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**Celebrating National Native American Heritage Month in November at
The Staten Island Children's Museum**

Diwali celebrations & special Election Day workshop also part of the month's programs

November 1, 2018 - The Staten Island Children's Museum will celebrate National Native American Heritage Month in November. Many of the programs and events for this month will explore the culture, customs and celebrations that have been and continue to be part of the lives of Native Americans and indigenous people.

Young chefs will cook and enjoy pre-Columbian and Incan cuisine using ingredients that are indigenous to the Americas during November's [ShopRite](#) Kidz Cook sessions on Fridays at 3:00 and 4:00 pm. Recipes include: tok-sel lima beans; Aztec chocolate truffles; tamales with black beans; and wild rice salad. Sessions are free with admission; tickets will be available at the front desk.

In the month's Weekend Art Studio, visitors will learn about and create their own inukshuks, or stone sculptures, which are important for the Inuit people's survival in the harsh weather of Alaska. The Studio is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00 – 4:00 pm.

Staten Island's own [Red Storm Drum & Dance Troupe](#) will return to the Children's Museum on Sunday, November 4 at 3:00 pm. Guests will learn about Native American heritage through song, drums and dance during this interactive performance.

The month's [Con Edison](#) *Second Saturday Science!* "Soaring to New Heights" workshop will feature the life and work of Mary Golda Ross, the first Native American female aeronautical engineer. Participants will create their own hovercraft inspired by the work of this pioneer in her field. The workshop will be open on Saturday, November 10 from Noon – 1:00 pm.

The Children's Museum will be open on Veterans Day Observed, Monday, November 12 for a "Cool School Holiday" with free admission for all guests from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm thanks to

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[TD Charitable Foundation](#). On that day, a special art workshop will explore the contributions of the Navajo code talkers and their role during WWII. Guests will get to write their own secret messages using codes. The workshop will be open from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm and timed tickets will be available for pick up at the front desk.

More November Programming

- The Children’s Museum will celebrate **Diwali**, the Hindu festival of light, during special [ShopRite](#) Kidz Cook sessions on Friday, November 2 when the traditional dish carrot halwa is on the menu. Sessions are at 3:00 and 4:00 pm.
- NYC Public Schools are closed on **Election Day**, Tuesday, November 6, but the Children’s Museum will be open from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. Visitors can stop by a special Walk-In Workshop from 1:30 – 4:30 pm to make special campaign stickers and cast a vote for their favorite Museum exhibit.
- The Children’s Museum will show appreciation for our troops on **Veterans Day**, Sunday, November 11 and offer free admission all day from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm for veteran and active military families with ID.
- On Monday, November 12, visitors can meet the Queen as **Medieval Times** presents a reading and shares free give-a-ways, while supplies last. Sessions are at 3:00 and 4:00 pm.
- **Imagination Playground** returns on Friday, November 23 when NYC Public Schools are closed for the Thanksgiving Recess. Kids can design and build with foam bricks, blocks and connectors in this pop-up play space. The Playground will be open from 2:00 – 4:00 pm this day.

The Children’s Museum will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22.

Please note that all programming is subject to change; visit sichildrensmuseum.org for updates.

The Staten Island Children’s Museum is located on the grounds of Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden, 1000 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island, NY 10301. The Museum’s hours for September – June are Tuesday– Friday from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm and Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. For more information, call 718-273-2060, email info@sichildrensmuseum.org, or visit sichildrensmuseum.org.

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