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Early Learning Center News
September 2018 Edition

**Welcome to the 2018-19
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 "Families." 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.



Coffee and Conversation

As part of the YMCA Welcoming Week, an annual campaign in which community-based organizations like the Y host events that bring together immigrants and U.S.-born residents from all backgrounds to get to know one another and work together for the common good, resulting in stronger, more cohesive communities, the ELC will be hosting a Coffee and Conversation with the Directors on Thursday, September 13th from 7:30am-8:30am. Stop by and say hello, and grab a bite to eat! Last year the Y collectively hosted more than 800 Welcoming Week events reaching tens of thousands of people! In the words of one Y event organizer, "Friendships were born, bridges were built and communities were strengthened."



**Save the Date: Back to
School Nights
Infant/Toddler/
Toddler-Pre:**

*Wednesday, October 24th
at 6:00pm*

**Trans-Pre/Preschool/
Pre-K/Multi-Age**

Kindergarten:

Thursday, October 25th 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.

**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. This is very important so we order the correct amount of food! 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.
- Put the \$5.00 (or your paid ahead ticket with your child's name inside of the envelope on the classroom clipboard).



Join Us on Facebook!

Stay in the loop at the ELC and join our "secret" Facebook page. To join please email Assistant Director, Maureen Melone at mmelone@ssymca.org and she will invite you to join



**Receive ELC Text
Notifications on the
Remind App**

If you have a smartphone, get push Notifications from the ELC!

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/aad2b3

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app. Please note that this is a new ELC Remind class so even if you

belonged before, you will need to rejoin with this code!



Mark Your Calendars! Upcoming Important Dates at the ELC

Coffee and Conversation

Thursday, September 13th
7:30am-8:30am

Speech and Language Screenings with Marshfield Speech and Language Therapies

Week of September 24th (must have parental consent and be 3 years old)

ELC Picture Day with Guidepost Studios

Thursday, October 4th and Friday, October 5th
(information and permission forms to follow)

ELC Professional Day- Closed

Monday, October 8th

First Family Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 10th at 5:15-6:15

Back to School Nights

Wednesday, October 24th
Thursday, October 25th

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 10th, 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.

Let's Have a Great Year Together!



ELC Important Points of Interest

- All questions regarding billing should be directed to 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 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.



All the best,
Jamee, Maureen, and Chrissy