



Mississippi Children's Museum - Meridian Launches School Contest in Preparation for its Grand Opening

MISSISSIPPI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM - MERIDIAN

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Mississippi Children's Museum – Meridian holds school contest to get students excited for the museum's grand opening in the Spring.

Meridian, Miss. (January 19, 2021) – The Mississippi Children's Museum – Meridian (MCM-Meridian) is asking students to submit their BIG dreams in a school contest called, *Dream BIG... Sky's the Limit*, sponsored by East Central MS Retired Educators Association and Alan and Marilyn Brown.

"When MCM-Meridian opens this Spring, we will be a place for play, learning, creativity, and curiosity!" Said Clair Huff, Assistant Director of Education and Programs. "From the very beginning, our community has supported the MCM-Meridian dream that will inspire and educate children, families, and educators. And with this contest, we hope to hear the dreams and goals of children in our community so that we can guide them to achieve those dreams for a bright future. With hard work and cooperation, dreams really do come true, and MCM-Meridian is a shining example of that."

Students in pre-kindergarten to sixth grade in the following Mississippi and Alabama counties are encouraged to participate in this contest:

- Lauderdale, Kemper, Neshoba, Newton, Jasper, Clarke, Choctaw, Sumter

Ten winners will be selected and awarded a prize package consisting of an MCM-Meridian t-shirt, bag, and a golden ticket admitting free entry to one adult and one child.

Entry forms and guidelines are available for download and print at <https://mschildrensmuseum.org/meridian/school-contest/>. Entry forms must be sent to MCM-Meridian offices by **February 10, 2021**.

Submit entry forms via email at meridian@mcm.ms or mail to:

Mississippi Children's Museum – Meridian
P.O. Box 1007
Meridian, MS 39302

For questions regarding this contest, email Assistant Director of Education and Programs, Clair Huff, at clair@mcm.ms.

About the Mississippi Children’s Museum - Meridian

The Mississippi Children’s Museum - Meridian (MCM - Meridian) is the East Mississippi satellite campus of the statewide Mississippi Children’s Museum (MCM)—a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that creates unparalleled experiences to inspire excellence and a lifelong joy of learning. MCM-Meridian is building a 25,000-square-foot facility with exhibit space designed around three primary initiatives: Literacy and Arts; STEAM; and Health and Nutrition with Cultural Arts and Mississippi History woven throughout all galleries. Outdoors is a 25,000-square-foot exhibit gallery that allows children a safe and magical space to explore and enrich the learning experience. The museum’s exhibits, programs, and outreach opportunities will provide engaging, explorative, hands-on educational activities for children of all ages. MCM - Meridian is a strategic part of the statewide Mississippi Children’s Museum which is dedicated to inspiring ALL of Mississippi’s children from ALL backgrounds to discover and achieve their potential. To learn more about MCM – Meridian, visit www.mcmmeridian.org.

About the Mississippi Children’s Museum

The Mississippi Children’s Museum (MCM) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering in its visitors a passion for lifelong learning, improving the health and well-being of Mississippi children, and instilling a sense of state pride in all Mississippi residents. The mission of MCM is to create unparalleled experiences to inspire excellence and a lifelong joy of learning. The goal of MCM is to inspire Mississippi’s children from all backgrounds to discover and achieve their potential. The 40,000-square foot museum is designed around five primary initiatives, with correlating exhibits, programs and outreach efforts. These initiatives include: Literacy, STEM, Health and Nutrition, Cultural Arts and Mississippi Heritage—the keys to helping our children mature into healthy and productive adult learners. Museum exhibits provide engaging, explorative, hands-on educational activities for children of all ages. To learn more about MCM, visit www.mschildrensmuseum.org.

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