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## News

### Help! The Kids are Out of School for a Week!

Have no fear the Monmouth Museum is here with activities for boys and girls up to 12.

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Stir crazy kids and parents will be glad to know that the [Monmouth Museum](#) is open while school is out for the holidays. From Dec. 26 through Dec. 31, the museum hours will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The museum, located on the campus of [Brookdale Community College](#) in [Middletown](#), offers play spaces for kids from 0-12 years old that are bright, clean and free of Chucky Cheese like sounds that grown-ups love to hate.

And no tokens needed. General admission is \$7 a person and free for kids under 2 years.

**For kids 6 years and younger, visit the [Dorothy V. Morehouse Wonder Wing](#).**

Children can explore a pirate ship, perform in a Tiki theater, climb a tree house and slide through a whale. Explore a lighthouse and look through a periscope to find colorful sea creatures. Play hide-and-seek in a kelp forest, go fishing, and listen to a waterfall. The Wonder Wing is designed for early childhood education with elements that stimulate curiosity, enhance understanding, and draw young visitors to experiment, imagine, explore and discover. But honestly, it's just plain fun. Especially the tunnel with the black light.

**For kids 7 years and older, visit the [Becker Children's Wing](#).**

Big kids can explore the related but unique sciences of climate and weather at the Changing Climate: Changing Weather exhibit. This hands-on exhibition with interactive elements to guide visitors through the history of weather and climate change studies. Kids will get an in depth-look at the greenhouse effect and our earth's current challenge of global warming, without that boring classroom vibe.

**For kids of all ages, visit the train exhibit.**

Located in the [All Things New Jersey holiday exhibit](#), the train set features a locomotive, planes and plenty of buttons for curious kids to push. Train-obsessed little boys will be agog at the display, but even girls and grown-ups will be drawn into the miniature world.

On Friday, Dec. 31 the museum will host a family New Year's Eve celebration at the Becker Children's wing with party hats, noise makers and an 8 p.m. ginger ale toast.

For more information, call the museum at 732-747-2266 or visit them [online](#).

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