



Schoolhouse Children's Museum & Learning Center

40,000 visitors a year have confirmed: The Schoolhouse Children's Museum is one of the best attractions for families in South Florida! With a record-breaking number of field trips hosted this year, a stellar free community program, and a fun and friendly staff, it's easy to see why the Schoolhouse is so loved. But now the Museum has received two awards attesting to its success: **South Florida Parenting** has placed the Schoolhouse in its 2008 Hall of Fame for being the Best of the Best Museums, and **Nickelodeon's ParentsConnect.com** poll found that the Schoolhouse is the Best Museum for Little Kids in the Miami Area! As one young visitor quipped, "This can't be learning, this is fun!"

But learning is the name of the game at the Schoolhouse. Housed in the historic 1913 schoolhouse in Boynton Beach, the Museum is Palm Beach County's premier history museum specifically designed for children ages 2 – 12. There, children learn about Palm Beach County's rich cultural heritage through imaginative play and outstanding educational programs. They've recently introduced a free monthly astronomy program and are expanding their offerings for older and homeschooled children. In 2008, they doubled the number of students served with field trips and outreach programs, and once again received recognition from the School Board of Palm Beach County for the high quality of their lessons and programs. Plans are in the works to turn their Pioneer Demonstration Garden into a community garden for families to plant and grow together.

As accolades mount for the Schoolhouse, they continue their dedication to bringing South Florida's history to life for children and families. They've recently installed a marker designating the building's status on the National Register of Historic Places, and their shelves are lined with books for guests to learn more about the area's past. Their Archivist, Janet DeVries, has recently authored a new title in her series on local history: Sport Fishing in Palm Beach County. The latest children's history book, Harvey Oyer III's The American Jungle: The Adventures of Charlie Pierce, is also available and highlights the experiences of one of Boynton's youngest settlers. But the biggest impact comes from the exhibits themselves: a life-sized cow that kids can feed and milk, a Doctor's office with x-rays to examine and babies to deliver, and an indoor jungle gym with murals of Florida-native species so that kids can "explore the wild" on their own, all within the setting of an historic schoolhouse – these are the charm and magic of one of Boynton's finest jewels.

To learn more about sponsorship opportunities at the Schoolhouse Children's Museum, contact Executive Director Michael Hall at (561) 742-6784 or hallm@ci.boynton-beach.fl.us. For more information about the Schoolhouse, visit <http://www.schoolhousemuseum.org>.



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