



**Early Learning Center-North Quincy**  
**Monthly Newsletter**

May 2018 Edition

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**Early Learning Center-North Quincy**  
**Art Show Fundraiser**  
**To Benefit the SSYMCA Thursday**  
**May 30th 5:30pm – 6:30pm**



Please save the date for our very First Art Show Fundraiser “Under the Sea at the ELC” with raffle, and silent auction! Come celebrate a night of family fun and see your children’s artwork, bid on classroom masterpieces and learn how you can support others in our ELC Community. There will be much to see and do at the Annual Art Show Fundraiser, raffles, silent auctions, and artwork galore! **Please note that the ELC will close at 5:00pm on May 30<sup>th</sup> to allow teachers time to prepare the classrooms.**

**Your Gift Matters: What Does the Art Show Fundraiser Support?**

The South Shore YMCA is strengthening our communities through programs that protect, teach, connect, heal, nourish and encourage. But we can’t do it alone. Donations to our cause keep our promise to never turn anyone away! Your gift supports Y youth causes including:

- a. **Inclusive Programming:** Ensure that people with people with developmental and intellectual disabilities are included in programs.

- b. **Social Services:** Provide programs and services for families in need/at risk across the association through mentoring, our food pantry, support groups and educational support.
- c. **Water Safety:** Provide water safety classes to reduce childhood drownings and increase confidence around water.
- d. **Camp:** Provide financial assistance for children to discover their full potential at our resident and day camps
- e. **Early Learning & After School:** Make it possible for families to afford safe, high quality learning programs by providing financial assistance.

**Art Show Silent Auction**

A Silent Auction will showcase pottery pieces featuring children’s fingerprint art inspired by our Under the Sea Theme. Families may bid on the pieces on the nights of the Art Show and up until 12:00pm on Friday, June 1, at which time all winners will be announced.

**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 the safest 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. If you have another family member picking up often, to reduce frustration at having to wait at the door, additional fobs can be purchased for a cost of \$7.00 each.

Thank you for your continued patience as we work through the mechanical issues with the front door. We are working with Foxrock building management who have been diligent troubleshooting the adjustments required. If you are having difficulty with your key fob and or door access please ring the bell or please call my cell phone # that is on the window (781-929-2078). Hopefully 100% resolution will be soon!

### **Sunscreen Policy**



As the days are getting warmer and the nice outdoor weather becomes irresistible, ELC students and their teachers will spend a great deal of time outside exploring. **Please**

**help us to protect your child's skin by applying sunscreen that has a UVA and UVB SPF 30 before coming to school.** We will reapply sunscreen after rest time for the afternoon. Thank you!



**ELC-NQ will be closed on Monday May 28, 2018 for Memorial Day.**



Sincere thanks for sharing your feedback on our Family Satisfaction Surveys. We look forward to continued implementation of your valuable suggestions! As always, your valuable feedback is always welcomed!

### **PLANTING AT HOME**



Reuse your egg cartons!! Write the name of each plant on one side of each of the egg cups and fill each with a few scoops of potting soil. Place a few seeds of one plant in the appropriately labeled pot. Place all the pots on a large plate and position the plate near a sunny window. Water the plants according to the instructions on each package. Watch them grow!! Have your child keep a journal (they can draw pictures or dictate to you what they see!) of how they grow!

Please feel free to reach out with any suggestions, questions or concerns!

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