

# HUDSON PRESCHOOL PARENTS

“enriching the lives of preschool children & their parents through education, socialization activities & community service”

## “Hello Spring” Dance Party

Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

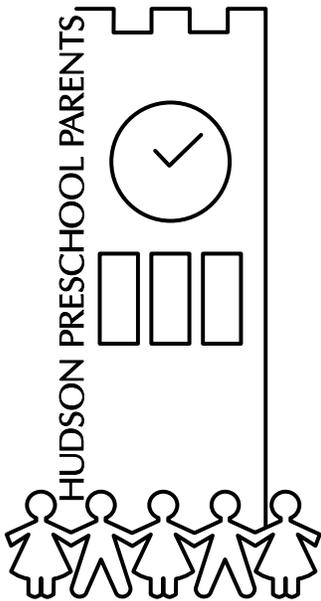
4-6pm

McDowell Elementary



\$5 per child, \$0.50 per hot dog

Get out your dancing shoes and join us as we shake off those winter blues at our “Hello Spring” Dance Party! We’ll have a DJ, a ball pit, games, crafts, and refreshments! We will see you on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm at McDowell Elementary. The cost is \$5 per child over 1 and \$0.50 for a delicious hot dog!



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# March 2015

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2	3	4	5	6 ! Registration Deadline for WOYC	7 PTO Pancake Breakfast 8am-1pm
8	9 	10 Main Street Cupcakes 10:30am or 1:30pm	11 Paint Night Wine Mill 6:30pm	12	13	14 Spring Party 4pm
15	16	17 Saint Patrick’s Day 	18	19	20 Bricks 4 Kidz 10am	21
22	23 	24 	25 	26 	27 	28
29	30 	31 Music Together 10:30am				



**Special Points of Interest:**

- \* WOYC Signups!
- \* Spring Donation Event for Kent Pregnancy Center
- \* Feature of the Month—Celebrate Maple Sugaring Season

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March is here and not even the groundhog knows what Ohio's weather will be like this month. It could be sunny and "spring-like" or we could have a blizzard. With the winter we've had, let's all hope for the warm and sunny option! If you are anxiously awaiting Spring, why not get a jump start on your Spring cleaning. Our community liaison, Kristen Dawes, is collecting new or gently used maternity and baby clothes for Kent Pregnancy Services. Please consider bringing a donation to your next HPP event.

Next month we will be celebrating "Week of the Young Child"! If you haven't participated in this event, I highly suggest you take advantage of this great opportunity to show your littlest ones how much our community has to offer. You can sign up each child for a maximum of 5 field trips and there are a few new places this year. Of course, many of the favorites are back as well! If you

happen to meet one of our field trip coordinators (Valerie Bayham and Jessica Tullio) while you are out, be sure to thank them for their efforts. Organizing this week is a huge undertaking!

March also brings "Spring Break"! If you are traveling to warmer weather, then be sure to bring a little bit of the sunshine back to Ohio with you. But if you are having a "stay-cation", this newsletter has lots of great ideas to help make your time here fun and exciting. Enjoy the month of March...Spring is right around the corner!

## COMMUNITY LIAISON

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Spring Cleaning is here!

This spring, HPP has chosen to support Kent Pregnancy Services with a donation drive of new or gently used maternity and baby clothes. We were able to create "small miracles" in the community through our donations last year and look forward to being just as helpful this year! Bring your new or gently used clothing to any HPP event through the months of March and April or donate through the link on our website. Feel free to contact me with any questions!

## PROGRAMS

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Please join us as we bring out our creative sides for our first Paint Night on Wednesday, March 11th at The Wine Mill! It is sure to be a unique night out that you won't want to miss. Visit our website to sign up and for more details. Make sure you register early as it is sure to fill up soon!

Also, thank you for making our second night out at the Western Reserve School of Cooking such a success! We hope that your families enjoyed some new ideas for dinner!



## Paint Night

Wednesday,  
March 11<sup>th</sup>  
6:30pm

The Wine Mill  
4464 Akron-Cleveland Road  
Peninsula

\$30 per  
person



## SPECIAL NEEDS

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The following excerpt is from the article, *Understanding Children with Special Needs* By Angie Dorrell, M.A. The entire article as well as links to other information can be found at [www.earlychildhoodnews.com](http://www.earlychildhoodnews.com).

### Sensory Integration Disorder

Sensory Integration Disorder is also known as Dysfunction in Sensory Integration (DSI) or Sensory Integration Dysfunction. Children with an integration disorder have problems processing sensations, which cause difficulties in daily life. A brain functioning normally receives sensory information from the body and its surroundings, interprets the messages received, and organizes a response. For example, when walking across a room, the body senses where to go from side to side, how to balance, how to avoid obstacles, and how to move body parts, all without conscious effort. Children with Sensory Integration Disorder have difficulty detecting, controlling, discriminating, or integrating sensations correctly. This difficulty causes them to process sensations from the environment or from their bodies in an inaccurate way.

Sensory Integration Disorder shows itself differently, often in ways that appear to be opposite of each other, because there are many different types of the disorder. It is also very common for the symptoms to be very inconsistent- they may occur continuously or sporadically. Some of the symptoms include:

- \* being overly sensitive or overly responsive to sensation
- \* hyperactivity
- \* not feeling touch or pain or touching others too often or too hard
- \* engaging in unsafe behaviors such as climbing too high
- \* enjoying sounds that are too loud or being uncomfortable in loud, busy environments
- \* responding to touch with aggression or withdrawal
- \* being afraid of or becoming sick from movement and heights
- \* being unwilling to take risks or try new things
- \* clumsiness
- \* poor fine and gross motor skills
- \* difficulty imitating movements and
- \* trouble with balance and coordination



#### Causes and Treatment of Sensory Integration Disorder

This disorder occurs when the brain inefficiently processes sensory messages from a person's body or environment. As more research is conducted, more techniques and therapies to assist children are created. Through these techniques, occupational therapists enable children to take part in the normal actions of childhood – playing with friends, enjoying school, eating, dressing, and sleeping.

#### Common Myths about Sensory Integration Disorder

**Myth #1:** “The child is just pretending to get out of eating a food he doesn’t like or doing something he doesn’t want to do.”

**Reality:** This is not a dysfunction the child can control. As a child learns how to integrate his senses properly, he will be relieved – and probably delighted to try different foods.

#### Special Needs from a Parent’s Perspective

Parents need early childhood educators to work with them as partners, to support their family, and most of all to love and care for their child, regardless of the disabilities involved. Some parents may be hesitant to share their child’s diagnosis with the teacher. This may seem odd, but parents struggling to figure out how they can help their child and sometimes themselves, may be afraid of a teacher’s judgment or the treatment their child will receive once a special need has been identified. Parents are also often afraid of being blamed, and usually have an unhealthy dose of guilt themselves, even after being reassured that the disability is not their fault. Some parents may feel relief to finally know what’s going on with their child and have a name to put to it. Sometimes these feelings may appear inappropriate to the outsider observer, but no parent wishes a special need on his or her child. The relief comes from knowing what is wrong with their child and having an appropriate plan of action.

## CHILDREN'S FAIR

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The 30th annual Hudson Preschool Parents Children's Fair is only a couple of months away! Please join us **April 18th, from 10am to 1pm, at East Woods Elementary School** as we conclude the Week of the Young Child with our biggest event of the year. The fair is **FREE** for all HPP members and non-members alike. We will have food for sale, terrific raffle items, great entertainment and lots of local vendors participating. Event news and updates will be available at our HPP site ([www.hudsonpreschoolparents.org](http://www.hudsonpreschoolparents.org)). Please come and enjoy everything our fair has to offer!



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### LATEST MEMBERS

*Welcome the following new families to our organization!*

The McGrath Family  
The McIver Family  
The Murphy Family  
The Schliessberg Family  
The Sinley Family  
The Snyder Family  
The Tornberg Family  
The Uppercue Family



## PLAYGROUPS / SUNSHINE

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Do you want to become more active with Hudson Preschool Parents? We have the perfect opportunity for you to give back to the organization and get to know other HPP parents – volunteer at the Children's Fair! We are looking for volunteers to help greet families, hand out goodies, and serve food. The fair is on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 1pm and most of the jobs are one hour shifts. We would love your help so please consider volunteering your time for this event. Please email me at [playgroups@hudsonpreschoolparents.org](mailto:playgroups@hudsonpreschoolparents.org) if you are able to help.

As always, please let me know if you have had a baby so we can share your news!

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Whether you are headed out of town for spring break or staying close to home, don't miss all there is to do this March in Hudson and the surrounding areas!

## TAKE A TOT TO ... HUDSON EVENTS

EVENT	Description/Website	Date and Time	Admission/ Fees
<b>Pajama Story time</b> Hudson Library	<a href="http://www.hudsonlibrary.org">www.hudsonlibrary.org</a>  Join us once a month for special stories, songs and activities. Wear your pajamas and bring a pillow. A snack will be provided.	Tuesday, March 3 <sup>rd</sup> 7:30pm	Free
<b>World Read Aloud Day</b> Hudson Library	<a href="http://www.hudsonlibrary.org">www.hudsonlibrary.org</a>  Families can share their love of books with others in this closing session of the family literacy series sponsored by Target. Choose a passage from your favorite book to read aloud and enjoy other literacy-based games and activities. Registration required.	Wednesday, March 4, 6:30pm to 8pm	Free
<b>Pancake Breakfast</b> Hudson High School Commons	<a href="http://www.hudsonpto.org">www.hudsonpto.org</a>  Pancakes, sausage, coffee, juice and milk along with raffles and entertainment. All proceeds go back to Hudson City Schools in the form of grants and scholarships.	Saturday, March 7 <sup>th</sup> 8am to 1pm	\$6 per child \$8 per adult
<b>Pokémon League</b> Hudson Library	<a href="http://www.hudsonlibrary.org">www.hudsonlibrary.org</a>  Bring your Pokémon cards and accessories and have fun trading, talking shop, and playing against each other on the last Saturday of every month. For kids ages 6 to 12. No registration required.	Saturday, March 28 <sup>th</sup> 10am	Free
<b>Story time</b> Learned Owl Bookshop 204 N. Main Street	<a href="http://www.learnedowl.com">www.learnedowl.com</a>  Stories for children 3 and older in the children's room. All are welcome.	Times vary throughout the month of February. Call or check website.	Free
<b>Drop-In and Registered Story Times</b>  Hudson Library	<a href="http://www.hudsonlibrary.org">www.hudsonlibrary.org</a>  Story times include stories, rhymes, songs and craft activities dependent on the child's age and stage of development.	See website for days and times	Free

## TAKE A TOT TO ... FUN LOCAL EVENTS

EVENT	Description/Website	Date and Time	Admission/ Fees
<b>Weekly Story Time</b> Pottery Barn Kids 2101 Richmond Road Beachwood, OH 44122 (216)765-0246	<a href="http://www.potterybarnkids.com">www.potterybarnkids.com</a>  Join us each week for story time and become a book club member. You'll receive a book club passport at your first story time and a special gift after attending five story times! Special themes for March include Read Across America Day: Monday, March 2 <sup>nd</sup> , St. Patrick's Day: March 17 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesdays in March 11am to 11:30am	Free
<b>Show &amp; Tell Me a Story</b> Nature Realm 1828 Smith Road, Akron 44313 (330)865-8065	<a href="http://www.summitmetroparks.org">www.summitmetroparks.org</a>  Kids 1 to 3 join a naturalist for this special 30 minute story time for tots! Advance registration required and begins 2/27	Thursday, March 5 <sup>th</sup> 9:30am to 10am and 10:30am to 11am	Free
<b>Creative Playdate: A Beautiful Mess</b> Akron Art Museum One South High Akron, OH 44308	<a href="http://www.akronartmuseum.org">www.akronartmuseum.org</a>  Follow your child's natural instinct to wiggle, squeal and make a mess while exploring the creative process of art in many forms. Come play, wander and make new friends at the museum. For children 0 to 5 with a grownup. Registration is required.	Thursday, March 5 <sup>th</sup> 11:15am to 12:30pm	Free
<b>Nature Tales Story Time</b> Cleveland Botanical Garden 11030 East Boulevard Cleveland, Oh 44106 216-721-1600	<a href="http://www.cb garden.org">www.cb garden.org</a>  Youngest Garden guests with an accompanying adult enjoy seasonal nature stories, songs, and finger plays followed by a hands-on activity in the Eleanor Squire Library.	Thursdays, March 5 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> 11am	Free with Garden admission
<b>Home Depot Kid's Workshop: Learn How to Build Bookends</b> (Various stores; Streetsboro, Cuyahoga Falls, Macedonia)	<a href="http://www.Workshops.HomeDepot.com">www.Workshops.HomeDepot.com</a>  Kids get to build and keep their craft, receive a free certificate of achievement, a workshop apron, and a commemorative pin. For kids 5-12 yrs.	Saturday, March 7 <sup>th</sup> 9am to 12pm	Free
<b>Second Sundays: Do You Hear What I Hear?</b> Cleveland Museum of Art 11150 East Boulevard Cleveland, Oh 44106 216-421-7350	<a href="http://www.clevelandart.org">www.clevelandart.org</a>  Make musical instruments from recycled materials inspired by the collection. Take a music-inspired tour of the galleries. Enjoy experiences in the museum's collection through scavenger hunts, the Art Stories story time program, and Art Cart.	Sunday, March 8 <sup>th</sup> 11am to 4pm	Free
<b>Terrific Tuesdays</b> Cleveland Children's Museum 10730 Euclid Ave. Cleveland, OH 44106 (216)791-7114	<a href="http://www.clevelandchildrensmuseum.org">www.clevelandchildrensmuseum.org</a>  Explore our interactive hands-on exhibits after normal business hours. This free evening of interactive play is generously sponsored by the Char and Chuck Fowler Family Foundation.	Tuesday, March 10 <sup>th</sup> 5pm to 7:30pm	Free

EVENT	Description/Website	Date and Time	Admission/ Fees
<b>Stroller Tours: Black and White</b> Cleveland Museum of Art 11150 East Boulevard Cleveland, OH 44106 (216)421-7350	<a href="http://www.clevelandart.org">www.clevelandart.org</a>  Babies welcome! In fact, you need a baby in tow if you want to join this group. Expect a special kind of outing that allows for adult conversation where no one minds if a baby lends his or her opinion with a coo or cry.	Wednesdays, March 11 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> 10:30am to 11:30am	Free
<b>Kinder realm: Snakes</b> Nature Realm 1828 Smith Road, Akron 44313 (330)865-8065	<a href="http://www.summitmetroparks.org">www.summitmetroparks.org</a>  Children 3 to 6 and their adult companions learn about our scaly snake friends. Program includes a craft and short hike. Please make other arrangements for younger children unable to remain in infant seats or strollers. Advance registration required and begins 3/6.	Friday, March 13 <sup>th</sup> 10:30am to 11:30am and 1pm to 2pm Saturday, March 14 <sup>th</sup> 10:30am to 11:30am	Free
<b>PNC Musical Rainbows: The Velvet Violin</b> Severance Hall 11001 Euclid Ave. Cleveland, OH 44106 (216)231-1111	<a href="http://www.clevelandorchestra.com">www.clevelandorchestra.com</a>  PNC Musical Rainbow concerts introduce young people ages 3-6 to the instruments of the orchestra- one at a time. Each half-hour program will get your kids singing, clapping, and moving to the music while Cleveland Orchestra musicians and guests perform short solo selections and kid-friendly tunes, and demonstrates their instruments.	Friday, March 13 <sup>th</sup> 10am Saturday, March 14 <sup>th</sup> 10am and 11am	\$7 per ticket
<b>Ballet Excel Ohio presents Snow White</b> Akron Civic Theatre 182 S. Main St. Akron, OH 44308 (330)535-3179	<a href="http://www.akroncivic.com">www.akroncivic.com</a>  Audiences of all ages will enjoy the sparkle and magic of this classic tale brought to life on stage by Ballet Excel Ohio.	Saturday, March 14 <sup>th</sup> 2pm and 7pm Sunday, March 15 <sup>th</sup> 2pm	Tickets range from \$10 to \$25
<b>Akron St. Patrick's Day Parade</b> Main Street between Cedar and Bowery St.	<a href="http://www.downtownakron.com">www.downtownakron.com</a>  Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the Ancient Order of Hibernians. This year's theme is "Salute," to honor our men and women in uniform.	Saturday, March 14 <sup>th</sup> 12pm	Free
<b>Cleveland's Saint Patrick's Day Parade</b> East 18 <sup>th</sup> and Superior Ave. Downtown Cleveland	<a href="http://www.stpatricksdayscleveland.com">www.stpatricksdayscleveland.com</a>  Cleveland's parade is Ohio's oldest and finest comprising approximately 10,000 participants in 125 units.	Tuesday, March 17 <sup>th</sup> 1:04 pm	Free
<b>Animal Crackers</b> Brecksville Nature Center 9000 Chippewa Creek Dr. Brecksville, OH 44141 (440)526-1012	<a href="http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com">www.clevelandmetroparks.com</a>  Join Miss Jenny for a fun time exploring the world of salamanders through activities, a hike and a craft. For children 3-5 with an adult. Register beginning March 1 <sup>st</sup> .	Wednesday, March 18 <sup>th</sup> 10am to 11:15am and 1pm to 2:15pm Thursday, March 19 <sup>th</sup> 10am to 11:15am	Free

EVENT	Description/Website	Date and Time	Admission/ Fees
<b>Sesame Street Live “Make a New Friend”</b> State Theatre 1519 Euclid Avenue Cleveland, OH 44115	<a href="http://www.playhousesquare.org">www.playhousesquare.org</a>  Elmo, Grover, Abby Cadabby, and their Sesame Street friends welcome Chamki, Grover’s friend from India, to Sesame Street. Together they explore the universal fun of friendship and celebrate cultural similarities, from singing and dancing, to sharing cookies!	Thursday March 19 <sup>th</sup> through Sunday March 22 <sup>nd</sup> (check website for multiple show times)	Ticket prices range from \$10 to \$70
<b>Story Time in the Galleries: Tales of Beauty</b> Akron Art Museum One South High St. Akron, OH 44308 (330)376-9185	<a href="http://www.akronartmuseum.org">www.akronartmuseum.org</a>  All ages are invited to Story Time in the Galleries, where grown-ups and children will hear beautiful picture books read aloud, sing silly songs and play wacky games. No registration required.	Thursday, March 19 <sup>th</sup> 11:15am to 12:30pm	Free
<b>Tiny Trekkers: Volcanoes</b> Cleveland Museum of Natural History 1 Wade Oval Dr. Cleveland, Oh 44106 216-231-4600	<a href="http://www.cmnh.org">www.cmnh.org</a>  An hour-long exploration into the wonderful world of Volcanoes! Together with your favorite preschooler you can see Museum specimens, play games, make crafts and hear stories. A mini museum tour completes each program.	Saturday, March 21 <sup>st</sup> 9:30am to 10:30am and 11am to 12pm	\$12 per child/adult pair
<b>Art Babes: Baby Loves Bling</b> Akron Art Museum One South High St. Akron, OH 44308 (330)376-9185	<a href="http://www.akronartmuseum.org">www.akronartmuseum.org</a>  Awaken early neuron connections and fine-tune the innate curiosity of your baby or toddler with sensory experiences related to color, texture, light and sound. For children 0-18 months old and their grownups. Registration required.	Thursday, March 26 <sup>th</sup> 11:15am to 12pm and 1pm to 1:45pm	Free
<b>IX Indoor Amusement Park</b> IX Center 1 IX Center Drive Cleveland, OH	<a href="http://www.ixamusementpark.com">www.ixamusementpark.com</a>  Over 20 acres of indoor fun! A variety of rides for all ages, as well as entertainment and food. Featuring Kidzville, with rides exclusively for small children, and a petting zoo.	Friday, March 27 <sup>th</sup> through April 19 <sup>th</sup> (See website for complete list of times)	\$21.99 per person over 48” in height \$18.99 for under 48” 3 & under free



## Feature of the Month

### *Celebrate Maple Sugaring Season!*

Did you know that Ohio is the fifth largest producer of maple syrup in the United States? March is Maple Sugaring season in Ohio and Northeast Ohio has many farms and festivals where you can have a blast while learning all about the maple sugaring process. Check out these fun options and spend a day with the kids gathering sap and sampling maple candy!

## *Maple Sugaring Facts*

- \* It takes about 40 gallons of maple "water" — the sap from maple trees — to produce just 1 gallon of maple syrup.
- \* A mature sugar maple tree produces about 10 gallons of sap during the brief weeklong sugaring season.
- \* Maple sap is made into many products, including syrup, granulated and flaked sugar, maple butter, liqueur and jellies.
- \* Light maple syrup is very pale in color and delicate in taste and is produced at the very beginning of the sugaring-off season. Medium amber syrup, the best for cooking, is produced toward the middle and end of the season, and has a rich amber color and a more pronounced maple flavor.
- \* Maple syrup is rich in several essential minerals, such as potassium, calcium and magnesium.
- \* The Canadian province of Quebec produces about 80 percent of the world's maple syrup, about 6.5 million gallons a year. Vermont is the largest producer in the United States, with about 450,000 gallons yearly. According to the Ohio Maple Producers Association, the state ranks fourth or fifth each year among the 12 that turn out maple products.



# Celebrate Maple Sugaring Season!



## Hale Farm Maple Sugar Festival

2686 Oak Hill Rd.  
Bath, OH 44210

[www.wrhs.org](http://www.wrhs.org)

March 14<sup>th</sup>  
10am to 4pm

Enjoy a pancake breakfast compliments of Bob Evans Restaurants and then head out into the Sugaring Camp to learn about tree tapping, the maple sugar process and experience oxen demonstrations. View period arts and crafts such as glassblowing, blacksmithing, pottery, spinning and weaving.

Admission: Adults \$15 (includes breakfast), Children 3-12 \$10

## Maple Sugaring Weekends

Lake Metro parks Farm park  
8800 Euclid Chardon Rd.  
Kirtland, OH 44094

[www.lakemetroparks.com](http://www.lakemetroparks.com)

Weekends in March through March 22<sup>nd</sup>  
9am to 5pm

Witness the entire maple process as sap is collected, boiled, and turned into maple syrup and other products. Discover how trees are tapped and see the network of tubing that provide sap for the Farm park's maple syrup production. Sample maple syrup and candy, make a maple craft, help gather sap and learn how to make maple syrup in your own backyard!

Admission: Ages 2-11, \$4, Ages 60+, \$5, Ages 12-59, \$6, Children 2 and younger, Free

## Ma & Pa's Maple Tours

15161 Main Market Rd. (Rt. 422)  
Burton, OH 44021

[www.maandpas.com](http://www.maandpas.com)

(440)548-5521

Check website for dates in March

Pa hitches up the horses and takes you deep into the woods through the sugar bush to collect sap and brings it back to the sugar shack to demonstrate how it's all done. Then sample some maple coffee and maple candy and various other maple treats in the log cabin.

Admission: Tour is free, Maple goods available for purchase in store

## Tappin' Sunday at the Geauga County Maple Festival Sugarhouse

Historic Chardon Square  
Chardon, OH 44024

[www.maplefestival.com](http://www.maplefestival.com)

Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>  
1pm

Tappin' Sunday is a ceremonial Tapping of the Maple Trees on Chardon Square. This will be your first chance to buy the first maple stirs of the season. The official "tapper" will tap the tree with a commemorative bucket.

Admission: Free

## History of Maple Sugaring

Rocky River Nature Center  
Maple Grove Picnic Area  
North Olmstead, OH 44070

[www.clevelandmetroparks.com](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com)

Saturdays and Sundays, March 7<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>  
11am to 4pm

On weekends, visitors can walk through time along the Sugar bush trail to see sap-collecting methods and maple syrup-making processes used by Native Americans, pioneers and modern sugar farmers. The History of Maple Sugaring hikes will lead to the Sugarhouse, where guests can watch sap being boiled into delicious 100 percent pure maple syrup. Guided hikes leave the Sugarhouse every 20 minutes.

Admission: Free





## APRIL 13TH - 17TH ~ FIELD TRIP RESERVATION PROCESS

### It's Here! It's Here! Week of the Young Child (WOYC) Field Trips!

At HPP, we eagerly anticipate the Week of the Young Child (WOYC) all year long! (We hope you do too!) WOYC is all about exploring Hudson and our surrounding community and having fun doing it! What's not to love?!? It's truly a delight to watch little eyes light up as they get to touch their first fire truck or ride a pony or devour a free bagel. Thus, we proudly present our fabulous, overflowing, adrenaline-filled week of fun and educational field trips a/k/a 2015 WOYC Field Trips!

#### Registration Information:

All initial registrations will take place online through PayItSquare... for BOTH field trips that are FREE and those that have a fee. You will need to register each child separately and you may ONLY register for a maximum of 5 field trips per child at this time. Once an event is full, we will create a wait list... and, if needed, will try to add new sessions to accommodate additional children. After registering, if you will not be able to attend, PLEASE e-mail the field trip contact listed below so that we can allow children from the wait list to attend. Field Trip Contact key: VB = Valerie Bayham, valerie\_bayham@yahoo.com; JT = Jessica Tullio, jessicastullio@yahoo.com.

#### Instructions:

- ♦ Go to [hudsonpreschoolparents.org](http://hudsonpreschoolparents.org).
- ♦ Click on the WOYC link, enter your HPP password (hppkids) and you will be re-directed to PayItSquare.
- ♦ You will need to register each child separately... for up to—but not more than—FIVE fabulous field trips. **When asked to “Enter Your Information” during Step 1, please enter your child’s name.**
- ♦ Please review your registration carefully before submitting!!! Due to the volume of registrations for WOYC field trips, refunds/changes cannot be made... unless your spot can be filled from a wait list. Changes could result in additional fees.

**\*\*THE DEADLINE FOR ALL INITIAL REGISTRATIONS IS FRIDAY, MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup>!\*\***

## APRIL 13TH - 17TH ~ FIELD TRIP LISTING

	Place/Location	Description	MAX	Ages	Time Length	Cost	Date(s) & Time (s)	Field Trip Contact
1	<b><u>4Cats Arts Studio</u></b> 144 E Main St. Kent 330.677.8575	Splatter and paint party!!! Using the techniques of Jackson Pollock, our budding artists will create original works of art to grace your family's home for years to come. Once dried and varnished, your child's 11x14 stretched canvas will be available to pick-up at a later date. Minimum of 10 artists, or subject to cancellation. CLOTHES & SHOES WILL BE COVERED IN PAINT.	15	3-6	60 min	\$10 per child	Friday 4/17 1:00 – 2:00 pm 2:00 – 3:00 pm	VB
2	<b><u>Bruegger's Bagels</u></b> 84 W. Streetsboro St. Hudson 330.342.4708	Children will get a guided tour of Bruegger's. They will get to see first-hand how bagels are made. The tour will conclude with each child enjoying some bagel bites.	15	All	30 min	Free	Monday 4/13 10:00 – 10:30 am Friday 4/17 10:00 – 10:30 am	VB



**APRIL 13TH - 17TH ~ FIELD TRIP RESERVATION PROCESS**

Place/Location	Description	MAX	Ages	Time Length	Cost	Date(s) & Time (s)	Field Trip Contact
3 <b><u>Café O’Play</u></b> 911 Graham Rd #27 Stow 330.928.7517 <b>**NEW**</b>	Come visit the area’s newest indoor play-ground and café! Café ‘O’Play offers families healthy food options and physically-active play in a safe and comfortable environment.  <i>* No pre-payment will be collected for this event; you will just pay at the door.</i>	20	All		\$6.50 per child (under 1 are free)*	Tuesday 4/14 1:00 pm Wednesday 4/15 9:00 am  <i>The discounted price of \$6.50 is available to HPP members all week! Just mention you are an HPP member!</i>	JT
4 <b><u>Crazy But True Popcorn</u></b> 72 Main St. #6 Hudson 330.342.0300	The staff will give a brief overview of the shop and let the children try some different flavors of popcorn. Every child will leave with a mini bag of popcorn.	20	All	60 min	\$5 per child	Friday 4/17 10:00 – 11:00 am	VB
5 <b><u>Dairy Queen</u></b> 8895 Darrow Rd. Twinsburg 330.425.4196 <i>*Note: This is at the Twinsburg DQ, as the Hudson location has closed.</i>	Children will tour the walk-in freezer and see how the cakes are decorated. Then the kids will have the opportunity to see how the soft serve machine works and enjoy an ice cream treat!	20	All	30 min	Free	Monday 4/13 2:15 – 2:45 pm Tuesday 4/14 2:15 – 2:45 pm Thursday 4/16 2:15 – 2:45 pm	VB
6 <b><u>Hershey’s of Hudson</u></b> 50 W. Streetsboro St. Hudson 330.342.1232	Stop by the ice cream shop for a sweet treat! Children will receive small samples and a “kids’ scoop” of their favorite Hershey’s flavor.	15	All	30 min	\$1.50 per child	Wednesday 4/15 1:00 – 1:30 pm	VB
7 <b><u>Hudson Fire Station</u></b> 40 S. Oviatt St. Hudson 330.342.1860	Join the firefighters at the fire station and learn about fire safety during a tour of the fire department!  <i>* Depending on session</i>	15	*2-6	45 min	Free	<b>Ages 2-3 years:</b> Tuesday 4/14 10:30 – 11:15 am Thursday 4/16 10:00 – 10:45 am <b>Ages 3 ½-6 years:</b> Tues 4/14 9:00 – 9:45 am Thurs 4/16 1:00 – 1:45pm	VB
8 <b><u>Hudson Police Dept.</u></b> 36 S. Oviatt St. Hudson 330.342.1800	Children will go on a tour of our local police station. Tours will be guided by a Hudson Police Officer.	15	3-6	30 min	Free	Friday 4/17 11:00 – 11:30 am 1:00 – 1:30 pm	VB
9 <b><u>Hudson Post Office</u></b> 68 Ravenna St. Hudson 330.650.1993	On this tour, children will learn how mail comes in and how it is prepared for delivery. Bring in a letter to mail!	15	All	30 min	Free	Wednesday 4/15 10:45 – 11:15 am	VB



# WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

## APRIL 13TH - 17TH ~ FIELD TRIP RESERVATION PROCESS

	Place/Location	Description	MAX	Ages	Time Length	Cost	Date(s) & Time (s)	Field Trip Contact
10	<b><u>JoAnn Fabrics</u></b> 5381 Darrow Rd. Hudson 330.650.6228	Winter is finally over and it's time for Spring! Let's celebrate by creating a fun Spring craft that the kids can take home to display.	20	2-6	60 min	\$5 per child	Tuesday 4/14 10:00 – 11:00 am	JT
11	<b><u>Kibler Dance Academy</u></b> 118 W. Streetsboro St. Hudson 330.655.KDA1	Girls and boys 3 and over have the option of trying a dance or acro class taught by Kibler instructors. Parents can participate alongside their little ones (at least 18 months) in a Mommy and Me class. Please wear comfortable clothes.  <i>* Depending on session. For 3 and up class, children must be potty trained.</i>	12 for Dance 10 for Mommy & Me 8 for Acro	*1½-6	30 min	Free	Wednesday 4/15 <b>Dance, 3+ years:</b> 11:00 – 11:30 am <b>Mommy &amp; Me, 18 months+:</b> 11:30 am – 12:00 pm <b>Acro, 3+ years:</b> 11:30 am – 12:00 pm	JT
12	<b><u>KinderMusik</u></b> 85 S. Main St., Suite F. Hudson 330.655.8499 <i>* below Starbucks</i>	You and your child will have a blast as you play instruments, sing, move, and explore—you'll uncover an engaging musical world while building your child's confidence, self-control and communications skills.	10	Under 4 years old	30 min	\$5 per child (infants in carriers are free)	Monday 4/13 9:00 – 9:30 am Tuesday 4/14 11:30 am – 12:00 pm Wednesday 4/15 12-12:30 pm Thursday 4/16 11:30 am – 12 pm Friday 4/17 12 – 12:30 pm	JT
13	<b><u>LaTuchie Tennis Center</u></b> 3200 Darrow Rd. Stow 330.688.6085	Children will have fun on the court by being introduced to the basics of tennis through games. Children may bring their own racket or borrow one from the center.	15	3-6	45 min	\$6	Thursday, 4/16 1:30-2:15 pm	VB
14	<b><u>Little Gym</u></b> 8922 Darrow Rd Twinsburg <b>**NEW**</b>	Get ready to run, climb, and tumble! Join us for an introductory class at the Little Gym. Parents may need to assist younger children. Please wear comfortable clothing.	25	All	60 min	\$7 per child (all children playing must register and pay)	Monday 4/13 1:30 – 2:30 pm	JT
15	<b><u>Little Leapers</u></b> 1797 Georgetown Rd, Suite G Hudson 330.342.3355	Kids will explore an intro to gymnastics! Boys and girls are welcome for both sessions. Please wear comfortable clothing; socks are required. Parents participate in the 1-3 yr old session.  <i>* Depending on session</i>	18	1-6*	60 min	\$5 per child	<b>Ages 1-3 years:</b> Thursday 4/16 10:00 – 11:00 am  <b>Ages 4-6 years:</b> Thursday 4/16 11:00 am – 12:00 pm	JT
16	<b><u>Lulu's</u></b> 56 Library St. Hudson 330.655.LULU	Join us for a tour, see how those big machines work and meet Lulu - before the store opens! Special pricing for our kids means they can fill their kid-sized cups to the tippy top with yummy yogurt and toppings. Parents pay standard prices (sorry!).	20	All	30 min	\$5 per child	Monday 4/13 10:00 – 10:30 am	JT



**APRIL 13TH - 17TH ~ FIELD TRIP RESERVATION PROCESS**

Place/Location	Description	MAX	Ages	Time Length	Cost	Date(s) & Time (s)	Field Trip Contact
17 <b><u>Music Together</u></b> 5237 Darrow Rd Hudson 330.608.0200 <b>**NEW**</b>	Music Together pioneered the mixed age/family oriented model for early education. Come sing, dance, and play music with your little one(s) at this introductory class!	12	0-5	45 min	Free	Friday 4/17 11:00-11:45 am	JT
18 <b><u>Papa John's Pizza</u></b> 178 W. Streetsboro St. Hudson 330.655.0888	Children will take a tour of Papa John's learning about taking phone orders, making the dough, tools used, and touring the cooler. Then, children will make their own small pizza which they can take home for lunch!	10	3-6	30 min	\$3 per child	Wednesday 4/15 10:30 – 11:00 am 11:30 am – 12:00 pm 1:00 – 1:30 pm	VB
19 <b><u>PNC Bank</u></b> 37 S Main St. Hudson <b>**NEW**</b>	How does your money work? View the vault, safety deposit boxes, and currency counter. Work the drive-through tubes and practice your shredding skills. Learn the value of your dollar!	10	All	30 min	Free	Monday, 4/13 11:00-11:30 am	VB
20 <b><u>SkyZone</u></b> 6217 Chittenden Rd. Boston Heights 234-249-3030 <b>**NEW**</b>	Got a little daredevil on your hands? Check out the hottest entertainment around town during their dedicated "Toddler Time"!  <i>* Parents/caregivers can purchase their own SkySocks for \$1.</i>	25	1-6	90 min	\$10*	Tuesday 4/14 10:30 am – 12:00 pm	VB
21 <b><u>Topline Stables @ Walden</u></b> 1109 Aurora Hudson Rd. Aurora 330.995.0039	Does your child like horses? We will tour the barn and be introduced to horse care. And, they will get to ride on a real horse! Half the group will ride first while the other half tours, then they will switch. Please no flash photography is allowed!	15	3-6	60 min	\$10 per child	Tuesday 4/14 11:00 am – 12:00 pm 12:00 – 1:00 pm Wednesday 4/15 11:00 am – 12:00 pm 12:00 – 1:00 pm	JT
22 <b><u>Veterinary Center of Hudson</u></b> 5980 Darrow Rd. Hudson 234.380.8624	Come and meet Dr. Bestic and learn what happens when our pets visit the vet. We will tour the center and possibly meet a furry friend.	12	1-6	60 min	Free	Thursday 4/16 10:30 – 11:30 am 11:30 am – 12:30 pm	VB
23 <b><u>Zumbini</u></b> All About Dance! By Kristen 3038 Graham Rd. Stow 330-688-6000 <b>**NEW**</b>	For our youngest Zumba fans, ages 0-3 years old, and their caregiver who are looking to have some fun and bond with their lil' party animals. The Zumbini program was developed for caregivers and their child(ren) to learn, bond, and grow in an upbeat, musical environment.	14	0-3	45 min	\$5 per child	Tuesday 4/14 1:00-1:45 pm 2:00-2:45 pm	JT

**Event Sign-Up Information:**

To sign-up for an event, please visit the Hudson Preschool Parents website and select "Members Only" and "Sign Up for Events". Fees are due when you sign up. No cash is accepted. Registration is required for all children age 1 or older, unless otherwise noted. If you cancel your reservation, your money will be returned only if your space can be filled or we are not charged for your unused space. Please contact the board member in charge as soon as possible should you not be able to attend. Every effort is made to fill cancellations from the wait list, even on the day of an event. Should you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact each board member.

# Week of the Young Child 2015 Schedule

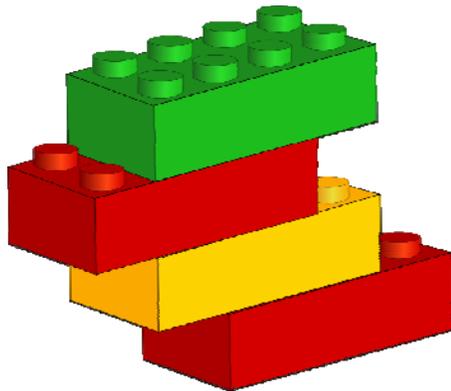
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<b>MORNING EVENTS</b>				
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## Bricks 4 Kidz

**Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**10am**

**Hudson Library**  
**Flood Room**

**\$5 per child**

## Music Together

**Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**10:30am**

**Hudson Park Center**  
**5237 Darrow Road**

**Free**

March is "Sing With Your Child" Month! Celebrate with Music Together! It is an amazing program that understands how young children learn through music and how to make music a vital part of a child's development. Try a free class on Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:30am and see how much fun your kids have with singing, dancing and even playing instruments. The classroom is located in the Hudson Park Center, 5237 Darrow Road, just south of Georgetown Road. Pull in at the Portage Glass sign and drive all the way to the back buildings.



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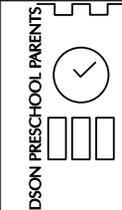


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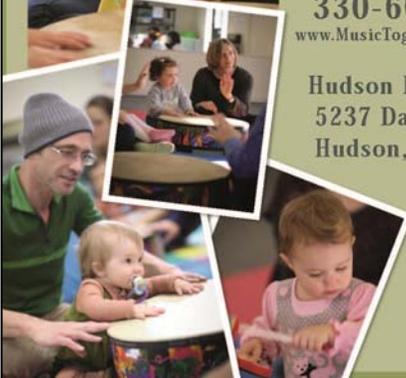


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