



Veterans Day Tribute

We will proudly be working with the children to create Thank-you cards for our veterans and ask you to please share pictures of a family member who has served or is currently serving for our nation. The Veterans' Thank-you cards will be given to our local Veteran's Post and will be displayed for all to see.



- The State Street ELC will be **CLOSED on Thursday November 22nd and Friday November 23rd for Thanksgiving Break**
- There will be **NO Aquatic Safety Sessions** on the week of Thanksgiving
- The State Street ELC will be **CLOSED on Tuesday, December 25th** (early closure Christmas Eve)
- The State Street ELC will be **CLOSED on Tuesday, January 1st** (early closure NY Eve)

Hints to keeping your child healthy all year long:

- **Handwashing** is the #1 way outsmart cold & flu bugs so sing happy birthday twice while rubbing those little hands!
- **Make bubbles.** Teach your children to scrub hard enough to whip up some suds and send those germs down the drain, it's the friction that does the trick!
 - **Spot clean** in high traffic areas where germs like to linger, like countertops, phones and doorknobs.
 - **Sanitize smartly** in a pinch but don't forget to read the label as the liquid needs to be 60% alcohol to kill those nasty bugs!

Baby, It's Getting Cold Outside (But We Still Go Outside to Play)!

A gentle reminder to please send your children to school with proper cold gear: hats, mittens, coats, and when snow is on the ground- snow pants. If you have extra cold weather items to donate to the Center, we'll take them. These items will help us to "lend" items to children when they are forgotten/misplaced so that the rest of the class can get outside! Thank you!



As the weather is changing please be sure that you are changing out your child's extra clothes in their cubby! If you are going through your child's clothes and they do not fit them anymore the center is looking for bottoms as extra clothes!



Families please use the State Street ELC's front main door only. Please make sure you are using your fob to enter the front door. **If you need a new fob please see the office.** The loading dock door and SSYMCA door are staff access only. If you are going to use the SSYMCA's facility, please walk around and use the SSYMCA main entrance.

- **Please note: YMCA parking lot is ONLY to be used for YMCA participants who are using the facility. Please DO NOT park your car here if you are using public transportation.**
- State Street ELC is a locked building at all times. All enrolled families and staff have key fobs to access the building. **Please do not hold the door open for others.** Visitors MUST ring the doorbell and wait for an ELC staff person to answer. Remember, this policy is not rude, it's about child safety.
- **If your child will be late (after 9:00am) or absent, please call or email the Center to inform us of their absence.** We will call to inquire about your child if we are not aware

of their planned absence.

**OUR SOUTH SHORE YMCA CAUSE:
WATER SAFETY**



The Y is “America’s Swim Instructor” and the most accessible community resource to prevent drowning and encourage lifelong enjoyment of swimming. The South Shore Y is committed to providing access to lifesaving water safety education and skills to all members of the South Shore community, empowering all to swim safely and confidently. The main goals of our SSELAC Aquatic Safety sessions is to provide opportunities for young children to learn basic aquatic skills. We hope all families visit the Y to further enhance your child’s skills by enrolling in Y swim lessons.

In hopes of keeping our center healthy during the season please remember these handy tips:

I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...

I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL
Temperature of 100.4 or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours.	Body rash with itching or fever.	Itchy head, active head lice.	Redness, itching, and/or "crusty" drainage from eye.	Hospital stay and/or ER Visit

I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM....

Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication i.e. Tylenol, Motrin	Free from vomiting for at least 2 solid meals	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours	Free from rash itching, or fever. I have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home and proof is provided to nurse.	Evaluated by my doctor and have note to return to school	Released by my medical provider to return to school.
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We are looking for some items for Dramatic Play!

Accessories for dramatic play/dress up areas can enhance social learning. If you have any of the following items that you no longer need please consider donating to your child’s classroom!



- Old purses (cleaned out, please)

- Large costume jewelry
- Aprons
- Cell phones with buttons (no smart phones please)
- Glasses with no lenses



What am I thankful for?

We will have a turkey posted on the wall and are asking that you stop by and write a feather about what you are thankful for this year.

Please reach out to Director Mary Spargo and Assistant Director Ann Venuti with questions, we value your feedback!

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To join and receive information about emergency closures due to inclement weather and other reminders, text the following message @bcgcg7 to the number 81010

If you have a smartphone, get push notifications. On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link: <https://www.remind.com/join/bcgcg7>