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## **Early Learning Center News** September 2017 Edition

### **Welcome to the 2017-18 School Year!**

The new school year is off to a great start! Children are acclimating nicely to their new classrooms and teachers as they participate in our September early learning themes, "Getting to Know You," and "Classroom Routines," and "Fall." If you have any questions about the start of the school year, please do not hesitate to reach out to Jamee at [jbeaudry@ssymca.org](mailto:jbeaudry@ssymca.org).

### **School Day and Half Day Schedules**

The beginning of another school year is a great time to remind all families to please stick within the time guidelines of our Half-Day and School Day schedules. The times for the Half Day program are 8:30-12:30 and the School Day Program hours are 8:30-3:30. We plan our teachers arrival and departure schedules around these times and want to ensure that we always are properly staffed according to state regulations. Please note that sign in times will be monitored by administrative staff and families who are outside of these guidelines will be charged at a rate of \$1.00 per minute. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

### **Save the Date: Back to School Nights**



### ***Infant/Toddler/ Toddler-Pre/Transitional Preschool:***

*Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm*

### ***Preschool/ Pre-K/Multi-Age Kindergarten:***

*Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm*

Come meet the teachers and learn about a day in the life of your child at the Early Learning Center. This is an information night for parents/guardians only, thank you. A formal invitation will follow soon.

### **A Safety Note on Entering the Early Learning Center:**

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



The safety of our children and staff are the top priority at our Center. Our key fob system is designed to grant access to enrolled families and staff at the

ELC. So that we can monitor who enters the building at all times, it is imperative that you do not hold the door open for anyone. Any individual that should be entering the Center will have his or her own key fob. Those who do not have a key fob need to ring the doorbell and be let in by a staff member. Please do not feel as though you are being rude if you do not hold the door open, it is simply a matter of child safety. Thank you for your cooperation. Also, if you do not have a key fob yet, you lose it, need an additional, or it is not working properly, please contact Jamee via email at [jbeaudry@ssymca.org](mailto:jbeaudry@ssymca.org). Additionally, as we are all getting to know one another, please remember to bring your picture id with you when you are picking up your child. Teachers will ask for an id if they are not sure. It is all in the spirit of child safety!



### **Pizza Fridays at the Early Learning Center**

As part of our Healthy Eating initiative the ELC will offer the option of pizza,

water, fruit/veggie, and goldfish on Fridays. The cost will be \$5.00 (**cash only, exact change preferred, or see the office/front desk during the first week of the month to pay ahead for one month for \$20**) per child with each child receiving 2 pieces of pizza, a veggie/fruit side, and water. The procedure will be as follows:

- On Friday morning please check off your child's name as "paid" in the lunch column of the classroom sign in sheet.
- Put the \$5.00 (or your paid ahead ticket with your child's name inside of the envelope on the clipboard).
- If your child is marked "paid" the classroom teacher will know that they will be participating in the Pizza Friday lunch and they will be counted in the lunch order.

- The Early Learning Center has an open door policy. Stop by and visit anytime while your child is here!
- Please contact Jamee if you would like to join our Family Advisory Council. This council is instrumental in helping to guide our decisions regarding our Early Learning Center programming. Our first meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, and meets the second Wednesday of every month from 5:15-6:15pm.
- Please take it slow in the parking lot. Be watchful and mindful that children are entering and exiting the building.

### **ELC Fee Based Gymnastics**



In addition to our current offering of gymnastics play in the afternoons (which will start up in October) for Preschool, Pre-K, and Kindergarten we will be

working with the Gymnastics Staff to offer formal structured Gymnastics classes to children while they are at the ELC in the mornings. This class is very different from what we currently offer (and will continue to offer in the afternoons). The ELC Gymnastics program is fee based and will only be open to ELC students. Children will receive age-appropriate instruction in gymnastics using the gymnastics equipment (the foam pit, tumble track, balance beams, and floor). During gymnastics play our children do not use this equipment. If interested, please complete the attached registration and permission forms and return them to the office (not the classroom). Classes will be filled on a first come first served basis and the Director of Gymnastics will contact you upon registration to confirm.



### **Join Us on Facebook!**

Stay in the loop at the ELC and join our "secret" Facebook page. To join please email curriculum coordinator, Maureen Melone at [mmelone@ssymca.org](mailto:mmelone@ssymca.org) and she will invite you to join.



### **ELC Important Points of Interest**

- All questions regarding billing should be directed to [lfournier@ssymca.org](mailto:lfournier@ssymca.org) or 781-264-9444
- Aquatic Safety Sessions will begin in mid-October. Please look for swim information and permission slips to come home in the coming weeks.
- Please label all items with children's first and last names.

### **The fee-based gymnastics classes offered are:**

Monday 9:15-10:00am (3-5 year olds)  
 Monday 10:00-10:45am (3-5 year olds)  
 Thursday 11:15-12:00pm (3-5 years olds)