



WORLD OF WONDER
CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

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THE WORLD OF WONDER NEWSLETTER

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OUR MISSION:

Founded in 1996, WOW! Children's Museum (World of Wonder) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that offers educational and interactive exhibits for children - bringing families together in a safe environment that sparks imagination, inspires learning and nurtures growth through play.

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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Dear WOW! Friends and Families,

We hope you have been in to see our newest exhibits: Pulleys, Pipe Construction Building, and our new Whole Foods Market Exhibit. A very special thank you to Whole Foods Market for funding this exhibit and for the wonderful treats at our grand opening! Thank you to WOW! Staff: Nikki Delaney, Elizabeth Knight and Gemma Webster, and to WOW! Volunteers: Bill Cameron and Kevin Tolley for designing and building unique educational and interactive pieces like no other market exhibit you will see!

Thank you also to the Elevations Credit Union for expanding and maintaining our Credit Union Exhibit. Don't miss the grand re-opening event for this exhibit on January 5th!

We also want to let you know that we have been working very hard to keep WOW! clean and counter the flu season. We installed air purification systems to all our HVAC units, increased our cleaning regimen of exhibits and manipulatives as well as Museum high touch zones. For details, check out the front page of our website to see what we are doing to

keep our visitors healthy. Finally I want to thank you all so much for supporting WOW! Children's Museum. Now 13 years old, we are working hard to make WOW! a fun, educational and creative place for you and your children. We rely on community donations to support 45% of our budget, and are very grateful for your donations, in-kind, monetary support and volunteer time.

Wishing you a healthy and happy holiday season!

Lisa Atallah,
Executive Director

DINE OUT AT ZAMPARELLI'S AND SUPPORT WOW!



Zamparelli's Fundraiser
December 7th-10th

Hungry for some great Italian food? Dine out at Zamparelli's Italian Bistro and support WOW! from **December 7th-10th**. Zamparelli's will be donating 10% of your lunch or dinner bill back to the Museum! In order for WOW! to receive this donation, you must mention to your server that you are dining on behalf of WOW!

Children's Museum. The 10% donation will also apply to take out orders as well! Thanks for your support!

Zamparelli's is located at 95th St. & Arapahoe Rd. in Lafayette (Atlas Valley Shopping Center). For more information please visit: www.zamparellis.com

ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION!

Celebrate New Year's Eve at WOW! Children's Museum on **Thursday, December 31st!** Don't miss a special musical performance by acclaimed children's musician Eric West at 11:00am. Noise maker crafts, refreshments, and an exciting New Year's countdown at noon! All included with your Museum admission! WOW! will be open on New Year's Eve from 10:00am-2:00pm.



Acclaimed children's musician Eric West will help us ring in the New Year on Thursday, December 31st!

Wish List

Donate your extra items to WOW!

- Digital camera
- Cordless hand vacuum
- Paper cutter
- Adobe Illustrator software
- Floor mats for pirate ship
- Storage bins, totes and tubs
- Gardening supplies
- Play sand & sand toys
- Brio train table & Brio trains
- Lego table
- Planes, boats or trucks to use as exhibit display items
- Transportation themed costumes
- Ballet & Tap shoes
- Art paper
- Pirate themed books
- Dixie cups (5 oz.)
- Non-toxic, washable paint

***In-kind donations are tax deductible! New or gently used items only please!**

ELEVATIONS EXHIBIT RE-GRAND OPENING!

Join us for the Grand Re-Opening of WOW!'s popular Elevations Credit Union Exhibit on **Tuesday, January 5th** at 11:00am! Bring your family for this fun filled event! Meet Rags, the Rags to Riches mascot! Go home with fun giveaways! You can also open a Rags to Riches account for your kids ages 12 and under. Check out the enclosed special Rags to Riches Account Coupon!



Thanks to the staff from Elevations for giving the exhibit a fresh coat of paint and a new look!

WINTER BREAK ACTIVITIES AT WOW!



- Join WOW! for some great events and activities during winter break! All events and activities are included with your Museum admission!
- **Holiday Ornament Making** - December 15th and 22nd from 10:00am-11:00am
 - **Drop-In Science Explorations** - December 22nd and 23rd from 10:00am-2:00pm. Informal hands-on science sessions. December's topic is Science and Health.
 - **Holiday Crafts** - Available in our Art Room from December 20th-24th
 - **Whole Foods Cheese Making Program**- December 30th at 11:00am. Children are invited to learn how to make cheese with a Whole Foods chef!
 - **Holiday Hours:**
Christmas Eve - Open 10am-2pm
Christmas Day - Closed
New Year's Eve - Open 10am-2pm
New Year's Day - Closed

JOIN WOW! ON FACEBOOK!

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Did you know that WOW! Children's Museum has a Facebook page? If you have a Facebook account, do a search for WOW! and become a Fan of ours! By becoming a Fan, you will receive regular updates about our special events, new exhibits, classes, hours and programs!

CHINESE NEW YEAR EVENT!

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Join us on **Monday, February 15th** for a Chinese New Year Celebration! Don't miss a special dragon dance demonstration and parade with Shaolin Hung Mei Kung Fu Association at 1:00pm! Chinese New Year craft activities too! All Chinese New Year activities are included with Museum admission! WOW! will be OPEN this day from 9:00am to 5:00pm.



2010 is the Year of the Tiger!

VOLUNTEER HELP WANTED!

Volunteer Help Wanted! Check out our current volunteer needs:

- **WOW!'s 5th Annual Auction & Casino Night Fundraiser (April 10, 2010)** - Join our auction committee! Help with soliciting and procuring silent and live auction donations; donation pick up; gift basket wrapping and more! Flexible time and many tasks can be done from your home. For more

information, please contact Gemma or Katie. Email: gemweb@hotmail.com or katiemac37@hotmail.com. Or call: (303) 604-2424.

- **Story Time Volunteer** - Do you like reading to children? Story Time volunteer needed for weekday mornings. For more information, please contact Heather at: (303) 604-2424.

ON DEMAND SCIENCE CLASSES!



Home Schools, Daycares, Preschools and Clubs: This school year WOW! is offering "on demand" science classes. Round up 8-15 students and choose one of our super science

programs to fit your curriculum. Stay tuned for more information about pricing, program topics, and scheduling. To suggest topics or to receive updates please contact Dr. Nikki by email: nikki@alum.mit.edu.

Winter Business Hours:

- **Tuesday-Wednesday:** 9am - 5pm (Toddlers Only from 9am - 10am on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings)
- **Thursday-Saturday:** 10am - 6pm
- **Sunday:** 12pm-4pm
- **Monday:** CLOSED (except BVSD no school holidays)

*OPEN on Dec. 21st, Dec. 28th, Jan. 4th and Jan. 18th from 9:00am-5:00pm

Admission Rates:

- **General Admission:** \$7.00 p/child
- **Adults/Infants:** FREE
- **Memberships:** \$65-\$95
- **10-Pass Punch Card:** \$60
- **Group Rate:** \$5.50 for groups of 10 or more children (group reservation required)
- **Member Guest Rate:** \$5.50 p/child for friends/guests of members

CHILDREN'S HEALTH & HARMONY EXPO

**Sunday,
December 13th
11:00am-5:00pm
St. Julien Hotel**

A one stop shop before the holidays where attendees can support over 50 local Boulder County businesses. Free gift bags from Whole Foods to the first 500 families! The Expo's goal is to educate, empower, and enlighten Boulder County families and connect them with the area's businesses and services all under one roof. Entrance \$5; Grandparents & Children 3 and under are Free. For more information visit: www.childrenshealthandharmony.com

MUSIC-TIME WITH MADELYN:

Music classes for infant to preschool children this winter at WOW! Winter Session begins on January 21st. Open House at WOW! on January 14th. For registration information please contact Madelyn at: 303-443-8141 madelynclair@hotmail.com



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