

Blue Turtle Nature Awareness and Wilderness Skills Day Camp for Kids ages 4-6 with Frank Levey and Larissa Czuchnowsky • July 6-9; 9-Noon each day • See above description. \$88. Call Larissa at 975-4448; czuchnow@aaps.k12.mi.us or BlueTurtleNatureCamp.com.

BollyFit Kids at Mind, Body + Spirit Academe • Tuesdays, 4:30-5 p.m. • Awaken to BollyFit Kids, where hearts pump to the energizing music of Bollywood and beyond and your sweet peas learn a dance number synthesizing traditional and modern steps. Cultural connections around the world are reinforced through fun visual aids. For BollyFit's highly competent and caring teachers, success is "to awaken a lifelong love of world dance and music in all children." Performance opportunities for registered students. \$59 each session or \$99 for combined sessions. Call Anuja Rajendra at 657-6680; info@bollyfit.com or anuja@bollyfit.com.

Music Together with Robin Robinson at Mind, Body + Spirit Academe • This is an internationally recognized early childhood music program for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and the adults who love them. Registration includes twelve 45-minute classes, an illustrated songbook, and a cd. For dates, times, and cost, call 929-2133; director@robinsongsforkids.com or robinsongsforkids.com.

Clonlara Showcase and Open House at Clonlara Campus School • May 10, 6-7:30 p.m. • Come see what we actually do on campus. This event will allow you to visit our campus and see artwork, projects, and student works that relate to our curriculum. Meet the staff, parents, and students. Take a guided tour, ask questions, and view video presentations. Free. Call Martha Rhodes at 926-4617; martha@clonlara.org or clonlara.org.

Youth Yoga and Meditation Camps with Ema Stefanova • This classical yoga and meditation education will include "The Story of Yoga" history, dynamic yoga sequences, pranayam (yogic breathing), concentration, visualization, meditation, and question and answer periods. For cost, call 665-7801; EmaStefanova@cs.com or YogaAndMeditation.com
 June 21-25, 12:30-2:30 p.m. for grades 6-9
 June 28-July 2, 1-2:30 p.m. for ages 6-10
 July 6-10, 1-3:30 p.m. for grades 6-9
 Aug. 2-6, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for grades 6-9 and 1:30-3 p.m. for ages 6-10

Arts and Crafts at My Urban Toddler • Daily • Each week, a simple craft is prepared for your child to make. Ask front desk for supplies. Free with daily admission. Call 734-944-3628; myurbantoddler.com.

Toddlers Storytimes at Ypsilanti District Library • Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. • Children ages 1 to 3 year old and their caregivers share a program that includes stories, songs, and action rhymes. Free. Call 482-4110; ypsilibrary.org.

Jump Start Storytime at Ypsilanti District Library • Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. • Stories reinforce basic concepts to jump-start preschoolers into learning. Free. Call 482-4110; ypsilibrary.org.

Stroller Strides at Briarwood Mall • Tuesdays-Thursdays, 9 a.m. • Stroller Strides is a total body workout that moms can do with their babies and toddlers (approximately six weeks to four years old). Taught by certified instructors who are also moms, it is a great workout for moms of all fitness levels. First class is free. Call 717-8744; strollerstrides.net/annarbor.

Tumble n Twist at Tree of Life • Wednesdays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. • This class gently stimulates body awareness, self-esteem, and socialization skills for ages 2-4. \$12. Call 433-0697; treeofflifestudio.org.

Children's Storytime at Borders • Wednesdays, 10 a.m. • Borders staff reads from picture books and books for babies and toddlers. Free. Call 997-8884.

Children's Storytime at Nicola's Bookstore • Saturdays, 11 a.m. • An experienced storyteller spins yarns for the 7 and under set. Free. Call 662-0600; nicolasbooks@gmail.com or nicolasbooks.com.

Mr. Bones Books at Barnes and Noble • Saturdays, 11 a.m. • Bookseller, teacher, and librarian, Mr. Bones selects his favorite picture books and engages the children with questions, music, crafts, and more. Free. Call 973-1618; bn.com.

Free Dinosaur Tours at Exhibit Museum of Natural History • Saturdays and Sundays • Free 30-minute docent-led tours of the dinosaur exhibits. Tours begin at 2 p.m. Limited to 15 people. Free. Call 764-0478.

Capoeira for Kids with Manhoso at Tree of Life • April 8-June 10: Thursdays, 4-5 p.m. • Capoeira is an Afro-Brazilian art form that combines dance, martial arts techniques, and acrobatics. Capoeira is great for kids. It provides a fun workout in a cultural context. \$100 for ten weeks or \$12 drop-in. Call Cheri Sing at 433-0697; info@treeofflifestudio.org or treeofflifestudio.org.

Seventh Annual Teen and 20s Week with Frank Wheeler and Erich Moraine at Song of the Morning Retreat • July 10-17 • An extraordinary eight days of growth and laughter for teenagers and young adults. Come participate in a high awareness week of challenging projects, labyrinth building, videography, optional daily hatha

yoga, meditation, and great fun. \$150. Call Matt at 989-983-4107; office@goldenlotus.org or goldenlotus.org.

Jump for Joy with Stephanie Shepard and Amy Pfluecke at Song of the Morning Retreat • Aug. 20-22 • A magically fun introduction to spirituality for children 5-12. Activities include hatha yoga, mandala making, guided meditation, songs, stories, and a hike with picnic, and more. \$50. Call Matt at 989-983-4107; office@goldenlotus.org or goldenlotus.org.



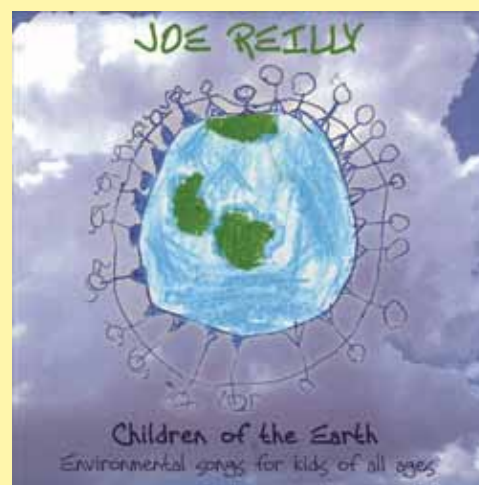
Children's Media Reviews By Sarah Newland

Feeling Good Today cd

By Snam Kaur

These songs and mantras for children are full of universal messages of love and positive affirmations for children and adults both. The lively group of children who sing the mantras (in English and Sanskrit) with Kaur bring these spiritual concepts effortlessly into children's lives. These songs are inspired by the teachings of Yogi Bhanjan, whose lifelong work was dedicated to teaching children and adults how to live peacefully. I

love this cd because of how it makes me feel, and it's particularly helpful with my perspective when my children wake up at 5:00 a.m. ready to start the day! \$17.99 by Spirit Voyage



Children of the Earth cd

By Joe Reilly

Another beloved children's album is local musician Joe Reilly's environmental songs for kids of all ages. Reilly's lighthearted songwriting and fun vocals, along with children from the Leslie Science and Nature Center in Ann Arbor, makes you want to sing along and laugh at the same time. Favorites in our house include the quirky Oh Mosquito, The Robot Song, and The Declaration of Interdependence. We love Joe

Reilly's music here at the store and think you will, too. \$16.00

The Barefoot Book of Faeries with Storytime cd

Collected and Retold by Tanya Robyn Batt

What once was a single cd is now sold as a book set. Illustrated by Gail Newey, this paperback anthology of fifteen fairy stories and poems is wonderful to read aloud to slightly older children.

The cd is perfect for rainy or sick days. Both of my children, ages 3 and 11, ask to hear the story cd often! The storyteller, from New Zealand, has an enchanting voice and the tales themselves are culturally and thematically diverse. \$15.99 by Barefoot Books

