Size is Not a Constraint for Inclusion

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH GUEST: Jaida Bell: Runway Model Fashion Fun

Celebrating Black History Month at MARBLES

Grab your fashion flair and join Jaida Bell, 10-year-old, runway model as she leads guests in an interactive, confidence boosting, strut through Curiosity Square.
BLACK HISTORY MONTH: HEIRESS HOUSE DESIGNER

Create and design with a fashion designer, seamstress and stylist, Mechi Nicole. Learn about how this self-taught fashion designer went from creating her own clothes as a teenager to styling superstars. Choose from tulle, and African fabrics to bling your very own designer wear.
BLACK HISTORY MONTH: NC STATE'S BLACK AMERICAN VET LEADERS

Celebrating Black History Month at Marbles

Meet and greet future leaders in Veterinary medicine. Imani Anderson and friends will help little learners pretend to perform surgery and will share and show real animals to our guests.
Black History Month

Guest: Julius Griffin

February 12, 2023 @ 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

On The Farm

Meet and greet a real farmer from Louisburg, NC. Learn about planting seeds with a fun interactive activity,
TRAILBLAZER QUEST

JACOB LAWRENCE

Jacob Lawrence was famous for his paintings of contemporary African American life. He referred to his style of painting as “dynamic cubism” and was influenced heavily by life in Harlem, New York City.

STARR ANDREWS

A figure skater with over 13 first, second, and third place awards. She is the first African American woman to bring home a Grand Prix!

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH at MARBLES
SENSORY FRIENDLY PLAYTIME

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Marbles Sensory Friendly Playtime presented by ABSKids
the sandbox
AN INTERACTIVE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
MONTHLY ON SATURDAY | 10:00 AM - 12:00PM
AT THE SANDBOX ON HHI
Our Sensory Friendly inclusive time is back at The Sandbox Children's Museum.

Join us monthly on select Saturday mornings for Sensory Friendly inclusive time. Designed for families with children on the Autism spectrum or who need a smaller group and quieter experience. Come and meet new friends and explore the museum.

We have a special reduced admission price of $5.00. Make your reservation by emailing our coordinator at thesandboxhhi@gmail.com

2023 Dates
January 21
February 18
March 18
April 22
May 20

Sponsored by The Brookside Foundation
Sweetgrass

Sweetgrass basket sewing is one of the many forms of art of the Gullah people. All crafts had a purpose in daily life. Basket sewing was similar to way it had been done by their descendants in Africa.

Can you braid this sweetgrass?

About Sweetgrass

Both men and women make baskets. Sweetgrass (Chrysobalanus icaco) grows in the marsh, sand dunes near oceans and marshes. Its vibrant purple flowers in the fall, which eventually fade to white. Baskets are made with sweetgrass, palm fronds, and long pine needles.

Our Gullah Heritage

The land that surrounds us is part of who we are; it reflects our histories.

The Sandlack Children’s Museum sits on the original homelands of the Gullah people, who have stewarded this land for generations.

It is vital to honor these beginnings and recognize the ongoing dedication and importance of indigenous culture within our communities and within the land that we gather, live, learn and work.

Consistent with our commitment to diversity and inclusion, the Sandlack Children’s Museum works towards building relationships with the Gullah community through partnerships and program offerings.

For more information visit the Gullah Museum, gullahmuseumwv.org

Fishing Nets

The Gullah people fished with nets and gathered seafood for meals and to sell. Living on an island made seafood a staple to their diet.

What can you catch in your net?

To catch seafood such as fish, crabs, and shrimp, they would carefully weave casting nets by hand, such as one seen here.

These nets were made of cotton twine and weights.

A net with smaller opening was used for shrimp and one with larger openings was used for fish.

It was a skill to not only knit these nests but to throw it in a way to catch the fish or shrimp without them swimming away.
United States

I call upon all Americans to observe this month by fighting prejudice and discrimination in their own lives and everywhere it exists.

- Proclamation 8929 by US President Barack Obama

Pride is a celebration of freedom and equality for all people. Pride Month occurs in the United States every June to commemorate the 1969 Stonewall riots. As a result, many pride events are held during this month to recognize the impact lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people have had in the world.

Arizona State University’s Center for Child Well-Being has these tips for explaining Pride Month to children.

Keep it simple. You can’t talk about LGBT Pride Month without first talking about what it means to be gay, bisexual, or transgender. This can be an easy discussion that can be started with asking your children what they already know. This allows the opportunity to correct misinformation. A great, simple explanation of what it means to be gay that satisfies most kids is something like, “when a man loves a man or when a woman loves a woman.”

Be honest. Your kids will have questions — and don’t be surprised if these questions are surprisingly deep or existential. If questions arise as to why the LGBTQ community has a Pride Month, honesty and simple answers tend to suffice. “This month happens to be LGBTQ Pride Month, which is when many people show in different ways, like in parades or in advertisements, that they are either proud of being gay or support the LGBTQ community.”

Be open. Let your kids know that they can keep coming back to you with any questions that pop up. Being open also means keeping the conversation going. The older your kids get, the heavier the messaging so it’s important to initiate check-ins in order to gauge what they know and what they are hearing from peers. At our house, we have found that the dinner table is a great place to discuss important issues.

https://childwellbeing.asu.edu/explainingpride-month

More Resources:

https://pflag.org/loving-families
https://www.cdc.gov/lgbthealth/youth-resources.htm
https://www.welcomingschools.org/resources/definitions/youth-definitions/
https://sacccenter.org/
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