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LEARNapalooza: Birthday Bash – Celebrate 35 years of West Des Moines Community Education

Come and help West Des Moines Community Education celebrate 35 years at Learnapalooza a Fun, Fabulous, and Free family event where learning is fun. Learnapalooza will be held Saturday, May 2, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. until noon at Valley Southwoods Freshman High School, 625 South 35th Street, West Des Moines.

Learnapalooza is a learning zone that has many fun and educational activities for children of all ages. Families can experience and enjoy hands-on interaction with educational animals from the Blank Park Zoo, the critters of ISU's Insect Zoo, and the mystery box of Polk County Conservation. Children will be able to do experiments with Mad Science of Central Iowa, build their own architectural designs with Imagination Station, help celebrate diversity with Crossroads Park Elementary, and check out the ISU Solar Car. They can also explore all city vehicles including a fire truck, water truck and snow plow. Your preschooler will enjoy going to Preschool Palooza where they can listen to a story, color a birthday cake, get a tattoo, make some music, build with blocks or toss a ring or two in the ring toss game. A big room designed for little people! Also, Big Shots, Dr. Learn-a-lot and the Tiger mascot will make an appearance for children to have their pictures taken with them.

Other organizations and groups from around the Des Moines metro area will be participating in Learnapalooza including – Campfire USA, DMACC, Safe Kids Greater Des Moines, Stilwell and Valley Mimes, West Des Moines Library, WDMCS Japanese Club and these are just to name a few. For a full listing of all of Learnapalooza participants and activities please visit our website at www.wdmcs.org/district/commed/

There will be door prizes, bingo for books, other interactive games, and much more taking place throughout the event. Enjoy complimentary fruit, cheese, crackers, juice and coffee and don't forget the cake. A special birthday celebration will take place during the event celebrating 35 years of West Des Moines Community Education. West Des Moines Community Education continues to serve the needs of the community by connection people, ideas and resources.

Parking is available at Valley Southwoods or there will be door-to-door shuttle service from Jordan Creek Elementary and the West Des Moines Library. Please call 633-5021 or visit www.wdmcs.org for more information.

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