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Science Story Time at the MESS Hall targets young learners and their families

The Pensacola MESS Hall is introducing a monthly Science Storytime to engage young learners and their families in science discovery. Programs start with a story, and then learners and their caregivers have the chance to explore the concepts of the story through hands-on exploration. This program draws from a variety of school based programs the MESS Hall offers including the current Science Sprouts program for high need kindergartens funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Programs begin with a story at 10:15 AM and the materials will be available for families until 11:30 AM. If families miss the beginning, the book will be available for them to read to their child to enhance the activities. The program is included with admission and is suitable for learners age 3+. All attendees must be accompanied by an adult.

The fall schedule is:

Moonbear's Shadow - Sept 24 - Explore how shadows are made through Moonbear's effort to outwit his troublesome shadow.

Newton and Me - Oct 8 - Investigate friction and gravity as a boy and his dog travel their neighborhood.

Greedy Triangle - Nov 5 - Create shapes as the triangles get greedy for more and more sides and angles.

Additional programming at the MESS Hall this fall:

Curiosity Days - Each month we dive deeper into different scientific topics during Curiosity Days. Special facilitated stations aligned with the topics are available for exploration from 1 PM – 4 PM. Programs are included with admission. Programs are recommended for ages 7 and up.

Monthly themes are:

Observe The Moon – October 1

Frankenstein – October 29

Air and Flight – November 11

Coding – December 10

Homeschool Field Trips - A MESS Hall field trip is an opportunity to engage in a special topic with other homeschool learners. Experience the type of program that is only available to school groups that will get your scientific brain going.

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Monthly themes are:

Get Going With Gravity – September 21

Method to the MESS – October 18

Air Show – November 9

In addition to the special activities each month, visitors will have the opportunity to explore exhibits and mess kits that inspire curiosity for the entire family. Admission to the museum, which includes the Curiosity Day and Science Story Time activities, is \$12 for adults and children ages 3 and up. Members of the MESS Hall always receive free admission.

ABOUT THE MESS HALL

Founded in 2012 and located at 418 E. Wright St in Downtown Pensacola, The Pensacola MESS Hall is not a typical science museum. It's all hands-on science. Visitors enjoy exploring math, engineering, science, and stuff with an ever-changing menu of mess kits, activities and exhibits. For more information about the MESS Hall, visit pensacolamesshall.org.

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