A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTORS

Dear Parents:

Welcome Back! We hope you all had a happy, safe and relaxing holiday. The children always make the holidays exciting and magical, and this year was no exception!

To the many people who remembered us at Christmas, whether with gifts, greetings or kind words, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

In order for the staff to maintain the highest level of safety in regards to the use of technology and your students, we will not permit children enrolled in the school age program to use cell phones. Parents can call the program directly to speak to your child. Cell phones often give children access to the internet, text messaging, and phone conversations with people unknown to staff. If your child needs to contact you during their time in the program, they will have access to our program phone.

One last reminder - fresh air is important and we are required to make sure the children get some outside time DAILY...even throughout the winter. This could mean 5-10 minutes or longer. We have many cold hands when we come inside so please, please remember those gloves, hats and warm jackets.

Sincerely,

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HEALTH CORNER

Participation in sports helps your child stay physically fit while teaching them sportsmanship and discipline. However, any sport can carry the potential for injury. It is important that kids know sports safety, as well as follow the rules and wear the proper safety gear.

HELMETS, MOUTH GUARDS AND OTHER PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE USED AT ALL TIMES. MAKE SURE THEY ARE THE CORRECT SIZE AND WORN PROPERLY. EVEN WITH PROPER PROTECTION, INJURIES MAY OCCUR

CHARACTER IS COOL!

Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility. Each month children will be rewarded for exemplifying the YMCA care values. Our core values will be incorporated into lessons each and every day. Congratulations to Nate, Amidou, Madison, & Kumari for being December’s students of the month.

*Check back in February to see who received a January’s Character Award!

HAPPY NEW YEAR
SPECIAL REMINDERS

Payments
School Age tuition is due monthly. All payments must be received by the first of each month. A late fee of $15 will be charged to all accounts after the tenth of each month. Payments MUST be made at the YMCA branches, mailed in, paid through monthly bank draft or paid online at www.cyedc.org. Please do not send payments in school bags/lunch bags or hand to our staff. If you have questions or need to activate your monthly bank draft, contact Jeannine Hurlock at 610-713-5258 or email JHurlock@cyedc.org.

Pick up
Photo identification is required at pick-up and staff will ask to see prior to releasing a child to someone other than his/her parent/guardian. Prior authorization must be given if someone other than the child’s parent or guardian will be picking up the child from the center. The parent/guardian should provide the names of at least two adults who have permission to pick-up the child in case of emergency.

Parents are required to sign their child out everyday.

If there is a change in your child’s schedule and they will not be attending our program that day please inform a staff member through email, telephone, or during drop off/pick up times.

Late pick-up fees
Our hours of operation are 7:30am-6pm. A late fee of $10 will be charged for every five minutes after 6pm. This fee will be charged to your account.

Lost and Found
Please remember to label all of your children’s belongings. This includes lunch boxes, school bags and coats.

Parking
School Age parents, please be aware the last three parking spaces along the building are for Child Care drop-off and pick-up. Please do not park in the first five designated handicapped spaces.

SCHOOL AGE PHONES
TO REACH THE SCHOOL AGE PROGRAM STAFF CALL THE SCHOOL AGE CLASSROOM DIRECTLY AT 610—259—1661 EXTENSION 3040.

HAPPENINGS

December went by quickly as the students continue with virtual learning. The kids are trying their best to work hard and stay positive while continuing their educational needs. All of our students helped to decorate their classrooms and turned each area into winter wonderlands. Students made Christmas trees, stockings, snowflakes and snowmen.

The kids were definitely excited for the holidays and are looking forward to 2021. They were also excited to have some days off from virtual learning.

We try to incorporate lots of physical activity into each day so for your child’s safety, please have them wear appropriate foot-wear for running.

Remember even with the weather being cold the kids are still spending time outside and should have proper outerwear to stay warm!

Food Provided by the Philadelphia Archdiocese:
Every Monday & Wednesday, the school age program will be receiving breakfast & lunch for the children in the school age program. It will be placed outside the childcare doors for you to take home if you are interested. Please continue to pack your child lunch as they might not be interested in the items provided.

REMINDERS

1. Continue to monitor student symptoms every morning.
2. Continue to emphasize proper hygiene and handwashing/sanitizing at home – we will do the same here in school.
3. Continue to reinforce proper usage of face-coverings both inside and outside, throughout the entire school day – we will do this often throughout the day.
4. Remember, that traveling out of state will require a 14-day quarantine prior to returning to the YMCA facility. You can review the PA Travel Restrictions website.
5. Parents, if you or other household members have Covid-like symptoms, or were exposed to a Covid positive individual, or were in contact with an individual that may have Covid, please contact the Child Care Office before sending your children to school. We will need to process the information to determine if your child should quarantine based on the information provided.

School Age Handbook
The updated School Age Handbook and Parent Resource Guide can be found in the childcare section of our website.

https://cyedc.org/locations/lansdowne-ymca/child-care-school-age-care/