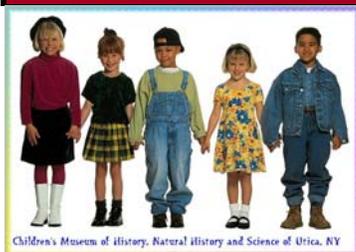


Founded in 1963, we're one of the oldest Children's Museum's in the country and the only Children's Museum adopted by both NASA and the Office of Science. We're also a 501 (c)(3) not for profit, chartered by the State of New York



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Dear Educator: The Children's Museum considers itself your aid in delivering quality education to your students. We would like to remind you of two different events/happenings at our Children's Museum, which may be an aide for you in reaching your goals for this school year, while not having to travel far!

1.) **Our 6th Annual Science & Technology Fair will be held at the Children's Museum on Saturday, March 28th, 2009.** This fair is open for participation to students in 2nd through 6th grades. In light of a recent world study finding U.S. students lagging in science and math literacy, our Museum and our Science & Technology Fair will help boost students' interest in the critical areas of math, science, and technology.

We encourage you to share the information on this event with your students, and perhaps include this as a required project in your curriculum. Many of your schools already hold in-house science fairs, and we would like to remind you these projects can also be submitted to our fair. In this way, the students will be able to share their knowledge and excitement with an even larger audience. We are aware it is an enjoyable educational experience for youngsters to visit and interact with our many Space and Science exhibits.

Over the past five years, 100's of students from 12 local schools participated in our Annual Science & Technology fair www.museum4kids.net/stfair.htm **Our Entry Form is enclosed.** Pictures/coverage of last year's event & updated information is posted on our website for you to view & download. I hope you and your students will be able to participate in this important educational program. Please contact us with any questions.

2.) As you plan field trips for your school year, we wanted to remind you of the 100's of interactive exhibits on our four floors and the Educational Curriculum Enrichment Programs we offer here. The enclosed flyer contains a description of just a few of the programs and exhibits we believe you'll find complement your classroom topics by adding a "hands-on" dimension to your students' learning experience, helping them improve their test scores. You can take your students through exhibits on your own with a Visit schedule & Museum Map we'll provide, or you can book a visit & a program with our educators, which includes materials to use for follow-up.

Our continuing growth in History & Science exhibits makes for educational and enjoyable field trips. Our 2nd floor Iroquois Longhouse is the setting for a program contrasting a day in your students' lives with the life of a Native American child. Our 2nd floor NYS History Diorama and Erie Canal exhibits are enhanced by our artifacts, which explore the rich cultural history of our region & an understanding of the canal's importance.

Our 2nd floor multi-media Dinorama and Paleontology activity center provides an exciting background for this subject. Our 3rd floor Living Science Center, Radio and Weather Rooms give students the opportunity to see and touch various components of the insect world and view data downloading live. Our exciting 4th floor NASA and Science exhibits lend a one of a kind viewing. Also enclosed is our sliding scale of group admission prices.

We look forward to hearing from and to working with you. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Executive Director, The Children's Museum

Creating an Enjoyable Educational Environment for Kids from 1 to 101 – with 4 floors of interactive exhibits.
The Children's Museum is a member of MANY (Museum Association of New York) in Albany, NY and the Association of Children's Museums in Washington, D. C. In 2007, declared a NYS and Federal Historic Building.