

# MUSIC WITH MELISSA & MONTE

## A MUSIC PATHways Group Experience

We've combined the talents of Monte, a local children's musician, and Melissa Ward, our new music therapist, to turn therapy into fun through music and movement for kids from 3 to 5 years.

### What is Music Therapy?

Music therapy is said to improve quality of life for persons who are well and meets the needs of children and adults with disabilities or illnesses. Take a look at some of the benefits of creatively designed music therapy interventions:

- Stimulates brain development
- Improves imitation and turn-taking
- Improves vocal/verbal expression
- Improves communication
- Improves listening skills
- Helps with coordination and balance
- Helps people express feelings
- Helps focus attention



### Classes Forming Now!

- Enrolling for kids ages 3 to 5 to start Friday January 25<sup>th</sup>
- Choose a class time: 11:00 - 11:45am or 1:00 - 1:45pm
- \$55.00/week for 5 weeks (must have a minimum of 4 registrants per class, so register soon)
- Meet at the new KIDZ PATHways office (Suite 306, Westminster Professional Building)
- For more information or to register, contact SPEECH PATHways at 410.374.0555 or visit [www.speechpathways.net](http://www.speechpathways.net).

### About Miss Melissa

Melissa Ward holds a degree from Elizabethtown College, interned at the Kennedy Krieger School, is a board-certified Music Therapist, and is an active member of the American Music Therapy Association. Miss Melissa provides assessments, individual and group classes and adaptive music lessons. She is skilled in piano, guitar, chorus, voice, and piano pedagogy. She has a strong background in the assessment and treatment of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and children with other developmental and cognitive delays.

### About Monte

Monte Leister provides "Music with Monte"—his own energized brand of wholesome and fun kids' music—throughout the Central Maryland area and in his children's ministry. Monte and SPEECH PATHways have teamed up to produce an energetic and fun CD of music for a Spring 2008 release. Find out more about Monte at [musicwithmonte.blogspot.com](http://musicwithmonte.blogspot.com).

### What is Music Pathways?

Music Pathways is music therapy in action at SPEECH PATHways, in which the best of speech and musical interventions are integrated in a therapeutic and fun environment. Find out more at [www.musicpathways.net](http://www.musicpathways.net) or [www.speechpathways.net](http://www.speechpathways.net).