



Department of Education Secretary Arne Duncan (right, holding his son) and his family attend Make a Difference Day at Garfield Elementary School.

Make a Difference Day at Garfield Elementary

On Oct. 24, City Year partnered with the Garfield Elementary School (2435 Alabama Ave. SE) to plan and lead a local service project as a part of the nationwide service event, Make a Difference Day. Over 100 volunteers came out to help create a more welcoming environment for the Garfield students. The day began with a short program featuring City Year Washington, DC, Executive Director Jeff Franco and Garfield Elementary School Principal Angela Tilghman.

Throughout the day, City Year corps members worked in partnership with

volunteers from CSX, Deloitte, Playworks, Corporate Executive Board and Heads Up, as well as Garfield Elementary teachers and staff. Volunteers painted over 20 murals throughout the school and helped clean out and organize two classrooms. In addition, Secretary of Education Arne Duncan and his family joined in the effort by painting a brightly-colored mural in one of the school's main hallways.

Visit www.myimpact.org to view a short video about the project created by an organization that seeks to promote volunteerism by sharing stories of service.

Support Positive Youth in the Community

Don't put away the Halloween costumes just yet – Come and join Tayia and Leyia at their Kiddie Cabaret Costume extravaganza, Nov. 14, 12:30 p.m.-4 p.m., Plaza 23 (4331 St. Barnabas Road, Temple Hills, Md., 20748). Music by Mr. Derby and special performances by Tayia and Leyia. This is a fundraising event to help Tayia and Leyia Jeffers travel to London Nov. 25-29, where they will perform for royalty. \$5/kids; \$2/parents; silent raffle for parents. For more info or to purchase tickets, call TJ: 202-277-3631 or Lynn: 202-427-4597.

Sesame Street 40th Anniversary Exhibit

Celebrate Sesame Street's 40th anniversary by visiting a photograph exhibit, Nov. 10-30, in the west portion of Union Station's main hall. The exhibit features photos of children from around the world with various Muppet characters and promises to be fun for kids and adults alike. Free.

50 Massachusetts Ave. NE. 202-289-1908. Learn more at www.sesame-workshop.org.

Boogie Babes at Sova Espresso

Grab your little one and boogie on down to Sova Espresso to see Mr. KnickKnack, Groovy Nate, Mr. Skip and Oh Susannah! The Boogie Babes show schedule for this month is as follows: Nov. 12, Groovy Nate; Nov. 16, Mr. Skip; and Dec. 4, Oh Susannah! All shows start at 10:30 a.m. Sova Espresso is located at 1359 H St. NE. \$5/child (cash only, pay at the door). Check website for updates: www.boogiebabes.com.

Baby Loves 'Jamming' to Disco

This month's "Baby Loves Disco" is a pajama party on Nov. 14, noon-3 p.m., at the Rock and Roll Hotel. Children (ages 6 months to 7 years) and their parents or caregivers can let loose to disco tunes spun by disc jockeys. Tickets are available in advance at www.babylovesdisco.com. \$12/advance; \$15/at the door; free/non-walking babies. 1353 H St. NE.

What's in an Orchestra, Anyway?

The Capital City Symphony holds its annual family concert – "What's in an Orchestra, Anyway?" – Nov. 22, 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., at the Atlas Performing Arts Center. CCS will present a musical tour of the orchestra featuring works by Shostakovich, Copland, Britten, Bernstein and more. Each performance is preceded by an instrument petting zoo. Appropriate for children ages 5 and up. \$16-\$25/adults; free/children under 17. 1333 H St. NE. 202-399-7993, www.atlasarts.org.

Children's Programs at NCM

The National Children's Museum will host the following activities for children in November at the National Harbor's Launch Zone (unless otherwise noted).

- Wee Wonders' Fall at the Farm: Nov. 10, 17; 10 a.m.-11:15 a.m. Little farmers (ages 2-3) will tend to pretend animals and crops and celebrate nature's autumn surprises. Activities may also include stories, games, art, music, experiments, drama and



Halloween at The White House

On Oct. 31, a group of 200 River Terrace Elementary School (420 34th St. NE) students, parents, staff members, along with their principal, Shannon D. Foster, attended an exclusive trick-or-treating event at The White House. The school was one of only four DC public schools selected to attend Halloween at The White House. Children and families enjoyed a festive evening on the north portico of The White House front lawn. The experience included: live music, costumed characters, face painting, healthy treats and White House mementos. The River Terrace ES family says, "Thank you, President Obama!"

movement. \$10/child. Pre-registration and advance payment required. Call 202-675-4120 or e-mail RSVP@ncm.museum to register.

- Destination Japan! Nov. 14, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Celebrate Japanese culture with NCM by making different crafts inspired by traditional and contemporary Japan. Try on traditional Japanese clothing and more. Free.
- Family Volunteer Day with the National Children's Museum and Oxon Hill Farm. Nov. 21, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m., at Oxon Hill Farm. Celebrate National Family Volunteer Day by helping to clear a trail at the National Park Service's Oxon Hill Farm. Caregivers and children (ages 6 and up) will work alongside one another to discover plants and animals, while helping keep one of the Oxon Hill trails neat and safe for all. Wagon rides (weather permitting) and light refreshments follow. Free. Reservations requested; register at 202-675-4120 or RSVP@ncm.museum.

www.nps.gov/oxhi/planyourvisit/directions.htm.

- Family Volunteer Day at the Launch Zone. Nov. 21 & 28, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Celebrate Family Volunteer Day by creating special gifts and winter-themed decorations to brighten the day of sick children at The Children's Inn at National Institutes of Health. Free.
- Holiday Tree Lighting & Fireworks Celebration at National Harbor. Nov. 27, 7-8 p.m. Kids will make holiday art projects to deck the halls this holiday season and then watch the National Harbor's 65-foot tree sparkle to life while enjoying special musical performances, holiday goodies and a grand fireworks finale. NCM is located at 112 Waterfront St., National Harbor, Md. 301-686-0225, www.ncm.museum.

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