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Grand Opening Of The ALL NEW Children's Museum of Virginia Set For May 26
Opening Ceremony at 9 a.m.; Open to the Public at 10 a.m.

WHO: The City of Portsmouth - Department of Museums

WHAT: Official Grand Opening Ceremony
NEW Children's Museum of Virginia

WHEN: Opening Ceremony Begins at 9:00 a.m.
Doors Open to the Public at 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: Outside Entrance of NEW Children's Museum of Virginia
221 High Street, Olde Towne Portsmouth

After nearly nine years of planning, and two years under construction, the City of Portsmouth opens its spectacular, **ALL NEW** 72,000-square-foot **Children's Museum of Virginia** to the public on Thursday, May 26 at 10:00 a.m.

The opening ceremony will begin at 9:00 a.m. with remarks by Portsmouth Mayor, Kenneth I. Wright. Andalo, the museum's mascot, will be on hand to accept the key to the museum from a representative of Armada Hoffer, Inc. Following the ceremonial unlocking of the "new" Children's Museum of Virginia by Andalo, the museum will be open for general admission to the public.

The entrance is now located on the corner of High and Middle Streets. Upon entering the museum, visitors will be delighted by the two-story glass entrance that allows sunlight to enter and gives guests a glimpse of the exhibits awaiting them. The museum shop has entrances both from the inside the museum and from High Street and will provide a unique shopping experience for both residents and visitors to Olde Towne and the museum.



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Step into a world where the bubbles are growing bigger, the forces of energy electrify and spark the imagination, and ideas are limitless. The Children's Museum of Virginia is a place where a whole new world of imagination will open right before your eyes. The museum has two floors of fun, adventure and exploration.

Other Amenities:	Birthday Party Rooms Classrooms Facility Rentals Handicap Accessible Make-n-Take Art Area Museum Shop Planetarium (Opening Fall 2011)
Website:	www.ChildrensMuseumVa.com
Architect:	HBA, Inc-Virginia Beach
Exhibit Designer:	Lee Skolink Architecture + Design Partnership- New York
Contractor:	Armada Hoffer Inc. Virginia Beach
Exhibit Fabricator:	Explus, Inc. – Northern Virginia
Parking:	Parking is available in the County Street garage.
Hours of Operation:	Monday – Saturday 9:00 a.m. –5:00 p.m. Sunday- 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Nancy Perry, Director of Portsmouth Museums at (757) 393-8983 or visit www.ChildrensMuseumVa.com

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