Dear friends of CMNN, as we move into the height of summer, we are gearing up for some exciting events. The Museum will open its doors for Art Camp! This is a weeklong program, and will be in progress from the hours of 8:45am to 3:30pm during the weeks of July 20-24 and 27-31. The theme is “Art Around the World.” Campers will explore art, literature, and song from cultures around the globe. The curriculum was designed by Bev Vugteveen, one of our Educators who has worked very closely with CMNN in the past. She brings a wealth of knowledge and more than two decades of teaching experience. We are thrilled to have her on our team.

In other news, we are hosting a Pokemon costume party here at the Museum in collaboration with CASA. This event will take place outside in the plaza on July 25th from 9am to 12 noon. We will be giving out prizes for best costume in the following categories: ages 0-3, 4-7, 8-12, 13+ and family. CASA will provide “nourishment bags” to include snacks and drinks as well as “goody bags” for after completion of a scavenger hunt. We look forward to seeing you there!

CMNN Art Camp! We will facilitate arts & crafts activities along with rich children’s literature. Each day of the week we will explore the theme of a different region. At the beginning of each day, Museum Educators will give an overview of the continents and countries we will be “visiting” this week at camp. Every child will receive their own personal kit of supplies to participate in the daily projects as well as a passport and tote bag to decorate throughout the week. Additionally, we will delve into each region’s musical landscape. The songs will serve as a backdrop to the lesson.

Refurbishing at the Museum is humming along, and we’ve begun to see some amazing changes to our exhibits. Jamieson’s General Store has been freshly painted to brighten up one of our most beloved play areas. We are also adding the final touches to our Big Blue Dental exhibit. On top of that, we have been deep cleaning and sanitizing in anticipation of our eventual reopening. Please note that physical distancing guidelines will be followed and masks are required for any of our events or camps. For further details on how to sign up for Art Camp or our Pokemon costume party, please contact Christine Brandon at cbrandon@cmnn.org or call us at (775) 884-2226. Have a wonderful summer!