

Early Learning Center News
December 2017 Edition



Early Learning Center Book Fair
Tuesday, December 5th through
Thursday, December 7th

Book Fair Shopping Hours:
Daily 3:30-6:00pm

Cash, credit card, and checks will be accepted.

All books purchased at the ELC Book Fair have a direct benefit for our children. ELC will receive 30% of the profit on the books sold through our book fair. 100% of this profit is rolled directly into new books for the ELC classrooms and Teacher Resource Center.



South Shore Organics

Did you know that the ELC is a delivery location for South Shore Organics? By joining this farm share program you can support your local farm and eat well with our local harvest delivery on Tuesdays. Visit www.SouthShoreOrganics.com/WorkplaceWellness for more information!



Polar Express and An Evening With Santa!

In honor of the big event on Friday, December 8th, we will have wear your PJs to school day on this day! Here are a couple of other notes for the event that all families should take note of:

- Please enter the parking lot and go left and around the building to park. Families may use the parking lot by the new farm and Trike Trek as well as gymnastics to park.
- Food trucks will be available to families starting at 5:30 pm and all may come to the event starting at this time as well.
- Santa will arrive at 6:15pm.

Communication Tools at the ELC



There are so many ways to stay "in the know" at the ELC! Families can stay current on what is

happening at school in one of the following ways. We hope that you can find one avenue from the list below that works for your family!

1. The Director's monthly newsletter emailed the first week of each month.
2. Face Book "Secret" ELC Page. Please email curriculum coordinator, Maureen Melone to be invited to join.
3. Class Dojo for your child's classroom.
4. Classroom weekly Highlights.
5. Email updates and reminders sent several times a month by the Director.
6. The T.V. screen in the ELC Lobby displays current program information daily.
7. The Remind App for information about program closures due to inclement weather

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ELC Special Announcements:

- There seem to be many jackets that have accumulated in the KidZone on the hooks. If you are missing any of your child's belongings please check there!
- There will be no swim during the holiday vacation weeks of December 25th and January 1st.
- Aquatic Safety Sessions will resume the week of January 8th.
- COR (Child Observation Record) Reports will be sent home on Friday, January 5th.
- Baby it's Cold Outside (but we still go outside to play!) Please pack labeled snow pants, boots, hats, and mittens to play in the snow every day.
- For all information regarding closures due to snowstorms please check the website at www.ssymca.org. Also, please make sure that all of your children's emergency contact information is correct and up to date in the event that we need to contact you due to early closures.
- We will be collecting personal care items for those in need in our community during the holidays. Please stay tuned for more information about how you can make a donation.



Resolve to Support

Your Child's Early Education by Joining the Family Advisory Council in 2018

The Family Advisory council is instrumental in helping to guide our decisions regarding our Early Learning Center programming. Please consider joining us! The FAC meets the second Wednesday of every month from 5:15-6:15pm. Childcare for currently enrolled children is available in the KidZone. Please contact Jamee if you would like to participate! Our first meeting of the new year will be Wednesday, January 10th at 5:15pm.

Ways to Celebrate Your Child's Special Day at the ELC!

At ELC we love celebrating children's



birthdays, too! There are many ways to celebrate at ELC, however, bringing in food treats from home is not one of them. Please help us to adhere to our Birthday Party Policies by choosing one of the following ways to celebrate:

1. Bring in special party napkins/hats for us to serve our ELC provided snack on.
2. Purchase a \$5.00 Birthday Book from the front desk. In addition to being read aloud in honor of the birthday boy/girl, the book will also be dedicated to your child and donated to the class.
3. On Fridays only, have a Birthday Pizza party with your child's class. Please contact Patty for more details at pcummings@ssymca.org.