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**CHILDREN'S MUSEUM CELEBRATES NEW YEAR'S EVE FAMILY-STYLE**  
**Enjoy a DINO-mite Party to Ring in the New Year**

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Families are invited to help make 2017 extinct at Long Island Children's Museum's (LICM) annual "noon" year's eve celebration, "Countdown to 12!" The theme for this year's annual family-friendly event is dinosaur-themed to prepare visitors for the arrival of "Dinosaurs: Land of Fire and Ice" in January.

Countdown to 12! allows visitors to take part in all the traditional elements of the holiday, including confetti and counting down to the new year, on a schedule designed for children... and exhausted parents. Activities start at noon on Sunday, December 31 and feature themed crafts, face painting, a DJ-led dance party ... and *two* ball drops to kick off and conclude the year ending party.

"This year's theme will let us roar into 2018," says LICM Director of Education & Visitor Experience Aimee Terzulli. "We're gearing up for the arrival of an exhibit that we know will be very popular with families and school groups and we couldn't wait to bring out some 'dino-mite' activities."

Mid-day is substituted for midnight, but all the other New Year's Eve party elements are on view at "Countdown to 12! – music, dancing and fun activities. During the afternoon children will design T-Rex top hats, Raptor noisemakers and fossil necklaces, chomp into some Dino Dirt cookies and stomp into the face painting station. DJ Mike will be on hand to help visitors groove to some triceratops beats. All Countdown activities are included with Museum admission on Sunday, December 31. TIP: Skip the lines; purchase general admission tickets online at [www.licm.org](http://www.licm.org)

LICM created "Countdown to 12!" in 2005 to provide families with the opportunity to celebrate this special occasion together. Family-focused New Year's celebrations were lacking in the area, but families looking to celebrate certainly were not. More than 20,000 visitors have rung in the new year at the Long Island Children's Museum since "Countdown to 12!" was launched.

All activities are held at the Long Island Children's Museum, 11 Davis Avenue, Garden City, NY. For the safety of our visitors, Adults are not permitted in the Museum without children; Museum visitors under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

**Museum Hours:** Tuesday-Sunday from 10 am.-5 p.m. and most school holidays.  
Museum admission: \$13 for adults and children over 1 year old, \$12 seniors, FREE to museum members and children under 1 year old. Additional fees for theater and special programs may apply. For additional information, contact 516-224-5800.