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CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER BEGINS THE NEW YEAR WITH MESSY FUN

VISITORS ARE INVITED TO START 2018 WITH MESSFEST TRADITION

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 19, 2017 – MessFest, Carnegie Science Center’s one-of-a-kind tradition to kick off the New Year with a very messy start, is back! Carnegie Science Center is breaking out all of its slimiest, yuckiest, and gooiest activities for MessFest 2018 on **Monday, Jan. 1**. This is the 12th annual MessFest celebration.

MessFest features hands-on activities that are available only on this special day. From 10 am to 5 pm, visitors of all ages are invited to experiment and enjoy as the Science Center turns its four floors of exhibits into a messy playground. It’s fun for the whole family and, best of all, parents don’t have to clean up after their kids!

Visitors are advised: You will get messy, so whatever you do, don’t dress up! Gooley-substance-turned-solid-turned-liquid Oobleck returns as a fan favorite. The Egg Zipline activity invites visitors to engineer a package for raw eggs that will protect their “egg-stronauts” as they are sent hurtling toward the Science Stage. Kids can become messy artists with finger painting and compete in a pudding “pi”-eating contest. Other activities include making prints with bubbles, using polymers to make snow, and seeing some explosive reactions.

Along with the activity tables, visitors can experience high-energy, grossly entertaining programs in the Science Center’s BodyStage, presented by Allegheny Health Network.

MessFest activities are included with general admission to the Science Center.

MessFest is presented by PPG and sponsored by WISH 99.7.

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About Carnegie Science Center

Carnegie Science Center is dedicated to inspiring learning and curiosity by connecting science and technology with everyday life. By making science both relevant and fun, the Science Center's goal is to increase science literacy in the region and motivate young people to seek careers in science and technology. One of the four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, the Science Center is Pittsburgh's premier science exploration destination, reaching more than 700,000 people annually through its hands-on exhibits, camps, classes, and off-site education programs.

About Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh

Established in 1895 by Andrew Carnegie, Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh is a collection of four distinctive museums: Carnegie Museum of Art, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Carnegie Science Center, and The Andy Warhol Museum. In 2016, the museums reached more than 1.4 million people through exhibitions, educational programs, outreach activities, and special events.

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