

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S museum

The National Children's Museum is scheduled to open in 2013 at National Harbor, but you can visit us every day at the *Launch Zone* at National Harbor!

Can't make it to the *Launch Zone*? Don't worry! The National Children's Museum is coming into your homes with our blog! With topics ranging from getting ready for kindergarten to vaccination to fun science activities, the Museum is accessible with just the click of a mouse!

www.bloggingncm.org

The *Launch Zone* is located at:

112 Waterfront St.
National Harbor, MD 20745



scheduled to open in 2013,
The National Children's
Museum will be:



- A new and different concept—both onsite and online—devoted to inspiring children to care about and improve the world.
- A world-class, experiential Museum featuring fun and engaging exhibits for children ages 6 months to 12 years.
- An interactive, virtual community with games, e-zibits, resources, and safe opportunities to connect children around the world.
- A resource for parents, teachers, and others providing access to up-to-date information and a network of partners and service opportunities.
- A place to learn about and discuss national policy issues that affect the lives of children and families.
- A gateway that provides children with access to opportunities to get involved and make a difference both as individuals and members of their communities

We want to hear from you!
Let us know what you want to see and do at the new National Children's Museum. Visit us at www.ncm.museum to share your feedback and sign up to receive our free e-newsletter.

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MUSEUM WITHOUT WALLS



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DECEMBER

Visit us now at many of our upcoming
Museum Without Walls
community events!

Activities in **BLACK** take place at the NCM Launch Zone at National Harbor.

Activities in **BLUE** take place in the community.

DECEMBER

03 SATURDAY, 11 A.M. - 4 P.M. Holidays Around The World: Kwanzaa

This holiday season, the *Launch Zone* is celebrating winter holidays around the world. Today, come in and learn all about Kwanzaa, a holiday focusing on the values of African culture. Kids can make family tree place mats and mishumaa (traditional Kwanzaa candles).

06 TUESDAY, 10:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M. Toddler Tuesdays: Winter Wonderland

How big is a snowflake? What color is snow? Come learn all the answers to these fun questions and more with this free, drop-in program, especially for toddlers ages 2 to 4. Activities may include stories, games, art, and movement for adults and children to experience together.

10 SATURDAY, 11 A.M. - 4 P.M. Holidays Around The World: Hanukkah

This holiday season, the *Launch Zone* is celebrating winter holidays around the world. Today, come in and learn all about Hanukkah, a holiday focusing on the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem. In addition to fun dreidel games, kids can make their own handprint menorahs and Stars of David.



11 SUNDAY, NOON - 4 P.M. Holidays Around The World: Hanukkah

See December 10 description.

13 TUESDAY, 10:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M. Toddler Tuesdays: Winter Wonderland

See December 6 description.

17 SATURDAY, 11 A.M. - 4 P.M. Holidays Around The World: Christmas

This holiday season, the *Launch Zone* is celebrating winter holidays around the world. Today, come in and learn how people all over the world observe Christmas. Travel to Colombia, the Philippines, and Croatia for a multi-cultural Christmas celebration.



20 TUESDAY, 10:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M. Toddler Tuesdays: Winter Wonderland

See December 6 description.

24 SATURDAY, 11 A.M. - 2 P.M. 'Tis The Season

Winter break is here, so let the celebrations begin! Come by the *Launch Zone* for our 'Tis the Season session and make some fun winter-related crafts. The *Launch Zone* will close at 3 p.m. after this program due to the Christmas Eve holiday.

25 SUNDAY, ALL DAY Launch Zone Closed

The *Launch Zone* will be closed in observance of the Christmas holiday.

27 TUESDAY, 10:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M. Toddler Tuesdays: Winter Wonderland

See December 6 description.

31 SATURDAY, 11 A.M. - 4 P.M. Holidays Around The World: Pancha Ganapati

This holiday season, the *Launch Zone* is celebrating winter holidays around the world. Today, come in and learn all about Pancha Ganapati, a Hindu festival celebrating Ganesa. The festival focuses on love, harmony, and the importance of a new beginning. Kids can make traditional greeting cards decorated with Hindu art and verses, as well as participate in activities focusing on the holiday's values. Additionally, in honor of the fourth day of Pancha Ganapati (celebrating the arts), be sure to stop in at noon for a special variety show performance by students from Fran's Dance Studio!

