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## **Early Learning Center News**

May 2018 Edition

### **Early Learning Center** **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show Fundraiser** **To Benefit the SSYMCA**



Please save the dates for our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show Fundraiser “The Secret Garden at the ELC” with raffle, and silent auction! Come celebrate a night of family fun and see your children’s artwork inspired by famous artists, 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 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> to allow teachers time to prepare the classrooms. Please feel free to have a picnic lunch with your child on the ELC grounds while you wait for the Art Show to open!**

#### **The dates are as follows:**

**Children with last names starting with letters A-J: Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm-6:30pm.**

**Children with last names starting with letters K-Z: Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm-6:30pm.**

#### **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 everyone 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**

This year’s Silent Auction will showcase pottery pieces

featuring children’s fingerprint art inspired by our Enchanted Garden Theme. Families may bid on the pieces on the nights of the Art Show and up until 12:00pm on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, at which time all winners will be announced.

#### **Art Show Raffle Prizes!**

**General Raffle Tickets:**  
**\$1 each or 6 for \$5**



### Special Raffle:

**4 Red Sox Tickets over the Dugout  
1 for \$20 (see your child's cubby later  
this week for more information!)**

This year our items up for raffle will include (all raffles will be drawn on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> by 12:00pm at which times the winners will be announced):

- "Potters Delight" basket with gift certificate to the Pottery Playce
- "Child's Play Garden Planting" Basket
- Tickets to Storyland
- "Make Way for Ducklings" Basket
- Hockey Enthusiastic Basket
- Local Yummies Gift Basket
- Local Artist Framed Print
- And much, much more!



### Adopt a Critter in our Enchanted Garden at the Art Show Fundraiser!

This year at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show, families will be able to adopt a garden critter to love and care

for (parents, don't worry, these are stuffed animals)! These cute garden critters need a home and your pledge to act as its guardian, mentor and friend. The Critter Rescue Kit includes a lovable plush and 16 page Caregivers Guide with adoption certificate, informative text, and nurturing advice. The "adoption" fee will be \$10.00 and all proceeds will benefit the South Shore YMCA.



### 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. 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 \$8.00 each.

### Sunscreen and Bug Spray 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+ and bug spray before coming to school.** If sunscreen and bug spray needs to be re-applied after rest time, please complete an authorization form (available at the front desk) and send your preferred sunscreen and bug spray to school in its original container, clearly labeled with your child's first and last name. Thank you!

### Healthy Kids Day at ELC

We hope you enjoyed a fabulous Healthy Kids Day at ELC! There were so many fun surprises and happy faces on that day, thanks for joining us!