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Holiday Spectacular begins again at the Mississippi Children's Museum
Celebrate the Christmas season all month long with special guests, activities, live music and hours of inspiration!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4 (5:00 – 8:00 p.m.): LIGHTING CEREMONY

Special guest, Mayor Tony Yarber, will light the holiday tree to illuminate the entire museum and the *Literacy Garden*. Dance with Santa Claus to the jingling beat of the Murrah High School Drumline.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 (5:00 – 8:00 p.m.): 5TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Set sail for MCM's 5th Birthday Celebration as we name the shrimp boat! MCM will be hosting a birthday bake-off with metro Jackson favorites including That Special Touch, Lulu's Sweet Shop, La Brioche, Cakes by Iris, Sticky Sweet Cakes & Treats and Campbell's Bakery.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11 (5:00 – 8:00 p.m.): EVENING WITH ELVES

Elves are always ready to tinker, shape, build and make! Design your own elf gear or launch a snowball catapult! Shrink down to "elf size" and knock down pins in the Eudora Welty Porch bowling alley. Say hello to Santa and listen to holiday tunes from Jackson Prep's Patriot Singers!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 (5:00 – 8:00 p.m.): HOT CAKES & SNOWFLAKES

Guests are invited to wear festive PJ's and snack on a breakfast treat before bedtime! Hot cakes will be available for purchase in the Red Rocket Café as the Florence High School.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18 (5:00 – 8:00 p.m.): POLAR EXPRESS

Join us as we read the classic holiday tale, *The Polar Express* and ride on a real train outside! Children are invited to dress in holiday pajamas, tinker with ornament STEM stations and dance to holiday tunes with Mr. Snowman!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19 (5:00 – 8:00 p.m.): SANTA INSTITUTE

How does Santa slip down chimneys so fast? Bring your questions to the renowned, Santa Institute on Saturday morning and evening at MCM! Learn from the elf experts and hear the science of Santa sponsored in part by Children's of Mississippi, part of the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Groove through the night to jazz sounds from Jimmy Turner and friends.

Museum will be **closed** for normal hours on December 24, 25 and New Year's Day, January 1, 2016. See special **Magic Monday** openings on MCM's website.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26 (5:00 – 8:00 p.m.): GO BIG, ORIGAMI HOME!

Get ready to build, shape, make and create! Go Big, Origami Home is here to celebrate the end of our visiting exhibit, *Hello From Japan* and challenge children with a new craft and STEM stations throughout the museum. Join Mr. Snowman and other music guests as we soak up the end of the holiday magic at MCM.

For more information about MCM's spectacular holiday season and when to get your picture with Santa Claus, visit mississippichildrensmuseum.com.

About the Mississippi Children's Museum

The Mississippi Children's Museum (MCM) is a 501c3 organization. The mission of the MCM is to provide a unique and exciting educational experience that ignites and inspires a thirst for discovery, knowledge, and learning in all children. The goal of MCM is to empower and inspire all our state's children, regardless of their social, educational or economic background, to discover their potential through tapping their curiosity and creativity. The Museum accomplishes this mission through hands-on and engaging exhibits and programs focusing on literacy, the arts, science, health and nutrition – the keys to helping our children mature into healthy and productive adult learners. In 2011, MCM was named Travel Attraction of the Year by the Mississippi Tourism Association. To learn more about MCM visit www.mississippichildrensmuseum.com.

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