

Dear MVDC Families,



Omega Baptist Church is holding a BLOCK PARTY on Saturday, August 12, 2023 beginning at 11 am, 1821 Emerson Avenue, Dayton 45406. Go to <https://www.omegabaptist.org/> for registration information.

Gem City Action is holding a FREE Back to School Community Support Event on August 12, 2023 from 11 am to 2 pm, Courthouse Square, 23 N. Main Street, Dayton 45402. Free Resources and info for the whole family - clothing, shoes, food, toys, books and more!

St. Luke MB Church is holding a Back to School Bash on Sunday, August 13, 2023 immediately following service, 2262 N. Gettysburg Avenue, Dayton 45406. This event will include bookbag and school supply giveaways, as well as barber and styling for students. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Sinclair's Diversity Office, in partnership with Preschool Promise, is holding a FREE screening of the award-winning documentary Black Boys on August 31, 2023 at 6:30 pm, Sinclair Conference Center, Room 12-116. Please click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

Five Rivers MetroParks have a variety of activities and events that are a perfect way to end the summer for children and families. The two-day [African American Cultural Festival](#) starts Saturday, Aug. 19. From noon to 8 p.m., visitors can enjoy family-friendly activities, food vendors, entertainment, and more at [Island MetroPark](#).

Families can also explore a wetland or a creek, discover pollinators, or learn about Ohio's fish.

- [Wetland Exploration](#): Aug. 18 – 6 to 7 p.m. at Carriage Hill MetroPark
- [Pollinator Discovery](#): Aug. 19 – 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Possum Creek MetroPark
- [Creek Guide Training](#): Aug. 19 – 1 to 3 p.m. at Cox Arboretum MetroPark
- [Tree Observer](#): Aug. 19 – 4 to 5:30 p.m. at Cox Arboretum MetroPark
- [Prairie Seed Collecting](#): Aug. 26 – 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Possum Creek MetroPark
- [Ohio's Fish](#): Aug. 26 – 1 to 3 p.m. at Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark
- [Creek Exploration](#): Aug. 26 – 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Sugarcreek MetroPark

Make a splash at the Children's Discovery Gardens at [Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark](#), the Interactive Fountains at [RiverScape MetroPark](#), or the splash pad at [Island MetroPark](#) one last time before Labor Day.

See what veggies are in season by visiting the demonstration garden at [Possum Creek MetroPark](#) or Skeeter's Garden at [Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark](#). You can check out heirloom veggies at [Carriage Hill MetroPark's](#) historical garden, which is adjacent to the farmhouse.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Preschool Promise Montgomery County Play on Purpose Play and Learn click HERE for more information | FRIDAYS through August 18 | 9:30-10:15 am | Dayton Metro Library - Northwest 2410 Philadelphia Drive |
| Fulton Open House | August 17 | 2:30-4:30 pm | Fulton 631 S. Yellow Springs Street, Springfield |
| MET School Family Day | August 17 | 3-5 pm | MET 2900 Shiloh Springs Road, Trotwood |
| St. Joseph's Orientation/Open House | August 17 | 3-4:30 pm | St. Joseph's Center 819 Kenton Street, Springfield |
| London Back to School Open House | August 18 | 10-11 am and 1-2 pm | London 510 Elm Street, London |
| Black Breastfeeding Brunch click HERE for more information | August 26 | 11 am-1 pm | Dayton Metro Library - Northwest 2410 Philadelphia Drive |

If you know of any families interested in enrolling their child in Head Start or Early Head Start, please have them call us at 937-2ENROLL or refer them to www.mvcdc.org.
Click [HERE](#) for enrollment information.

MV CDC is still looking for DIFFERENCE MAKERS! If you or someone you know is looking for a career working with children and families, consider joining our team. A complete listing of open positions is available on our website www.mvcdc.org.

Just a reminder that MV CDC will be **closed for staff training August 14-18, 2023**.

Have a great weekend!

Gratefully,



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