



Early Learning Center December Newsletter

South Shore YMCA Cause Highlight: Social Services



Holiday Giving Wreaths at ELC!

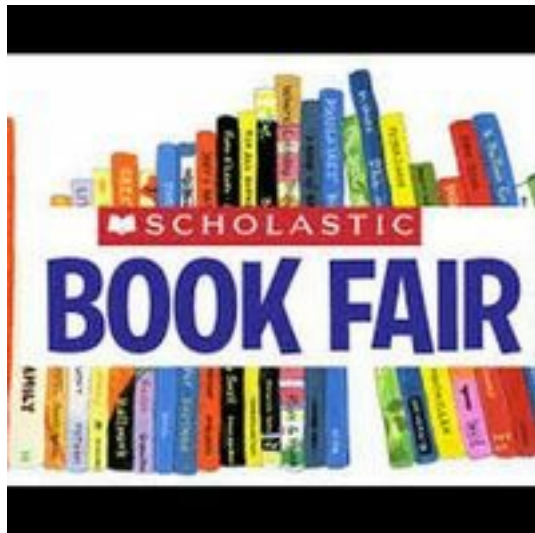
This month of December we are highlighting our South Shore YMCA Cause: **Social Services**.

Every day, across our entire community, the South Shore Y provides programs and services to help individuals and families in need or at risk through mentoring, our food pantry, support groups, leadership workshops and educational support. Our Holiday assistance Program gives hope and happier holidays to hundreds of families in need.

This holiday season at the ELC you can help to support this cause by participating in our Holiday Giving Wreath Program at the ELC. As an ELC Community we have “adopted” 3 families from the Germantown Neighborhood Center. Each child from each of the three families has

designated “wish list” items that can be donated by an ELC family. In addition, each family will also receive a food and hygiene basket, which means that specific food and hygiene items can also be donated. If you’d like to help, please find the Giving Wreath on the door outside of your child’s classroom. Please remove a paper ornament from the wreath and purchase the item.

Shop for the holidays at the ELC Scholastic Book Fair!



Book Fair Shopping Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 3:15-5:15pm

Support your child's school and grow your child's home library! Come to the ELC Scholastic Book Fair starting Tuesday, December 4th and ending on Thursday, December 6th. All proceeds will benefit the ELC classrooms in the form of new books or classroom materials. Please note if you need to purchase books outside of the shopping hours above, please see the office or front desk for help.

**Come watch the ELC Kindergarten Concert
Choir at the book fair on Wednesday,
December 5th at 4:00pm in the ELC lobby!**



Polar Express Evening with Santa and Dessert Potluck

We are excited to once again be offering a holiday favorite at the ELC, The Polar Express Evening with Santa on Friday, December 14th from 6:00-7:30pm. We hope that your family will join us to have a photo taken with Santa, create some holiday crafts, and view our fabulous holiday light show aboard the ELC Polar Express Wagons! We are encouraging all families to eat dinner before arriving for the evening (in PJ's of course!) and enjoy some holiday dessert treats with us here at the ELC. Please help us to share in the celebration by volunteering to bring in a holiday treat (peanut free) to share with the ELC community. **Please sign up to bring a dessert by clicking on the link here** <http://signup.com/go/rZMLCZg>.

Holiday Closures:

**Monday, December 24th early closure at 3:00pm
(please wear your pajamas on Christmas Eve!)**

Tuesday, December 25th closed

Monday, December 31st early closure at 3:00pm

Tuesday, January 1st closed

There will be no Aquatic Safety Sessions the weeks of December 25th and December 31st. Aquatic Safety Sessions will resume on January 8th.