



An Hour A Week

Volunteer Services Newsletter

April 2016



March was National Reading Month. We asked our volunteers what they were reading. Check out our blog, [Ask Me About My 12,000 Kids](#), to take a look at the responses!

Event Spotlight - Math-A-Lon



Students from Lincoln International Studies School

On March 30th 3-5th grade students from Edison Environmental Science Academy, Lincoln International Studies School, Milwood Elementary,

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Volunteer Opportunity

Dia del Niño

El Sol Elementary
 604 W Vine St
 April 29th
 8:30am - 4pm

Dia del Niño is a Mexican holiday, celebrated since 1925, which focuses on the importance of loving, accepting and appreciating children. We need 10 volunteers to assist teachers with hands-on projects going on throughout the day. Lower grade teachers will need the most assistance. Volunteers should dress comfortable, be flexible, and know that this is the funniest day of the year.

Contact Mimi Leake at nleake0901@gmail.com to sign up or call 269-568-1153

Spring Valley Center for Exploration, Washington Writers' Academy, and Woods Lake Elementary: A Magnet Center for the Arts participated in the first Math-A-Lon, a partnership with Kalamazoo Public Schools. Students competed at the Kalamazoo Public Library for several hours, solving math puzzles and equations to determine who took home the gold trophy.

The following teams placed at the event:

1st- Lincoln International Studies School
 2nd- Edison Environmental Science Academy
 3rd- Spring Valley Center for Exploration

Congrats to students and staff for participating in such a wonderful event!

Upcoming Training

Cultural Competency: Diversity & Inclusion

Saturday, May 21st, 9-11:30am
 First Congregational Church
 345 W. Michigan Ave.

Explore how our biases shape and impact the relationships we have with the students we serve. Learn how to build empowering and student-led relationships by gaining a more comprehensive understanding of barriers students face.

Contact Kaitlin Martin at kmartin@ciskalamazoo.org to register.

Kids' Closet

Kids' Closet currently has a need for the following new items:

- Underwear - children and adult sizes
- Sweatpants - children and adult sizes
- Shorts - children and adult sizes
- Deodorant - men's and women's
- Hand/body lotion - unscented/unisex
- Feminine hygiene items

To make a donation, please contact Emily Kobza at ekobza@ciskalamazoo.org or 269-337-1601 x205. For more information, go to our

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