



## North Quincy Monthly Newsletter

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### Early Learning Center Art Show Fundraiser



Please Save the Date for our Early Learning Center-North Quincy Art Show Fundraiser "Under the Sea" at the ELC- North Quincy!

Did you know that the Y is a charity? As an Early Learning Community, we provide financial assistance through the Annual Campaign to many of our ELC North Quincy families. This enables more families to experience the high-quality level of early childhood education that every child deserves.

Our South Shore YMCA Early Learning Centers appeal to our community each year for support for this fund through various events. The Art Show Fundraiser which will become an annual event, is one way that our ELC contributes to this fund. On May 30th from 5:30pm-6:30pm families will be able to come to the ELC and view our children's beautiful artwork based on the theme Under the Sea at the ELC. Please look for a formal invitation in late April-early May to the event coming soon!



April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and as a leading organization in Youth Development, the South Shore YMCA is committed to educating our community on how to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child abuse. At the Y, we are dedicated to providing a child-safe and child-centered environment, where all kids have safe spaces to explore their imagination, learn lifelong skills, and grow. All adults are responsible for keeping kids safe, and we must do our part by being engaged leaders in a call to action. While the Y is committed to child safety year-round, each April we add a special emphasis on raising awareness in our communities in support of this national movement by offering a variety of resources and opportunities to promote child well-being and enhance child safety. The South Shore YMCA will participate in the **Five Days of Action** April 16th-20<sup>th</sup> designed to raise awareness and inspire adults to take action to protect our children from child abuse.

We invite you to explore the resources we have available on our Safe Kids <http://ssymca.org/safe-kids/> website to understand this community challenge and your role in protecting all children.





**WELCOME TO OUR NEW TEACHERS KERRY AND SIBELA IN OUR INFANT/TODDLER PROGRAM!!! BOTH OF THESE TEACHERS COME WITH A WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE!**



**It's Not Rude, It's Safety!**

Thank you to all for adhering to our policy of not holding the door for others to enter the Early Learning Center. As we work to continue to keep our Center a safe environment for our staff, children and families we ask all to understand that holding the door open for others may present a risk by allowing people into the Center who are not expected. All enrolled families and staff have a key fob to allow access into the building. All others can be encouraged to ring the doorbell.



**ELC-NQ will be closed on Monday April 16, 2018 for our Early Educators Retreat.**

**PLEASE BE SURE TO LABEL ALL OF YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS (INCLUDING FOOD CONTAINERS AND BOTTLES/SIPPY CUPS**



**FAMILY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

While we are proud of the successes that we have achieved thus far at our ELC – NQ we look forward to improve on our commitment to the Early Education of young children and support for families in our communities. In order to help us achieve this goal, we are forming an **ELC- NQ Family Advisory Council**.

Some of the responsibilities of the **FAC** would include:

- A time commitment of **one hour every or every other month**.
- **Family representation** from every classroom from infants through Kindergarten.
- **Assistance with fundraising** efforts for our Annual Campaign.
- Advising ELC administration on **community needs** to ensure that we are meeting the diverse needs of our YMCA community.
- Discussions on programming at ELC- NQ to ensure **the best in Early Childhood Education** to promote the growth of the whole child.
- Helping to **facilitate networking opportunities** with other organizations in our community whose mission aligns with that of the South Shore YMCA.
- **Support and guidance** for ELC- NQ fundraising activities



**A very big thank you to all of the families who took the time to fill out the Family Feedback Survey. We appreciate your input and look forward to sharing updates soon!**

Please feel free to reach out to the Director Gillian Bianculli with any questions or comments. We value your feedback.

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