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CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER CELEBRATES THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD WITH VIRTUAL EARLY LEARNER OPPORTUNITIES

PITTSBURGH, April 9, 2020 — While Carnegie Science Center is temporarily closed due to public health concerns surrounding COVID-19, the museum will host a **virtual celebration on social media** for the **Week of the Young Child™ Mon.–Fri., April 13–17, 2020**, an annual event sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) to celebrate early learning, young children, their teachers, families, and communities with collaborative activities encouraging movement and healthy lifestyles through music, food, and art.

Each day at 10:30 am, Science Center team members will host a Facebook Live during which they will provide entertainment for early learners and their grown-ups inspired by the daily themes of this year's celebration.

At noon, the Science Center will post a simple science activity specifically geared toward early learners. These activities will enhance children's fine and gross motor skills, encourage collaboration, and assist with the development of problem-solving and listening skills.

The week's lineup of Facebook Live events and activities include:

- **April 13 – Music Monday** – Science Educator Brad Peroney will kick off the week with a special edition of his Music Monday Facebook Live. While Peroney has hosted Music Monday weekly during the Science Center's closure, this performance will include even more tunes for toddlers! The noon activity comes courtesy of Science Educator Angelica Miller. She'll share some ideas for how to make musical instruments at home using simple items found around the house.

- **April 14 – Tasty Tuesday** – Wendy Brenneman and her daughter, Mica, will make two tot-approved recipes via Facebook Live – a chickpea salad and peanut butter balls – as well as demonstrate how to make bubbles at home. For the noon activity, followers will learn how to do a taste test activity at home!
- **April 15 – Work Together Wednesday** – Science Educator Jason Dohoda will host virtual story time, during which he'll read a selection of children's books about working together as a team. He'll also demonstrate how to build a robot and rocket ship using household materials. Then, at noon, work together to complete an "I Spy" challenge with the Science Center's at-home scavenger hunt.
- **April 16 – Artsy Thursday** – Dohoda returns for another virtual storytelling session, this time with books about tapping into the power of creativity and imagination. He'll also show viewers how to color or paint a picture and turn it into a puzzle to share with family. Plus, learn how to make bubble wrap prints at noon.
- **April 17 – Family Friday** – Welcome back Brenneman for a story time focused on the love of family! The family fun continues at noon as Miller will share instructions for creating a collaborative family mural.

For families looking for more ways to keep their children engaged and exploring at home, check out the [CSC's Three Things](#), a curated list of [something to READ](#), [something to WATCH](#), and [something to DO](#) posted each day at 8 am on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Activities and fun science demonstration videos can also be found daily on the Science Center's [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#) channel.

Additional at-home educational opportunities for kids in grades K-12 are available at [STEMisphere®](#), an online database packed with STEM-focused videos, lesson plans, games, and hands-on activities. Resources on STEMisphere® are submitted by museums, educators, schools, and educational organizations across the nation. Users can filter the resources by grade level, subject, activity length, equipment, and resource type to find the perfect activity – whether it's to supplement a school assignment or to inspire students to take a deeper dive on a topic that interests them.

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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.

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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 2019, the museums reached more than 1.4 million people through exhibitions, educational programs, outreach activities, and special events.

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