

McDonalds Holiday Lights at the Beach

Festive fish, jumping dolphins, frolicking porpoises – all in bright, colored lights against the clear night-time sky, are the stars of McDonald's Holiday Lights at the Beach, a nautical and holiday-themed light display at the Virginia Beach oceanfront! They are joined by Santa, elves, and a 40-foot tall Christmas tree erected on the beach and in the beautiful parks along the Virginia Beach boardwalk. It's the only time of the year that cars get to drive right on the boardwalk! For over 30 blocks, almost 40,000 vehicles a year make the trek through this holiday wonderland.

[Virginia Beach Boardwalk](#)
[Virginia Beach, VA 23451](#)

Area: Resort Area

Phone: (757) 491 - 7866 • Admission Fee • Kid / Family Friendly

Hunt Club Farm's Winter Wonderland

Experience a magical children's winter wonderland at Hunt Club Farm from November 26 through December 31st.

Thousands of sparkling lights, a children's maze, and hundreds of animated holiday figures come to life for a fantastic journey through the toy workshop. Delight in handmade wreath demonstrations and pick from your choice of Virginia-grown Christmas trees.

Admission is \$6 per person. Children under 2 are free.

Area: Sandbridge / Pungo [2388 London Bridge Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23456](#)

Phone: (757) 427 - 9520 • Kid / Family Friendly

Funny Bone Comedy Club & Restaurant

217 Central park Avenue, Virginia Beach, VA (757)213-5555

The Funny Bone and Toys For Tots need your help!

Donate a toy to a child in need and your ticket is FREE! Bring a new, unwrapped toy to The Funny Bone between now and the night of the show.

A donation box will be placed in our bar area, but you must show your toy at the box office window

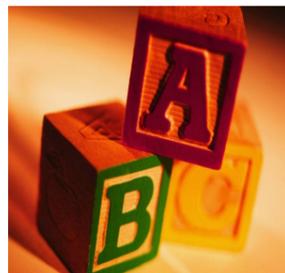
to get your free ticket!

For more information please give us a call at 213-5555 ext 5!

If you would like more information about Toys For Tots go to www.toysfortots.org

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December 2010 Newsletter



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C.E.O.'s Corner:

Parents of Mini Miracles Learning Center, I would like to personally thank each and every person that attended our wonderful Thanksgiving Celebration. Those of you that could not make it missed out on a great time and great prices. Our grand prize winner Marquis Elliot took home a wireless book reader and other's such as Ashley Fountain won a electronic wine/bottle opener.

We would like to present to you our Mini Miracles Learning Center employee of the year. Maybe some of you have never seen her. Some may have seen her but wondered about her position and others who are lucky to know her understands her value to Mini Miracles Learning Center as well as your children. Please congratulate Ms. Josephine Thomas for being selected as our employee of the year.

As we close out 2010 and our third year of operation, we would just like to say "THANKS" and want you to know how much we appreciate you entrusting the care of your baby to us. We have so many things coming during the year of 2011 and I know it will only enhance your belief in our services.



Mini Miracle of the Month

Congratulations to Jayna Coltellino!!!

She is our Mini Miracle of the Month.

Jayna joined Mini Miracles Learning Center the year we opened. Her vocabulary has grown tremendously. She loves learning Spanish and Sign Language and truly enjoys being on the computer and drawing. We have marveled at our beautiful angel's accomplishments. Among her many talents, what stands out the most is her aspiring to be a hairdresser. (Wink-Wink)!!



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Director's Corner

Dear Parents,

Please note there will be changes in the Parent Handbook for the 2011-2012 year. The Parent Handbook will be available to you by the 3rd week of January.

As soon as you obtain a new Parent Handbook, please take the time to read it so as to be advised of the vital information and upcoming changes that will affect you/your child(ren). We intend for this to be a smooth transition for all MMLC families. This is for the family's best interest in our need to improve the overall quality of the program. The changes made in the Parent Handbook will be duly enforced.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak with admin. Your concerns are our concerns. I wish you and your family a memorable and blessed holiday.

Sincerely,

Ms. Tasha Philips, Center Director

Much Love

Many Hands

Lives to Cherish

Children to Care For

LANGUAGE BRAIN TEASER

When you curtail a word, you remove the last letter and still have a valid word. You will be given clues for the two words, longer word first.

Example: Begin -> Heavenly body
Answer: The words are Start and Star.

1. Astute; streetwise -> Nagging woman; mouse-like mammal
2. Available resources -> Offensive or nasty; to intend
3. Vigorous enjoyment -> Strong air current
4. forcible exhalation -> Small seabird; type of auk
5. Cunning; attractive -> Bushy-tailed mammal
6. Headlong rush of animals -> Affixed postage
7. Peak; summit -> Mimic; a primate
8. Migratory grasshopper -> Venue or place



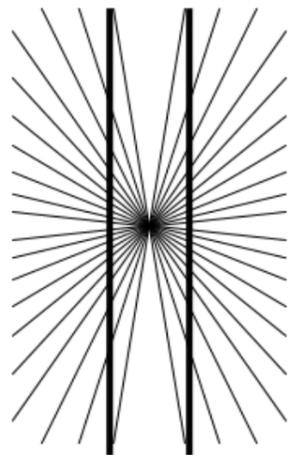
LANGUAGE BRAIN TEASERS

Take the list of words below and arrange them into 3 sentences that all have something in common. Each word is only used once for each time it appears in the list. Punctuation is not an issue in this teaser in the initial placement of words.

Only names are capitalized to start with.

DAD, LET, LETS, LEW, MARGE, MISSES, NO, NORAH, ORDERED, ROSES, SEE, SHARON'S, SIMON, TELEGRAM, TELL, WE'LL

What are the sentences and what do they have in common?



OPTICAL ILLUSIONS

This optical illusion was first created in 1861.

Look at the two thick vertical lines. Do they look straight or curved to you? Hold a ruler up to the screen and you will see that they are indeed straight.

Students at MMLC were asked the following question:

"What do you like most about Mini Miracles Learning Center?"

Tomas Sandoval stated he liked "Learning Spanish, his teacher, making friends and playing with Jaylin". Jasiyah Barksdale said "It's fun and actually good to be here...I just love the school" Jaylin Allen answered with a big smile "Great toys, making new friends, Spanish and Sign Language lessons and the teachers that teach us".

Most of the Two year olds had the same answer..."I love Ms. Imani"!!!!

A toddler, Anah Stough, expresses her joy during circle time by always prepping her fellow students in saying "You ready?". Another toddler, our "Greeter", Hailee Wrigley, always says hi to everyone while Jackson Ames is on the lookout for one of the other students, Peyton. He eagerly awaits for her arrival, as soon as he sees the school bus he blurts out in excitement "Peyton Bus"!!!!

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday to those that have a birthday this month! We want to especially honor the children at Mini Miracles Learning Center

Happy Birthday to the following Mini Miracle's Angels and Staff Members :

Zetyia Coston	12/02/1999
Ms. Adriana Ponce	12/03/???? (Wink Wink)
Anah Stough	12/04/2008
Jaida Houston	12/05/2004
Anna Pierrelouis	12/07/2006
Christian Simon	12/15/2007
Trey Harrison	12/16/2004
Lens Anderson	12/17/2008
Aren Cotton	12/19/2006
Skyla' r Davis	12/21/2007
Kaiden Dorsey	12/21/2008
Quentin Howard	12/28/2004
Parker Henze	12/29/2008

MMLC Staff wants to say: Happy Birthday to our Mini Miracles Little Angels. Feliz Cumpleanos a Todos los Angeles precioso.



ASSESSMENTS ARE COMING UP!!!

Dear MMLC Parents,

Please take note that your child's first assessment will take place on the 6th of December. There will be a sign up sheet to set up a conference time with your child's teacher regarding their assessment. Don't worry parents, this is just an observation made on your child's progress since September 2010 and informing you in detail as to what your child's strengths and weaknesses are and the goals set for your child. This is the time you can go into detail as to what your expectations are and a time for you to work together to reach set goals.

Learning without thought is labor lost; thought without learning is perilous.— Confucius

December's Reminders

CLOSINGS:

CHRISTMAS EVE: FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 24TH

(Depending on attendance)

&

NEW YEAR'S EVE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31st



REMINDER TO PARENTS:

Parents, Please remember to provide 2 sets of warm clothing for the fall/winter season to replace the summer clothes in your child's cubby. Also, a small box of tissue and wet wipes just in case. They also must have a blanket for nap-time.



Parent's, Please don't forget to check your child's cubby daily

You will know that I am coming
From the jingle of my bell,
But exactly who I am is not an easy thing to tell.

Children, they adore me
for they find me jolly,
but I do not see them when the halls are decked with holly.

My job often leaves me frozen,
I am a man that all should know,
But I do not do business in times of sleet or ice or snow.

I travel much on business,
But no reindeer haul me around,
I do all my traveling firmly on the ground.

I love the time of Christmas,
But that's not my vocational season,
And I assure that is because of a sound economic reason.

Who am I?