SAVE THE DATE:

September 1 & 2
Early Learning Facility Closed for Clean Up and Fall Preparation

September 5
Closed for Labor Day Holiday

September 6
First Day....Welcome Back

September 15
Back to School Night
Time: 6:30–7:30pm
Where: Your child’s classroom

Event Information: The teacher will do a brief overview of their classroom and expectations shortly after you all arrive. Please leave your children at home during this event as this is a time to meet the staff and familiarize yourself with how they do things in their classroom.

SEPTEMBER NEWS:

Emergency Procedure Plan
The Early Learning Center has a written plan detailing how emergencies are to be handled. A summary of this plan is being sent home for your review so you have an idea of how we plan to handle emergency situations should they arise. This plan was updated to include natural disasters that could happen in our area. The staff annually review the plan, and a copy is posted in the early learning lobby. Please contact the School Office if you have any questions regarding this plan.

Scholastic Firefly
Each month, Scholastic flyers will be sent home with your child. Scholastic makes it extremely affordable to build a home library and at the same time allots bonus points to the center. It is with these bonus points that we are able to increase our library and provide a print-rich environment that encourages young readers. You can order online at https://clubs.scholastic.com/marketing-parent and create your own account with the activation code: LH7WP. Miss Mekela in in charge of this program and can answer any questions you may have.

Communication
Daily notes are provided for all children who are in the Young Toddler and Toddler classrooms. This will inform you of your child’s individual activities and anything special that may have occurred. White boards, located inside/outside individual classrooms, provide important weekly information about classroom activities and special reminders for all ages. Parents are encouraged to speak directly to the classroom staff whenever you have a question regarding daily/weekly activities or other concerns about the program.

In addition to the memo boards, each teacher provides individual child mailboxes for your student’s paperwork and art projects. Important information will also be sent home by email so please be sure to provide an up-to-date email address.
A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTORS:

Dear Families,
Welcome to the 2022–2023 school year at the Lansdowne YMCA Kinderschool. We would like to extend a warm welcome to all families kicking off the school year with us and are excited to have you as part of our Y family!

The staff is looking forward to another successful year and getting to know each and every one of you. You may notice a few teachers have transitioned to a different classroom, and we have also added a new face or two to our staff, so please join us in making them feel welcome.

Please familiarize yourself with the staff by reading their bios located outside each classroom. We are excited to start the year fresh, and we hope you are too!

If you have any questions throughout this school year, please do not hesitate to speak to a staff member or call the early learning office at 610.259.8394.

Sincerely,
Christine Ortiz, Early Childhood Director
610.713.5245; cortiz@cyedc.org

A very happy birthday to everyone celebrating their birthday this month!

Chance, Kiari, Sophia, Wynter, Elisha, Islah, Josiah, Joelle

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

• Early Learning tuition is due every Monday. All payments can be paid at the Front Desk, online or over the phone.

• The program opens at 6:30 and closes promptly at 6:00pm Monday through Friday. Students are expected to be in class no later than 9:30am daily. Access cards will be disabled between 9:30am and 2:30pm daily.

After 6pm a fee of $10 for every 5 minutes will be added to your child’s tuition. Please be prompt when picking up your child.

• Information about weekly themes and class happenings is posted just outside your child’s classroom each week on memo boards.

• The last three parking spaces along the YMCA building are for child drop–off and pick-up. Designated Handicap spaces are not to be used unless you display a handicap permit.

HAPPENINGS

Swim Lessons for 3–5 year old children begin the week of September 19th.

This is subject to change with the timeline of the pool being fixed. Please look for a notice from your child’s teacher as to when your child will swim.

We are excited to see you all at our Back to School Night on Thursday, September 15.
FAMILY BOOK TIME
Curl Up With a Good Book! Studies show that reading to your child increases their vocabulary and makes them better readers. This month, why not head to the library and check out one of these great books:

The Pigeon has to go to School!
By: Mo Willems

All Are Welcome
By: Alexandra Penfold

We Don’t Eat Our Classmates
By: Ryan T. Higgins

The Night Before Preschool
By: Natasha Wing

How the Crayons Saved the School
By: Monice Sweeney

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:
“Children need the freedom to appreciate the infinite resources of their hands, their eyes and their ears, the resources of materials, sounds and colours.”
— Lena Magon

HAPPY KIDS ARE HEALTHY KIDS
Hand Washing
Parents are reminded to escort your child to the bathroom immediately upon entering the facility each day and ensure your child is properly washing before dropping them off in the classroom.

Effective hand washing is one of the most important steps in controlling the spread of germs. This is particularly true when children are touching and eating food. Recommendations from Caring for Our Children: National Health and Safety Performance Standards state that children and adults should wash their hands in running water that is a comfortable temperature.

Hands should be lathered with soap, preferably liquid soap and thoroughly rubbed for at least 20 seconds. After washing, rinse until soap and dirt are removed, and use a disposable paper towel for drying.

Adults should model appropriate hand washing procedures. Ensure that children and adults wash their hands before setting the table or serving food, before eating and after cleanup.