



Early Learning Center February Newsletter



February Family Play Date in the KidZone!

Saturday, February 9th from 8:30am-10:00am. See you there!

Family Advisory Council Meeting Facebook Live!

Our next Family Advisory Council Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 13th from 5:15pm-6:15pm. Please consider joining us! In an effort to help more families be included, we will broadcast the meeting over Facebook Live. If you would like to be included please email Jamee at jbeaudry@ssymca.org for the secret link. We look forward to having our core group of families at the meeting while also potentially welcoming new families via Facebook Live!



2nd Annual Mini Muffin Taste of the South Shore

Mark your calendars and join us for the 2nd Annual Mini Muffin Taste of the South Shore in the ELC lobby on Tuesday, February 26th from 3:30-5:00pm. Each ELC classroom will mix up their own muffins with their own special "secret ingredient" for all to taste and enjoy! Vote for your favorite muffin and receive a chance to win a pair of tickets to this year's Taste of the South Shore at Lombardo's!

SSYMCA Taste of the South Shore

The Taste of the South Shore is the premier social and tasting event on the South Shore! The event is the signature fundraiser for the South Shore Y, featuring delicious gourmet tastings from the region's premier restaurants, breweries, and wineries, all coming together to donate their time and raise money for a good cause.



Join us on Thursday, March 28 from 6:00pm – 9:00pm for the 23rd annual Taste of the South Shore. Enjoy an evening of fun, food, auctions, raffles, and more!
<http://ssymca.org/events/taste-of-south-shore/>



SSYMCA Our Cause of the Month: Inclusive Programming

The Y offers support and funds programming for individuals with developmental/intellectual disabilities to engage in enrichment and wellness activities while fostering individual growth. These programs include social skills and development; participation in unified sports teams, swim instruction, summer camp and arts educational programs.



It's Tax Season! Access Your Online YMCA Childcare Account to Print Your Year End Tax Statement!

- Go to ssymca.org**
- Click on Account Login at the bottom of the page**
- If you have an account set up, under "I Want to Sign In To My Account" enter your email address and password**
- If you do not have an account set up click on find account and follow the steps**

Once logged in click on Year-end childcare statement

For all questions regarding billing please contact Laurie Fournier at lfournier@ssymca.org



Winter Fresh Air is Good For Everyone!

We love to play outside at the ELC! The benefits of playing outside in winter are huge for young children and their families. Here are some reasons why...

Breathing fresh air helps to strengthen the immune system. Playing outside allows us to get away from indoor germs and breathe fresh air. Additionally, playing outside helps children stay engaged in physical exercise. Outdoor winter play "gives children an opportunity for a change of environment, a balance in play and routine, and to perform large muscle activities." Playing outside in Winter also helps to engage children's imagination through play. Activities like building a snowman, going for a hike, and making tracks in the snow all help children to be more creative! Help us to make sure that children can play outside at ELC and are properly bundled for the cold weather by sending in the right clothing every day. This include boots, mittens, hats, coats, and snow pants! If you have any extras of these items that you would like to donate, we will take them to share with children who may have forgotten them at home.