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## Community YMCA of Eastern Delaware County Lansdowne YMCA

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### A NEWSLETTER FOR OUR CHILD CARE FAMILIES

## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTORS

Dear Parents,

Picture day went great and pictures should be in shortly. Please preview your photos once you receive them by Lifetouch Portraits Company before paying. After signing for your portraits, please take the week to preview and then turn in unwanted photos to the child care office. You will have three payment options:

1. You can pay Lifetouch directly online and place reorders if you choose. Please notify the Child Care Office with the **online code** so we can update our paperwork.
2. You can turn in a check made payable to "Lifetouch" in the payment envelope provided and give to Jenny or Christine.
3. You can pay cash at the Lansdowne Courtesy Desk where you will receive a receipt for your payment. Please give a copy of the receipt to the Child Care Office.

No cash will be accepted in the Child Care Office. Unwanted photos must be returned at time of payment.

2019 Summer and Fall class schedules are being completed and we are beginning to call people from our waiting list. If any of our currently enrolled students has a sibling you wish to enroll, please see Jenny, Christine or Elaine in the Child Care Office as soon as possible.

Families interested in Ridley Y full day Kindergarten Program can call Brittany Oplinger at 610-544-2019 for more details and pricing.

**Jenny Redding**  
Child Care Director

**Christine Ortiz**  
Assistant Child Care Director

## Healthy Kids Day

**Everyone is welcome to come enjoy the fun April 27 from 1:30-4:30pm.**

At the Y, we believe **charged up kids really do achieve amazing things**. We see it all the time. When a child is healthy, happy, motivated and excited...watch out...because something amazing is inevitably going to result. As children grow and fulfill their true potential, they will truly make the world a better place for everyone. To continue our commitment to teach healthy habits for kids and families, encourage physical and mental play, and inspire a lifetime love of exercise, we're excited to host our **28TH HEALTHY KIDS DAY®**



## Special Reminders & Events

**March 10** —Daylight savings time, don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour before going to bed the night before.

**March 15**— St. Patrick's Day festivities in the classrooms starting at 10:00am

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child." - **Dr. Seuss**

## All Pro Dads

Saturday March 9th 9-9:45am FP:\$4 Comm. \$8.

All Pro Dads is on a mission to help you love and lead your family well. Be a hero to your kids! Join us on the second Saturday morning of each month for breakfast and an activity with your child(ren). We will inspire to embrace who you are and provide a quality activity with your child(ren).

## Parents Night Out

Saturday March 16th 4:30-8:00pm FP:\$10 Comm. \$20

Need to be out without the kids? Do you need time for a movie, dinner, or just hanging out? We want to help. Drop off the kids at the Lansdowne YMCA and leave the babysitting to us. We will provide dinner, games, crafts and more to help keep your child entertained

## Road Rally

Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup> 1-5:00pm No Membership required.

\$20 for a group up to 5. \$5 for each additional person

Go from check point to check point in your car with your team by following a list of clues that guide you along the route

Ex. Make the 3rd right after the Red door.

## CLASSROOM NEWS

### ROOM 1

Welcome Spring! We look forward to nicer weather and more time outside. In March, we will talk about St. Patrick's Day, rainbows, and signs of spring. We will continue to practice our shapes, colors and social skills.

### ROOM 2

February really flew by! We enjoyed our Valentine's Day party and learned about Black History. We are now ready for the month of March! With spring approaching, we plan to talk about spring and trees. We will also honor St. Patrick's Day and Dr. Seuss's birthday!

### ROOM 3

February was a blast! Our Valentine party was awesome and we cannot thank our families enough for the party and snack contributions. In March, we will talk about St. Patrick's Day, Dr. Seuss's birthday, and work on directional terms (first, last, next, in front of, behind, etc.) We will incorporate the letter P and Q in our themes and concentrate on strengthening color recognition.

### ROOM 4

Welcome Spring! February was a great learning month. We talked about the meaning of love and explored our shadows. In March we will read books by Dr. Seuss in celebration of his birthday. The students will also discuss St. Patrick's Day, spring, and learn how we know about dinosaurs through the study of fossils. Thank you to all the families who remembered us on Valentine's Day.

### ROOM 5

As the March winds blow in we will continue to focus on pre-kindergarten skills. Rhymes will be incorporated this month as we celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday and read lots of his silly books. Chicka Chicka Boom Boom will there be enough room for author Bill Martin, Jr.? Yes indeed! Lastly, the children will use their five senses to discover the season of spring. "It is spring again." "The earth is like a child that knows poems by heart." -Rainer Maria Rilke-

### ROOM 6

Spring is almost here! March is an exciting month in Room 6. We will be celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday in the beginning of the month, St. Patrick's Day in the middle of the month, and finally welcome spring and hopefully lots of warm weather at the end of the month! We will be working one on one with letter recognition and are looking forward to spending more time outside as the warm weather rolls around.



## MARCH NEWS

### School Age Registrations

If your child will be attending the Ardmore Ave elementary school for Kindergarten, the YMCA offers a before and after school program which is held in the cafeteria of the elementary school. We also offer After School Care with transportation for several Upper Darby School District schools. For more information, contact Jenny or Christine in the child care office at 610-259-8394.

### St. Patrick's Day Festivities

All classes will celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Friday, March 15. We will make green milk shakes and enjoy green snacks as well. Don't forget to wear green on party day; because everyone's Irish on St. Patty's Day. If we're lucky, we may even get a visit from a Leprechaun.



## PARENT RESOURCES

### County Assistance Office

1-800-692-7462

Cash assistance, employment training, health coverage, food stamps, home heating assistance and more.

### Community YMCA of Eastern Delaware County

Tax ID# 23-1614045



## GREAT BOOKS TO READ!

Take time to curl up with your child and a good book. Studies show that reading to your child increases their vocabulary and makes them better readers. This month, why not head to the library and check out one of these books.

### Goodnight Moon

By Margaret Wise Brown

### Chicka Chicka Boom Boom

By Bill Martin Jr.

### Grumpy Pants

By Claire Messer

### The Itsy Bitsy Leprechaun

By Jeffrey Burton

### What was I Scared of?

By Dr. Seuss



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

A very happy birthday to everyone celebrating this month!

Abel, Nolan, Ashley-Maggie, & Rylee