



The Mississippi Children's Museum – Meridian Celebrates Dr. Seuss' Birthday

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Meridian, Miss. – The Mississippi Children's Museum – Meridian (MCM-Meridian) is celebrating *Dr. Seuss' Silly Birthday* on Saturday, February 26 from 9am – 5pm.

Guests are encouraged to dress in costume and step into the whimsical and wonderful world of the beloved author, Dr. Seuss. Enjoy delicious green eggs and ham breakfast provided by Mia's Caffe, explore the science of Bartholomew's oobleck slime with Algix, create colorful Seuss-inspired crafts, listen to rhythmic read alouds with our special guests, tinker with instruments in the Meridian Symphony Orchestra musical petting zoo, and play outdoor games in the garden. At 11am, join Thing 1 and Thing 2 and the Meridian High School band to parade through the museum with a "happy birthday" song and birthday cake!

Since 2017, MCM-Meridian has hosted *Dr. Seuss' Silly Birthday Celebration* annually as a preliminary outreach event within the community. Now five years later, MCM-Meridian is thrilled to finally welcome guests to explore the imaginative world of Dr. Seuss within the walls of the museum.

MCM-Meridian strives to provide unparalleled experiences to inspire excellence and a lifelong joy of learning through its innovative programs, special events, and exhibits targeted to reach children during critical learning years.

Admission is \$10 per person and free for museum members. For event details and a full schedule of activities, visit www.mcmmeridian.org.

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 a 25,000-square-foot facility with

exhibit space designed around three primary initiatives: Literacy, STEAM, Health and Nutrition, 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 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 with a mission of creating unparalleled experiences to inspire excellence and a lifelong joy of learning in all children. The 40,000-square foot museum is designed around five primary initiatives, with correlating exhibits, programs, and outreach efforts. These initiatives include: Literacy, STEAM, Health and Nutrition, Cultural Arts, and Mississippi Heritage – the keys to helping our children mature into healthy and productive adult learners. In response to community needs due to the COVID-19 pandemic, MCM shifted operating and programming priorities to best serve Mississippi's children and combat learning loss through facilitating virtual schooling and creating online educational enrichment – services that continue today through a robust, daily afterschool program and an online platform for teacher professional development.

In 2021, MCM celebrated a monumental year by receiving an Institute of Museum and Library Services National Medal, the nation's highest honor for museums, and through opening its first satellite museum, MCM-Meridian, which received the 2021 Governor's Award for Travel Attraction of the Year.

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