Kids ring in the New Year at Mid-Hudson Children's Museum

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The Mid-Hudson Children’s Museum in Poughkeepsie celebrated New Year’s Eve kid-style with events at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., and noon. The museum has been making this a tradition for six years now, and it gets larger every year. This year the event was sold out, said Executive Director Lara Litchfield-Kimber.

“Families can do their celebrations afterward,” Kimber added. She noted an increase in grandparents visiting from out-of-town bringing their grandkids for the museum festivities.

A live dance party with DJ Dominick kept the party going, and hand-on crafts and light refreshments kept them moving. At 11 a.m., the Amerscot Highland Pipe Band entertained families with bagpipes and a rendition of “Auld Lang Syne.” At noon, dozens of balloons descended on eager kids in anticipation of the New Year.

Natan, from left, David and Linden celebrate New Year’s Eve @ Noon after the balloons drop at the Mid-Hudson Children’s Museum in Poughkeepsie. The three boys are part of AYSO Roundout Soccer Club.

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Liana of Hopewell Junction, age 6, celebrates New Year’s Eve at Noon.