

# Northeast Texas Children's Newsletter

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## The Director's Corner

The year 2014 brought new exhibits, recognition, and visitors to the Northeast Texas Children's Museum. The Museum enjoyed a 22% increase in attendance for 2014. Visitors arrived from more than 100 communities during each of the summer months.

New Cypress Bank and Duncan Insurance Playhouse exhibits brought delight to children. By the end of 2014, a new Pirate Ship graced the floor. The Hunt Regional Healthcare exhibit received attention in a remodel. L-3 repainted the airplane and provided new airplane seats for the rocket area.

The Museum's first annual Silent Auction occurred in April, and the proceeds provided funds to enclose our outdoor space, the Great Outdoor Discovery Area. Visitors came because of its recognition as the Best Creative Children's Experience in Texas by the bestof.com travel web site.

I send a great big thank you to our Board of Directors for their support. I especially thank Becky Thompson, 2014 Board of Directors president. Whether standing on a ladder or determining the best way to bring in sand, Becky has been an exceptional leader! We can honestly say 2014 has been the best year yet for the Northeast Texas Children's Museum.

Thanks to each of you for your support!



*Sharline Freeman,  
Executive Director*



*The mission of the Northeast Texas Children's Museum is to inspire imagination, enhance creativity, and build confidence in Children.*

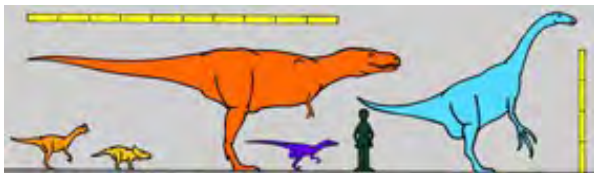
## *Brunch With Santa*

Unlike last year's event that was rescheduled due to inclement weather, this year's Brunch With Santa went as planned. Approximately 250 children and parents participated. Excitement came from crafts, balloon entertainment, pictures with Santa and a pancake breakfast. Steven Pawlow's Christmas train exhibit was also a hit, especially with parents who'd had trains of their own as children.



## *Oncor's Dino Math Program*

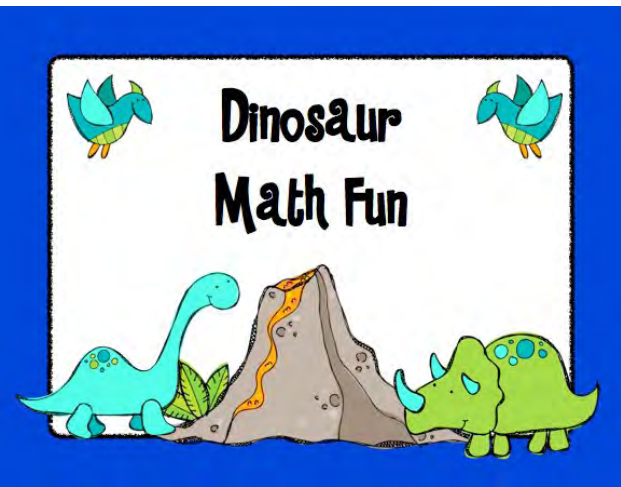
The Dino Math program for third graders brought almost 600 students to the Children's Museum. This program, sponsored by Oncor, allowed participation of third graders from Commerce Elementary, Dodd City, Lone Oak, Cooper, Paul Pewitt, North Hopkins, Celeste, and Aikin Elementary in Paris. Volunteers assisted certified teachers as they presented lessons on measuring in grams and ounces with rocker balances, measuring ounces, cups, pints, quarts, and gallons, and measuring in inches and centimeters.



## *"Frozen" Is Theme of Daddy-Daughter Dance*

Do you want to build a snowman? Then come to the Daddy-Daughter Dance at the Northeast Texas Children's Museum on Saturday, February 7 from 6:30 to 9:00. This will be the seventh year for the Children's Museum Daddy-Daughter Dance. The crafts, food and music will follow the "Frozen" theme.

For the third year, Beckey Thompson will chair the event and Daniel Starks will be the DJ. Tickets will be discounted until the day of the event when the tickets will be \$40.



## *Pirate Night Returns*

Shiver me tembers! After a five-year hiatus, the pirates are back!

A Mother-Son Pirate Night is scheduled for Saturday, February 28 from 6:30-8:30 pm. The event will include pirate grub, a treasure hunt and pirate activities. And, yes, there will even be a plank to walk!

Kelly Ivey is chairing the event. Tickets are \$25 until February 14, and \$30 beginning February 15. Call the Northeast Texas Children's Museum at 903-886-6055 for tickets or more information.



*Velvete Womack, Amy Welch and Lauren*

Fire & Ice's Velvete Womack, Amy Welch and Lauren Tipton have volunteered at the Children's Museum for two Spa Days, Brunch with Santa, and the 2014 Daddy-Daughter Dance. Their latest volunteer effort was Wellness University in January. The event included 24 vendors and many additional volunteers. Visitation was one hundred and thirty on the day of the event. The sale of ads in the information booklet for Wellness University provided funding for the Children's Museum. Thanks Velvete, Amy, and Lauren for all that you have done for the Children's Museum.

## *Leadership Class Visits the Children's Museum*

The Greenville Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class visited the Children's Museum on October 16. Sharline Freeman, Executive Director, introduced the group to the Northeast Texas Children's Museum's activities and gave a history of the Museum. The class was divided into groups and competed in a Scavenger Hunt throughout the Museum. The winning group received passes for a return visit to the Museum with children.

**Leaders become great, not because of  
their power, but because of their  
ability to empower others.**

~John Maxwell



### *Donating to the Museum*

To give donors another option, donations to the Northeast Texas Children's Museum can now be made through PayPal by going to our web page at <http://netxcm.com/index.php> or you may come by the Museum to make a donation at any time. You may also mail the form below. Remember that every dollar helps keep our doors open!

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