

## JUNE 2019 DIRECTOR'S NEWSLETTER



Dear **TechStars** Families,

Best wishes to all fathers and men who are important in the lives of our **TechStars** students. We hope your Father's Day on Sunday, June 16, will be filled with fun, family and good times. In 1910, Sonora Smart Dodd convinced her community to hold a Father's Day celebration at the YMCA in Spokane, Washington. Her father, civil war veteran William Jackson Smart, was a widower who raised six children on his own, after his wife died in childbirth delivering their youngest child. Did you know that today, the United States has more than 70 million fathers? Learn about Father's Day at <https://www.almanac.com/content/history-fathers-day>.

As we round the corner to summer, many families look forward to more relaxed daily schedules and more opportunities for togetherness. Take some of this time to play new games and explore special interests with your child. As digital natives, today's children live in a world immersed in technology. Join your child in this wondrous ever-changing digital world as you play together to discover what sparks your imaginations and brings joy and learning to your home. Visit the App Store to view a comprehensive list of quality apps for young children by Duck Duck Moose at <https://itunes.apple.com/us/developer/duck-duck-moose-llc/id303076298>. All of these apps are free because Duck Duck Moose has partnered with Khan Academy, a 501(c)(3) non-profit company whose mission is to provide a free, world-class education to anyone, anywhere. Learn more about Khan Academy and how it has developed into a personalized learning resource for all ages at <https://www.khanacademy.org/about>. After spending time together in the digital realm, remember that moderation is the best approach. Be sure to include reading books, taking walks in your neighborhood, playing at the park and visiting friends to round out the time your family spends together.

At **TechStars** we value "un-plugged" activities that encourage family fun and build lasting memories. We hope your family will choose to explore a few of these local activities this month:

- **Riverwalk Mini Golf** Now Open for the 2019 Summer Season. Monday – Thursday, 10 am – 9 pm; Friday – Saturday, 10 am – 11 pm; Sunday, 12 noon – 8 pm; hours subject to extreme weather. 550 Justison Street, Wilmington, DE 19810, directly behind Delaware Children's Museum on the Riverwalk. This beautifully landscaped 18-hole miniature golf course features many of the colors and plant life found along the Riverfront, including the iconic Tom Burke birdhouses. Stop by our Golf Shack after your game to enjoy a soft serve ice cream, milkshake, jumbo soft pretzel, water ice or fountain soda. Mini Golf pricing: \$8/person and free for kids under 3 years with paid adult. Credit/debit only; cash not accepted. <http://riverwalkminigolf.com/>
- **Annual Hockessin Volunteer Fire Company Appreciation Day at Woodside Creamery** Saturday, June 1, 12 noon – 6 pm. Woodside Creamery, 1310 Little Baltimore Rd, Hockessin, DE 19707. Hockessin Volunteer Firefighters will be on the farm with their fire trucks and ambulance to say hello and promote fire safety. The

firefighters will be selling pulled pork sandwiches and assorted chips and drinks, with all monies from these food sales going directly to help the Fire Company. Don't forget to buy a chance to win \$500 with Cow Pie Bingo. At 6pm, one of our jersey cows will be released into our bingo board painted pasture. Then the wait until this cow "does her business", and whichever box it lands in will be the \$500 winner. Tickets \$5 each; families DO NOT need to be present to win! Cow Pie Bingo tickets will be on sale at the Creamery, as well as some local Hockessin businesses. All the monies from Cow Pie Bingo ticket sales will go directly to the Fire Company. This annual day of food, fun and games on the farm is meant to bring our community, families & businesses all together to get to know our firefighters and show them how much we appreciate them keeping our community safe. Come out and show your support for the men & women who volunteer to protect our community. <https://www.woodsidefarmcreamery.com/events-cowlender/icalrepeat.detail/2019/06/01/630/20/fire-company-appreciation-day>.

- **44<sup>th</sup> Annual Wilmington Greek Festival** Monday, June 3 – Saturday, June 8, 11 am – 11 pm, daily. Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 808 N. Broom St, Wilmington, DE 19806. Close your eyes and imagine your family in a Greek village where locals are celebrating an annual event. Experience the aromas of authentic foods cooking, the sounds of ethnic music and the sights of the Greek Terpsechorian Youth Folk dance group. There will be plenty of “Kefi”, presence of joy and high spirits for all. Free admission. Rain or shine. All major credit cards accepted. <http://greekfestde.com/>
- **Family 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays** Sunday, June 9, 9 am – 3 pm. Delaware Art Museum, 2301 Kentmere Parkway, Wilmington, DE 19806. Enjoy Family Yoga at 9 am, Art Museum Babies at 10 am, Young Artist Storytime at 10:30 am, Lunch Bunch drop in at the café to meet other Museum families at 11:30 am and Sunday Studio with a professional teaching artist from 12 noon – 3pm. Special Pirate Stories performance at 1 pm. Free, suggested donation of \$10/family. [https://www.delart.org/event/family-second-sundays/?instance\\_id=17193](https://www.delart.org/event/family-second-sundays/?instance_id=17193)
- **St. Anthony's Italian Festival** Sunday, June 9 – Sunday, June 16, recurring daily, hours vary. St. Anthony of Padua Church, 901 N. DuPont Street, Wilmington, DE 19805. This year the Festival will highlight the “Best of Italy”, celebrating all that makes Italy one of the world's most captivating destinations. Enjoy a wide variety of delicious and authentic Italian food specialties at the various indoor and outdoor dining locations. Food, music, fun for the entire family. Admission: \$5/ages 14-61. FREE/under 14 if accompanied by a parent or guardian 18 or older. FREE/over 61. 8-day passes available; \$12 Pre-Festival Price or \$15 purchased on site during Festival. <http://www.stanthonysfestival.com/>
- **Fireworks at Hagley** Friday, June 14 & 21, Buck Road East Gates open at 5 pm. Hagley Museum, 298 Buck Rd, Wilmington, DE 19807. Don't miss Delaware's best fireworks show! Tickets must be purchased in advance. Members who purchase tickets are encouraged to bring a picnic dinner, blankets, coolers, and chairs. Event includes raffles and silent auction with great prizes. This event is weather dependent; check website for postponement announcements. Bad weather dates are the following Saturdays and Sundays. Presented by M&T Bank and Wilmington Trust. **Attendance is by reservation only, with ticket sales limited to Hagley members. Your Member ID number is required to purchase tickets.** (Become a member at <https://www.hagley.org/support-hagley/membership> or call 302.658.2400.)

<https://www.hagley.org/calendar/fireworks-hagley-presented-mt-bank-and-wilmington-trust>

- **Family Fun Night at the Brandywine Zoo** Tuesday, June 18, 6 pm – 8 pm. Brandywine Zoo, Brandywine Park, Wilmington, DE 19802. Special evening hours hosted by 93.7 FM WSTW. Meet radio personalities and enjoy special games, fun activities and live animals! \$1 hot dogs and soft drinks. \$1 admission for everyone. Free parking. <https://brandywinezoo.org/event/family-fun-night-4/>
- **Mid-Atlantic Sea Glass & Coastal Arts Festival** Saturday June 22, 9 am – 4 pm & Sunday, June 23, 9 am – 3 pm. Cape May Lewes Ferry Terminal, 43 Cape Henlopen Drive, Lewes, DE 19958. This 10<sup>th</sup> annual event features nearly 70 sea glass artists joined by other coastal artists including decoy carvers and waterfowl artists. Enjoy festive live music and delicious food all weekend. Learn the history of sea glass and bring your glass shards and bottles, as specialists will be available to identify your treasures on-site. Admission: \$5/person each day and FREE/children under 12. <https://www.historiclewes.org/events/2019-sea-glass-and-coastal-arts-festival>
- **Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Festival at Rockwood** Saturday, June 29, 12 noon – 9 pm; rain date June 30. Rockwood Park, 4651 Washington St. Extension, Wilmington, DE 19809. Enjoy a celebration of old-fashioned fun for the whole family. This year's festival features the best local ice cream vendors, food, local music stage, kids' activities, historic demonstrations, vintage marketplace by First State Flea, hot air balloon and fireworks sponsored by Capano Management at dusk. Tickets \$5; children 12 and under free with adult admission. Free parking and shuttle from Rockwood Office Park, 501 Carr Road. Proceeds benefit Rockwood Park and Museum and RPPS. <https://www.newcastlede.gov/1103/June-29-Ice-Cream-Festival-at-Rockwood-P>

With the 2018-2019 school year is quickly coming to a close, I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your support of **TechStars**. Be sure to check our website at [www.computerexplorers.com/de](http://www.computerexplorers.com/de) to learn about our summer camp opportunities for your older children. Best wishes to all families for a safe, fun, happy and relaxing summer. Enjoy!

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