**SUMMER CAMPS**

**Preschool • Elementary**

Only a few spaces left!

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**4TH OF JULY**

Come play with us!
The Museum is OPEN 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**LEGION PARK**

Imagine staff are also at Legion Park!
Join us for more festive activities 2 – 8 p.m.

LEARN MORE: ImagineCM.org/fourth-of-july

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**Grandparents are TOPS!**

Sunday, September 15, 1 – 4 p.m.

FREE admission for grandparents!

**Special Guests & Activities**

Watch master woodturners transform a wood block into a top just for you. And more!

LEARN MORE: ImagineCM.org/grandparents-are-tops

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**Need to refuel?**

Make a pit stop at Divy’s Food Truck on the 3rd Floor for family-friendly eats and treats!

Sandwiches, salads, beverages, snacks and more.

We’ve got ice cream!

TUESDAYS – SUNDAYS
11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Access is included with Museum admission.

LEARN MORE: ImagineCM.org/visit/food-snack

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**Where families meet to create lifelong memories**

**Buy a membership today!**

- Unlimited family fun all year round
- Rain or shine, Imagine is the perfect space for play
- Member discounts and perks
- Create lasting memories
- Experiences make the perfect gift

RENEW HERE: ImagineCM.org/memberships
Call (425) 258-1006, Ext. 1025 or email Memberships@ImagineCM.org

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**SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2024**

WASHINGTON’S ULTIMATE PLAY & LEARNING DESTINATION
Join us for art projects inspired by famous song titles!

July 16
Let’s Do the Twist
Garden Decor

Visit our website to see our Summer of Songs!

Activities included with Museum admission

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FREE FAMILY FUN

FREE COMMUNITY ACCESS NIGHT
at IMAGINE CHILDREN’S MUSEUM

July 19 | Aug. 16 | Sept. 20
5 – 9 p.m.

3rd FRIDAY
OF EVERY MONTH
5 – 9 p.m.

LEARN MORE:
ImagineCM.org/community-access-night

1ST Sunday of each month

GRANDfamilies Free Museum Access and Resources
Dedicated Museum playtime and resources for families in which children are raised full-time by grandparents or other extended family members.
July 7 – Aug. 4
9 – 11 a.m.

GRANDfamilies
The Museum is closed on Sunday, September 1.
Pre-registration required. *Chronological age applies

REGISTER at ImagineCM.org/grandfamilies
Call (425) 258-1006, Ext. 1012 or email Reservations@ImagineCM.org

2nd Sunday of each month

Dedicated Museum playtime and resources for children and families affected by a close family member who is currently incarcerated or recently released.
July 14 – Aug. 11
9 – 11 a.m.

REGISTER at ImagineCM.org/dreambig
Call (425) 258-1006, Ext. 1012 or email Reservations@ImagineCM.org

3rd Sunday of each month

SENSORY TIME

Sensory Time is a special Sunday program for families with children on the autism spectrum, children with sensory processing disorders and children with other special needs.
July 21 – Aug. 18 – Sept. 15
9 – 11 a.m.

REGISTER at ImagineCM.org/sensory
Call (425) 258-1006 or email Reservations@ImagineCM.org

JUGANDO Con MÚSICA
Playing with Music

Jugando con Música
Join us for an exciting bilingual (English and Spanish) music program for kids and families. Dance, sing and play musical instruments while developing learning readiness skills.
Thursdays, 1:00 p.m.* Saturdays, 12:00 p.m.* Sundays, 2:30 p.m.
Included with Museum admission

* Limited programs may be modified or postponed due to Museum special events. No Thursday program on July 4.

A-HA! All day in the Art Hangout
Art and History Adventures
Explore the past through the lens of creativity with art & history adventures. Unleash creativity by turning fascinating historical days into interactive art projects. You won’t want to miss...

Visit our website to see the schedule of A-HA projects.
ImagineCM.org/art-hangout

Welcome to ImagineCM.org/art-hangout

Blue Dates – Community Program
Purple Dates – Included with admission
Red Dates – Fee applies
*Pre-registration required

Thursdays, Saturdays & Sundays: Art and Music on the Go!

PRE-REGISTER at ImagineCM.org/art-hangout
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Dates & times subject to change.
Sign up for our weekly e-newsletter at:
ImagineCM.org/enews/signup

AUGUST

Toddler Time: Returning in September
Preschool Explorers: Returning in September
3 Celebrate Our World – Qatar
4 Art Studio Spotlight
GRANDfamilies*
6 A-HA Art & History Adventures
10 Art Rocks!
12 F-engineers – Thermal Engineering
13 Dream Big*
14 Tumbling, Flipping, Twirling Time
16 Community Access Night, 5–9 p.m.
20 Art Rocks!
21 Sensory Time*
24 Clay Days
28 Cartoon Corner
29 Art Rocks!

SEPTEMBER

Toddler Time: Returning in September
Preschool Explorers: September 13, 20, 27*

1–6 Class Week
Museum is CLOSED, including Labor Day, while we focus on deep cleaning and exhibit maintenance. The Museum may be closed additional dates. Please check our website.

10 A-HA Art & History Adventures
12 Art Rocks!
14 Celebrate Our World – Thailand
15 F-engineers – Biological Engineering
15 Art Rocks!
15 Grandparents are Tops!
15 Sensory Time*
17 A-HA Art & History Adventures
17 Tumbling, Flipping, Twirling Time
19 Clay Days
20 Community Access Night, 5–9 p.m.
21 Art Rocks!
25 Art Studio Spotlight
25 Art Rocks!
28 Worldwide Day of Play
29 Cartoon Corner

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Welcome Elee Wood

Hello! I am so happy to be joining the Imagine team and the Pacific Northwest's community of playful learners. It is an honor to take the helm as Imagine's next CEO and carry on the museum's commitment to enrich the lives of children and families. I am excited to be part of this incredible organization that puts children's creativity and imagination at the center and builds hope for all our futures. As I introduced myself to the Museum's Board of Directors, I come to Imagine as a powerfully curious person, a knowledgeable educator and a committed leader. I look forward to carrying on the tradition of developing unique exhibits and programs, connecting with communities and celebrating the diversity of experiences that help children thrive through play.

A favorite quote of mine comes from a 19th century poet, Arthur O'Shaughnessy, by way of Willy Wonka: "We are the music makers, and we are the dreamers of dreams." There is no more perfect description of children, I think, than this. Our work is to create a place where children can dream and imagine, create and connect, build and develop. When adults join in the fun and support children's learning and development, we all benefit in the long-term effects. I hope you will continue to play with us into the future. I look forward to meeting you as we continue to build Imagine as a vibrant community resource for generations to come.

I can be reached at EleeW@ImagineCM.org or (425) 238-4596.

Elizabeth (Elee) Wood, Ph.D.

“A life is no brief candle to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got a hold of for the moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations.”

– George Bernard Shaw

A Final Farewell

As my tenure as CEO of Imagine Children's Museum comes to an end, my heart is filled with gratitude.

It has been the honor of a lifetime to lead Imagine and help advance its mission to enrich the lives of children through playful learning. Imagine has become a vital community resource where children can explore, create and discover in ways that spark their curiosity and ignite their imaginations. Together, as a community, we have built the largest children's museum in the Pacific Northwest, serving more than 283,000 visitors every year, enhanced by strong partnerships with schools, childcare centers, social service providers and other nonprofits to bring playful learning opportunities throughout Snohomish County.

A leader can help make monumental things happen only if surrounded by amazing people. I am profoundly thankful for my family and the Board, staff, volunteers, donors and colleagues who have encouraged me as I provided leadership to Imagine during the past 26 years. The kindness I have felt has been a gift that was integral to my success.

Reflecting on those who are no longer with us, but who were instrumental in the Museum's success, brings me great joy! We can carry the torch forward because of their vision and commitment to empower the next generation through play.

I am grateful to those who continue to be mission-driven and focused on the possibilities ahead for Imagine. As I pass the torch forward, it is exciting to envision the future!

With gratitude for an unforgettable journey and memories that will last a lifetime,

While I’m leaving Imagine, my heart will forever be with the Museum. Imagine Children’s Museum is a desperately needed resource that provides support to children and families year-round. Over the years, my heart has been especially touched by families who have faced a life-altering diagnosis or who have experienced the loss of a precious family member.

During times of uncertainty and overwhelming emotional distress, the Museum can be a restorative haven – a place where families can discover bright moments of joy that otherwise might be overshadowed by circumstances. Playing at the Museum can build courage and lift spirits, and it can be a place of healing over time. Our immersive setting is open all year round. On the good days, and on the bad ones, we consistently offer children and adults a supportive pathway to navigate the challenges of the present moment with care and resilience. It is a place of HOPE, even in the darkest hour.

It seemed fitting that my final gesture of love for the Museum and these families was to start the Imagine HOPE Endowment to make sure Imagine is a resource that will be there to support these families for generations to come. Please consider joining me in building this endowment.

For more information, contact Gretchen Wilson-Prangley, Chief Impact Officer, at Giving@ImagineCM.org or (425) 542-1838. ImagineCM.org/imagine-hope