August 2019 Newsletter

Early Learning Center Meet the Teacher Open House
Join us for an informal Open House to visit your child’s classroom with your family! Please note that our Annual (adult only) Curriculum Night will occur in October so please feel free to bring the whole family to this Open House event!

- Explore the classroom together with your child
- Meet other families of children in the classroom
- Say hello to the teachers in an informal setting

- Wednesday, August 28th at 4:00-5:00pm for Infant/Toddler Classrooms.
- Wednesday, August 28th at 5:00-6:00pm for Preschool and Pre-K

As we begin a new school year with new friends, families and teachers it is a great time to send out a few reminders about ELC’s best practices and policies to maintain a safe and efficient early childhood center. Please read over the following and do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.
* If you have a question/concern, please ask! Working together is the best way to help your child.
* ELC is a locked/secure 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 should be encouraged by entering families to ring the doorbell and wait for an ELC staff person to answer. If you need additional fobs we would be happy to provide those to you for a fee (the cost of the fob). Please see Maureen for more information. It’s like the door sign says “it’s not rude, it’s about child safety”!
* Please take it slow in the parking lot. A left hand turn out of our parking lot is strictly forbidden by the Hanover PD. If you need to go travel south on Rt. 53 please turn around in the Target Parking lot.
* If your child will be late (after 9:00am) or absent, please call or email the Center at 781-826-7900 or mmelone@ssymca.org to inform us of their absence. We will call to inquire about your child if we are not aware of their planned absence to ensure their safety (see the ELC Family Guide for additional information re’ this well-check call policy).
* Please label all of your children’s belongings, especially sunscreen and bug spray, water cups and extra clothes.
* Please remember to sign your child in and out each day at the sign in areas and in the classroom.
* Families are welcome to call the Center to inquire about their child, however the best time is during rest time daily (1:00-2:30pm).
ELC August Reminders

Friday, August 9th 3:30pm-4:30pm - Please join us for an ELC Carnival! We will have the bouncy house set up, games in the Kidzone, face painting, a photo booth, tie dye out by the playground and snacks! If you would like to tie dye please bring in something white – a t-shirt, socks or pillow case work great!

Wednesday, August 14th Cozy Coupe Car Wash - Please lend us your cozy coupes on that day and we will shine them up for you in our ELC car wash and return them to you!

Wednesday, August 21st Last day for Wacky Water Wednesday

Wednesday, August 28th Meet the Teacher Open House

ELC Staffing Update and Classroom name change!
The name of the Multi-Age Kindergarten room has been changed to Pre – K 3. Also, we have had a couple of teachers move to different classrooms and wanted to share with you all. They are all excited to start the new year in their new teaching roles!
* Megan Sullivan has moved back to Massachusetts and will be working in the upstairs Infant room!
* Lani has moved from the upstairs Infant room to work in the Toddler 2 classroom!
* Brittany Proctor has moved upstairs from the Toddler 2 classroom to work in Pre-K 2!
We want to thank you for participating in the survey I emailed to you! Your feedback is so very valuable to the South Shore YMCA as we continue to grow and make changes for the future. If you did not have time to take the survey online and have feedback to share, please send me an email or stop by the office. I would love to hear your suggestions!

**Director and Assistant Director Office Hours:**

Maureen - Monday and Tuesday 8:15-5:15 Wednesday-Friday 8:15-3:30
Chrissy - Monday and Tuesday 8:30-2:30 Wednesday-Friday 8:30-6:00
Catherine – Monday – Friday 7:30-3:30
*Please note these hours may be extended or change based on the needs of the center each day*
*As the Director of the ELC, I am available during all hours of operation by phone or email.*
Birthday Party Celebrations
Due to the many dietary restrictions and allergies of children we are bringing back a past policy of celebrating birthdays in ways to ensure the safety of all children. Some of the ideas to honor children’s birthday in the classroom are:
· Purchase a Birthday Book for $5 at the front desk, or bring in your own, to be donated to your child’s classroom.
· Send in special plates, napkins or table cloth to be used during meal time.
· We also have an option of a Pizza Party on Fridays (inquire at the Front Desk!)

We wish you all a safe and enjoyable August!