

# KIDS' PLACE NEWS

June 2015



**Hot off the phone!** Coldwater Rotary donated \$411.00 for the BDLS Christmas @ Tibbits! We will be hosting the show, "Winter Fables". A huge thanks to Steve Kasperski.



Linda wrote a proposal to the Coldwater Kiwanis for future programming entitled "Traveling Tales". They will be presenting Kids' Place with a check for \$1200.00 as well as providing help in preparing for and running the actual events! Linda will be doing a presentation on Monday, June 29 explaining the program vision, using video and pictures from our recent Madeline party. The proposal is to host 4 events a year using a classical children's story based in another land. The events will share some of the culture, art, food and language etc. of the featured story country. We have chosen the following stories/themes.

Madeline: France Ferdinand the Bull: Spain (October), Christmas Around the World: (December), Ali Baba and the Seven Thieves, (Arabic world), ???(Japan)

We hope to separate events for the elementary/jr. high age children & another for Pre-school/Kindergarten. Lots of adventuresome fun ahead!





## Madeline Party:

We hosted 22 children on Saturday, May 30. What a delightful morning was had by the 20 girls and 2 young boys who attended. Christina Pongracic, the 4<sup>th</sup> grade French teacher from the Hillsdale Academy volunteered to read the Madeline story in French, along with teaching the children basic French phrases. The children also participated in an art project and had a sampling of traditional French children's fare. (Madelines, a mint drink, Nutella and bread sticks-the last supplied by Little Caesar's.)

We participated in walking in 2 straight lines in a drizzle-just like the story!-while singing Frere Jacques in French, of course! We've had reports that several of the children have continued to use "Merci" since attending our event!



We continue to host Laptime, Preschool Storytime and Toddler Tunes as we await all the neat Summer Reading Programming events. So far we've had fun with the following themes(Preschool & Toddlers): Worms, Watermelons & Strawberries. And the best part is our snacks were the theme.



Miss Linda had a great deal of fun teaching the children how to eat worms and spit watermelon seeds!

Thanks to NCG Cinemas for the GREAT Movie posters. Many of the children are hoping to take one home at the end of SRP.



The teens and tweens have been busy at the library also this month!

The “Read Like a Girl” book club, in cooperation with the local girl scouts had a great time reading the selection The Summer I Saved the World in 65 Days



by Michele Weber Hurwitz.

The girls plan on continuing on into the summer with another book, Here Today by Anne Martin. Reading, discussion, laughs, art projects, and just making new friends are a big part of this group.

Some of our TAG (Teen Advisory Group) have been helping prepare crafts for the summer reading programs this summer. The teens themselves will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of superhero themed events and craft sessions, including “Super hero Cubee Art” and “Superhero Claymation”.



Other summer happenings will include: Superhero Movie nights, Wii Wednesdays and volunteering to help out at childrens’ events.