

Creative Play Place



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Play Together, Grow Together

Wizard of Oz Interactive Movie Party Saturday, February 6 at 2 p.m.

Mission of the Creative Play Place

Our mission is to foster the development of the whole child through play, movement, and the arts to promote healthy lifestyles, enhance literacy skills and strengthen the parent-child bond.



Follow the Yellow Brick Road to the St. Peter High School Theater on Saturday, February 6 for one of the most fun events of the year!

Come in a Wizard of Oz costume and enter our costume contest!

Enjoy the cake contest and then bid on your favorite cake during the silent auction in the lobby.

Audience members will enjoy being actively involved during the showing of the movie. There will be props to throw (ala Rocky Horror Picture Show style) characters to cheer or boo, prizes to win and songs to sing. And everyone will leave with a goodie bag full of special treats.

The Wizard of Oz Interactive Movie Party is recommended for ages 3-adult. Children 12 & under must be accompanied by an adult.

Scholarship tickets are available for low income families or families with more than three children. Call 351-4284.

*Snow postponement date: Saturday, February 27. Please check the Creative Play Place website, KTOE or KEYC for snow postponement details.

All proceeds help keep CPP free!



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ADULT TICKETS

\$14 plus \$1 handling fee Advanced sales

\$15 at the door

CHILD TICKETS

\$9 plus \$1 handling fee Advanced Sales

\$10 at the door

ADULT & CHILD COMBO

\$21 plus \$1 handling fee Advanced Sales

\$22 at the door

3 CHILD COMBO

\$23 plus \$1 handling fee Advanced Sales

\$24 at the door



BIRTHDAY PARTIES!!
 The Creative Play Place is available for birthday parties! Choose one of our themes or host your own.



“Throw your money down our drain Sink Campaign”
 We need a sink in the Creative Play Place! Please consider donating funds to help us install our very own sink - keep those germs away and get messy “painty” hands clean!

Calendar of Events

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| Sat., Feb 6 | Wizard of Oz Interactive Movie Party |
| Tue., Feb. 9 | Parent-Child Book Club Gr. 1-3
Parenting Book Group |
| Sat., Feb. 13 | Living a Stress Reduced Life |
| Sat., Feb. 20 | Imagination Station
Beach Party!
Family Fitness |
| Tue., Feb. 23 | Parent-Child Book Club Gr. 3-5 |
| Sat., March 6 | Imagination Station |
| Tue., March 9 | Parent-Child Book Club Gr. 1-3 |
| Fri., March 12 | Coffee Chat Body Image |
| Tue., March 23 | Parent-Child Book Club Gr. 3-5 |
| Sat., March 27 | Barnes & Noble Book Fair and Read-In |
| Tue., April 6 | Parent-Child Book Club Gr. 1-2 |
| Sat., April 24 | Family Fitness |
| Tue., April 27 | Parent-Child Book Club Gr., 3-5 |
| Sat., May 1 | Imagination Station |
| Sat., May 8 | Family Fitness |

GiveMN.org “Give to the Max” Day

It was the first on-line “Give to the Max” day and our friends and members responded enthusiastically!

Many thanks to all of those who donated. Your donations are important to us - helping us secure grants

and boost our budget.

We were gifted with \$705 in 24 hours!

GiveMN.org is available 24 hours a day on-line. You can give anytime on-line and all your dollars go di-

rectly to the Creative Play Place. There are no fees or charges that get passed along.

Go to GiveMN.org and type in Creative Play Place.

Family Fitness! Saturdays, Feb. 20, Apr. 24, May 8 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Get the whole family up and moving!

Saturday, Feb. 20:
 Steve Sizer leads us in hand-eye coordination games.

Saturday, Apr. 24:
 Join Rachel More for an aerobic and body strength workout.

Saturday, May 8:

Themed movement games with Aaron Banks.

St. Peter Community Center Gym and Multi-Purpose Rooms.

\$5 for each date/family or \$12 for all three sessions.

Children ages 3-9 (must be with a parent).

Min. 3, max. 20 families.

Register by the Mon. before class. Call 934-0667.

Made possible by a grant from the Mankato Clinic Foundation.



Eating Healthy @ McDonald's

Eating Healthy at McDonalds is NOT an oxymoron! There is much more to McDonald's than the Big Mac and super-sized fries! McDonald's continues to work hard to provide nutritious meals for the health conscious individual/family. Nutrition information is widely available in the restaurant and on line at www.mcdonalds.com. You can also call them with ques-

tions at 1-877-MCD-FOOD.

McDonald's supplies information sheets on:

- Simple Steps to Trim Fat
- Simple Steps to Save on Sodium
- Meal Choices for People with Diabetes
- McDonald's Mom' Quality Correspondents
- Menu Innovation and Nutrition Education

By visiting the "Bag a McMeal" feature in the Food, Nutrition & Fitness section at www.mcdonalds.com you can get the nutrition facts (including food exchanges) for any meal.

McDonald's offers a range of options and It's Your Choice!

Next time you go in with the kids try a yogurt or apple dippers!



The Creative Play Place has been generously sponsored by McDonald's during the month of January!

Living a Stress Reduced Life Tue., Feb. 9 10 a.m.

Parenting can be stressful even during the best of times. Learn some tips and strategies to help you reduce stress in your daily life, and develop skills that will help you stay calm during stressful times. While you attend, your child can play with CPP staff. Please include # of children and ages when registering. Free class but pre-registration is required by calling Community & Family Education at 934-3048.

This class is co-sponsored by River's Edge Hospital & Clinic and the Creative Play Place. (Min. 10, Max. 16 adults. Max. 12 children)



Imagination Station Saturdays, Feb. 13, March 6, Apr. 24, May 1

A Wonderful opportunity to develop both your child's and your own creativity! Work side by side, each on your own project. Different materials will be explored each month. Sign up in advance to reserve a spot. Drop ins welcome, as space allows. 2-3 p.m. Free; registration recommended by calling Creative Play Place at 507-351-4284. \$2 supplies fee per person. Open area outside CPP.

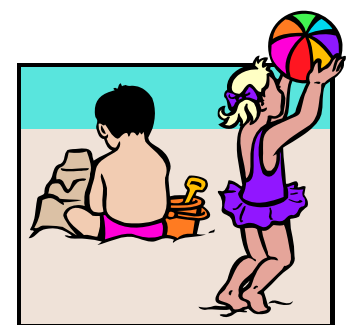
This class is made possible by a grant from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council with funds appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature.



Beach Party! Saturday, February 20 10 a.m.–Noon

Is the cold getting you down? Escape to the Beach! Play games, do puzzles, create sand paintings, make a shell craft, dig in the sand, listen to some ocean stories, sing beach songs and have some tropical snacks! A parent must attend with their child (ren) Parents are free of charge – max. 2 children/parent. Be sure to pack shorts and a cool summer top to change into at the party! (Min. 5, max. 15) *Call 934-3048 to register. Deadline is Mon., Feb. 15.*

\$8 first child, \$5/additional siblings, plus \$2 supplies fee/child paid at event. Creative Play Place members – only pay supplies fee.



Escape the cold! Attend the Creative Play Place Beach Party on Sat., Feb. 20!

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Letting Kids be Kids

I've been reading an interesting book lately. The book focuses on how we parents today have become so fearful that we are often over protective of our children – that although we did many things as kids, we now won't let our own children do them. So why are we so afraid? One reason the author points to is that TV has changed and changed us forever – the kinds of things that are shown on TV – news and CSI type shows – have made us afraid of letting our kids do things. TV sensationalizes it so much that it becomes hard to assess the real

The Great Book Escape

Grades 1–3 w/ a parent. 6-7pm Tuesdays: Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Mar. 9 & April 6
Grades 3–5 w/ a parent. 6-7pm Tuesdays: Jan. 5, Feb. 16, Mar. 16 & April 20
St. Peter Public Library - Free

Join us any month! Call to find out what we are reading and sign up! Parent-child book groups are a special way to connect – talking about a book they love! So, grab your son, daughter, mom or dad and head on down to the library! Each month the group of children and parents will select a book to read, then meet again the following month to discuss the book and participate in activities related to it. A parent must attend with their child. **Co-sponsored by the Creative Play Place and the St. Peter Public Library. (\$5 supplies fee paid at class)**

Parenting Book Group

St. Peter Public Library—Free

Children—If they only came with instructions! Select interesting books about parenting topics to read and discuss. Goal to be able to split into groups according to children's ages. For more information on days/times and joining contact the Creative Play Place at 351-4284 or arao@hickorytech.net. **Co sponsored by the St. Peter Public Library and the Creative Play Place.**

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risks. And this has lead us to a new problem - that kids are spending only a few minutes a day playing outside. So the book suggests taking baby steps to begin giving kids a bit of independence, so they don't end up growing up afraid of everything and unable to assess risks. Some baby steps you may consider if you haven't – let the kids play in the backyard alone (age appropriate of course) while you watch from the kitchen, have school age kids cross the street next to you, but not holding hands when the traffic isn't crazy (that would be

most times except during school drop off here in St. Peter – ha ha), let your kids climb a tree or play in the dirt, think of things you enjoyed as a kid and figure out how you can let your kids try it without you dying of fear and you are probably on the right track. Do only what you feel comfortable with, but think more about risks and if they are real or TV made before you decide how to best handle a situation for your family. Enjoy your child and enjoy watching them develop a sense of confidence in themselves. See you at CPP, April