

COMMUNITY YMCA NOVEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



LANDSDOWNE SCHOOL AGE

Dear Families,

Thank you for your generous donations for our fall celebrations! The children had an amazing time participating in games and crafts, while enjoying delicious treats. Your support for our program is appreciated, and we look forward to working with you as the year progresses.

It is that time of the school year, morning and after-school clubs are fully active. If your child is participating in a club or chorus/instrument lessons, talk to a staff member about your child's arrival to or dismissal from our program. You can fill out a form at the school or click on the link provided and give it to a YMCA staff member. [Activity Permission Slip](#)

Brisk weather is swiftly approaching, and we understand the comfort of staying in our warm vehicles. Please note that parents are required to escort their children into the building, where a YMCA staff member will greet them. Kindly sign your child in and out using the provided iPad.

All designated pick-up persons must be over the age of 18. As always, please ensure that you have your state ID ready for new staff who may be visiting your child's site.



Site Phone Numbers

Ardmore Ave: 610.713.5241

Aronimink: 610.853.2152

Garrettford: 610.626.0731

Hillcrest: 610.853.2171

Westbrook: 610.626.0745

Kindergarten Center:
610.284.9022

Days off and Early Dismissals

Upper Darby School District:

11/4: Schools Closed-Program Closed

11/5: Early Dismissal

11/24, 11/25, 11/26: Early Dismissal Grades 1-5 (no registration required)

11/24, 11/25, 11/26: Kindergarten Closed OST Camp at the K-Center
7:30a-6:00p (registration required)

11/27 & 11/28 Program Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Ardmore Ave:

11/4: Schools Closed-Program Closed

11/19: Early Dismissal

11/25 & 11/26: OST Camp at Ardmore 7am-6pm (registration required)

11/27 & 11/28: Program Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

Registration is only required when schools are closed and families require a full day of care. This information helps us staff our programs accordingly!

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Aronimink

In November, the children will be exploring the signs of Autumn through outdoor play and observation. These seasonal investigations will spark conversations and inspire creativity. We have fun activities planned, including painting pictures that reflect their fall discoveries and discussions. It's a wonderful way to connect learning with nature and artistic expression.

Ardmore

Honest is a kid who is true to his name, he has been a great help with the Kindergarteners and the staff. Amani is new to our program, she exhibits respect, politeness, follows directions, and plays well with her peers. Have you checked in with your child about "Rock, Paper, Scissors" tournament held every Friday in the gym? Give Lucy a huge shout as she remains UNDEFEATED as the CHAMPION! We look forward to seeing how long she can hold this title. We also look forward to working on special activities as we go into the holiday season.

Birthday Shouts: Amani, Lamar & Sarah



Garrettford

The Garrettford YMCA OST program would like to recognize Sanaii B. and Gabriel D. as students of the month. Both students demonstrate a great sense of humor, leadership and positivity each day they show up! This month we have a host of fun crafts and activities that will encourage reflection, community, Thanksgiving, and gratefulness. The students will learn about gratitude and make a list of all the things they are grateful for. We will learn about community and engage in Native American tradition by crafting Totem Poles using recycled materials. We also plan to make silly Turkey puppets!

Birthday Shouts: Amari, Anari, Denim, London & Jamelle



Hillcrest

Hillcrest has finished reading Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing and is looking forward to hearing the second book in the series. We were in the gym this past week to play "Fire, Water, Ice" and we talked about being a good sport. We are pleased to say everyone was getting along well. A shout out to Chase who was a big help with our younger ones in the gym as well as a great example to what a good sport should be. Please help your child remember to put a book they enjoy in their book bags so they can have something to read when they are finished with homework. Thank you to Ben and George who are a big help everyday

Birthday Shouts: Sartaj & Ryan

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Westbrook Park

Westbrook Park is enjoying their time spent with Cheng's Martial Arts School. The kids have learned some basic skills to begin the art of learning discipline through controlling their bodies. If your child wishes to continue learning this practice, contact the front desk for more information. Shine a Light on Soroya and Julian, both students are exceptional, and we have enjoyed their kindness and compassion. As the weather continues to change, we will look forward to the changes in nature. We will discuss ways to show kindness and be thankful as we head into the holiday season.

Birthday Shouts: Vincent, Greyson, Olivia, Cassidy & Ramel



Kindergarten Center

Room A

This month, students will continue developing their language skills by practicing letters in both sign language and Spanish, as well as learning the days and months in English and Spanish. In music class, they will engage with new songs and instruments through listening and hands-on activities. We will also explore the rich cultural heritage of Native American communities. Additionally, students will learn about the electoral process through an interactive classroom voting activity and take time to honor our veterans by learning about their service and contributions.

Room Z

That November chill is here again, and we're kicking off the month with a week of life on the farm! Students will explore where our food comes from, discover the animals they might see, and learn how farmers support our communities. Next, we'll dive into health and hygiene by asking: What are germs, and how do we stay healthy? Through fun activities and discussions, students will learn simple ways to take care of themselves and others. November is also Native American Heritage Month. We'll honor this important time by introducing students to the rich history, culture, and traditions of Native American communities. As the month winds down, we'll reflect on what we're thankful for this Thanksgiving and explore ways we can give back to our community. We are especially thankful for our families and look forward to the joy and learning that December will bring.



School Age Directors - Contact Information

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NEWSLETTER



Snow & Weather Related Closings

As cool weather enters our area, we want to remind you of our snow and emergency closing protocols. All Lansdowne Y S'cool Kids Club Programs will follow their local School District announcements for weather CLOSURES.

*The Lansdowne Y S'cool Kids Club program will offer care for all scheduled half days, and closed days as outlined in school district calendars if space is made available.

*If the school district your child attends closes early for weather, announces a virtual learning day, or closes for other emergencies, the Y S'cool Kids Club Program will be CLOSED. You will be required to pick your child up directly from their elementary school.

*If the school your child attends opens 1 to 2 hours late, the morning school age program will be cancelled.

*If the School district decides to close after they have already issued a late opening, the Y S'cool Kids Club program will also close.

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS

FOR 3 - 5 YEAR OLDS!

**LANSDOWNE YMCA
EARLY LEARNING CENTER**

PROGRAM HOURS OF OPERATION
6:30AM - 6PM
• WE ACCEPT ELRC

**CALL TO SCHEDULE A
TOUR TODAY!**

**For Program Information and
Tour Contact:**
Christine Ortiz
Lansdowne YMCA
at 610.713.5245
or cortiz@cyedc.org

****Child must be FULLY potty trained**

**STAR LEVEL
4 PROGRAM**

**pennsylvania
KEYSTONE STARS
OFFICE OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND EARLY LEARNING**

- We are a leader in child development.
- Healthy and safe learning environment.
- Experienced, caring staff.
- Swim lessons within curriculum.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
WPSD -Ardmore Avenue UDSD-Upper Darby Schools						1
2	3	4 Election Day Programs Closed	5 UDSD-Early Dismissal	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 WPSD-Early Dismissal	20	21	22
23 30	24 **OST Camp Kindergarten Students at K-Center** UDSD-early dismissal	25 UDSD-early dismissal WPSD-OST Camp at Ardmore	26 UDSD-early dismissal	27 Closed for Thanksgiving	28 Programs Closed	29

Click on a picture
to learn more...



NOW HIRING

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL STAFF
EARLY LEARNING STAFF

**APPLY
TODAY**



<https://cyedc.org/employment/>



YMCA TOGETHERHOOD FREE FOOD INITIATIVES



PANTRY

YMCA Association Building
Next to Lansdowne YMCA
2104 Garrett Rd. Lansdowne

SHELF STABLE &
MEATS, DAIRY &
ESSENTIALS

**WEDNESDAY
4 - 6PM**

October 29
November 12

**SATURDAY
9AM**

November 22

Special
Date!

PARKING LOT

Lansdowne YMCA
2110 Garrett Rd.
Lansdowne

FRESH FRUITS
& VEGETABLES

**SATURDAY
9AM**

November 8
November 22

Delivery
may arrive
as early as
8:30am



PROUD
PARTNERS:

PHILABUNDANCE
Driving hunger from our communities



- Please do not form a line earlier than 2pm.
- Do not hold spaces.
- Must present ID at check-in.
- First come, First serve. No RSVP required.
- Please bring reusable bags.
- Park in Lansdowne Y parking lot.

RIDLEY AREA YMCA



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT
NEON GLOW PARTY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14

6-9PM

Ages 4 - 12 years

Register now:



Includes Pizza & Juice Box

\$20 member, \$40 non-member



REGISTER NOW

SPRINGFIELD YMCA SPECIAL EVENTS!



CARTWHEEL CLINIC

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

11:45 -12:15pm

**\$25 MEMBER
\$50 NON-MEMBER**

Ages 5 - 10



**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**



HOLIDAY ARTS & CRAFTS DROP IN CLASS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

12:45pm-1:15pm

**\$15 MEMBER
\$30 NON-MEMBER**

Ages 4-7



LEARN Jordan Schoenbeck
MORE: Youth Development Director
610.557.YMCA(9622), ext. 5009
610.557.9820 Direct
jschoenbeck@cyedc.org

GYMNASTICS CLINIC W/ GIANNA M.

(USAG LEVEL 10, COLLEGIATE GYMNAST)

**\$50 MEMBERS
\$100 NON-MEMBER**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13 & SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

1pm-1:45pm (both days)

ages 6-10



SKILLS:
BACK HANDSPRINGS
BACK WALKOVERS
BACK TUCKS
KIPS





Academy conducted by Pro Basketball skill development expert Troy Daniel – considered one of the best worldwide. Troy works with players from PRO, D1 College, and Elite High Schools.

**FALL
PROGRAM**

ELITE SKILL DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY (ESDA)



4-WEEK PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- **2 TRAININGS PER WEEK**
- **START DATES:**
 - **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30 &**
 - **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

AGE GROUP – Ages 11 – 15 (COED)
EXPERIENCED 6TH TO 9TH GRADERS

TRAINING TIMES:

THURSDAYS: 6:00 PM – 7:15 PM

SATURDAYS: 9 AM – 10:15 AM

REGISTER NOW!

Pricing:
\$250 for member



Powered by *Fundamentals 1st Basketball Skill Development*, ESDA was created exclusively for **SERIOUS** players i.e. - middle school players who are projected to play in high school & junior varsity and varsity players who are projected to play in college.



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BLACK FRIDAY ELITE BASKETBALL SHOOTING & OFFENSIVE SKILLS CLINIC

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 28TH

BBALL COURT B

Clinic conducted by Pro Basketball skill development expert
Troy Daniel – considered one of the best worldwide.
Troy works with players from PRO, D1 College, and Elite High Schools.

GIRLS CLINIC

9am–10:30am

GRADES 6TH–9TH (AGES 11–15)

BOYS CLINIC

10:30am–12pm

GRADES 6TH–9TH (AGES 11–15)

\$60 MEMBER
\$150 NON-MEMBER

- Not for beginners
- Promotional Items/Incentives available for those that participate in the November Elite Skill Development Academy

LEARN MORE: Trevor Gasiorowski
Sports Director
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RIDLEY AREA YMCA BREAKFAST WITH SANTA



SUNDAY
DECEMBER 14

9-10:30am



Ages 1 - 12 years

\$10 member, \$20 non-member
includes light breakfast items

Register now:

