should buy a membership by the way haha) Hey, some things change, some stay the same! As for us, you can continue to count on us to be a great, safe, inclusive place where kids will love to 'Play and Learn' well into the future!

And thanks, as always, for making it to the end of the newsletter.

For those of you who are new here, I like to include something fun and interactive at the end of the newsletter. This year, I'm doing word searches! The words can be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal, and they can appear forwards or backwards to make it a little more challenging. Clicking on the image should take you to a website where you can complete it digitally! Enjoy!

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1. Birthday **2.** Cake **3.** Candles **4.** Cards **5.** Gifts **6.** Cummins **7.** STEM
8. Scince **9.** Technology **10.** Engineering **11.** Math **12.** Girlscouts **13.** Nexteer
14. Emerald **15.** MemorialDay

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