

# NEWSLETTER

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# 2011

## Math and Science Workshops

More than 700 students attended the Dino Math Measurement program for third graders in October and November. Seventy-eight individuals volunteered their time to teach and assist with the program. Students rotated through each of the three workshops. Students practiced their skills of measuring with grams and ounces; measuring the capacity of everyday containers; and measuring the length and height of toy dinosaurs in inches and centimeters. The Weird Science program for fifth graders will be offered in February, 2012.



## Summer Camps

This year children had the opportunity to participate in a variety of summer camps at the Museum. An "Ology" Camp, a Fireman's Camp, a Police Camp, a Cooking Camp, Art Camp, and Music Camp gave students new knowledge. We certainly appreciate our volunteers who made these camps possible.

## Healthy Kids from A to Z

Sponsored by Hunt Regional Healthcare, Healthy Kids from A to Z has grown to capacity attendance. This preschool program introduces a letter of the alphabet each session. Music, craft, and an activity are related to the letter of the week. Parents and children always look forward to this weekly activity.



## Special Events Scheduled at Children's Museum

Brunch with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. Then in 2012 the Daddy-Daughter Dance on Feb. 4. Later in the spring a Princess Tea and Bridge Event are set for the calendar.



## Weather Forecast



Northeast Texas Children's Museum has sunny days ahead, but the threat of clouds looms due to loss of funding.

## Volunteers Wanted Immediately



The Museum's new budget for 2012 will help to offset revenue being lost by reducing the number of staff and the number of hours each staff works. We need volunteers to work at the Museum weekly to help with this reduction in staff hours. Contact the Children's Museum if interested.

## Northeast Texas Supports the Museum

From Garland to Paul Pewitt, and from Gunter to Wills Point, over 100 schools and communities have been represented in the attendance at the Children's Museum this year. The population of Commerce is 8,000, but more than 17,000 visitors have come in the last year.



## Call to Action:

Your support is important to us. Financial help in any of the following ways is sincerely appreciated. Your gift of

- \$25 to help us for one hour.
- \$200 keeps the doors open for one day.
- \$1,000 keeps the doors open for a week.
- \$6,000 keeps the doors open for a month.
- \$10,000 helps to produce a new exhibit.

**Money doesn't grow on trees!**



**We need your help again!**

**See Other Side**



Dear Donor,

We thank you for your generous support of the Northeast Texas Children's Museum. Without the support of individual donors like you, the Museum would not be looking forward to a tenth year celebration.

This year is reflected in the quick facts listed on the back of this page. It is more important than ever that we continue to receive your support in 2011-2012 because of the loss in funding from Region 8 Education Service Center. Region 8 was our major donor for the past four years. Additionally, we have learned that Covidian, one of our commercial donors, will also be leaving Commerce in the near future.

These funding losses mean that our budget – already stretched thin – will sustain even more cuts unless we can make up the difference. That is why every dollar means more now than it ever has. Won't you consider making your largest gift ever this next year?

Sincerely,

Sharline Freeman, Executive Director

Alton L. Biggs, Board President



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