

COMMUNITY YMCA FEBRUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER



LANSDOWNE EARLY LEARNING



Dear Families,

We are half-way through the school year and things are going well in each classroom. You should have received your child's second assessment by now had the opportunity to sign up for a conference. Please remember that you can request a conference at any time throughout the year by contacting your child's teacher or the Early Learning office.

There's much to anticipate in the second half of the school year. Details about Valentine's Day festivities can be found below. Keep an eye out for information about our spring Bookfair, Painting with Peeps, Pre-K prom, and graduation in our upcoming newsletters. We can't wait to see you at all the exciting events planned for spring!

Warm Regards,
Christine & Myndi

Important Dates

2/2 thru 2/6: Conference Week - See sign up sheets outside classrooms.

2/13: Valentine's Day Parties

2/16: Program Closed-Staff In-Service

Save the Date

3/30-4/4: Spring Bookfair

4/2: Painting with Peeps

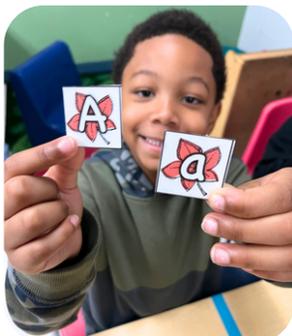
4/23: Picture Day

5/15: Pre-K Prom



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Valentine's Day

On Friday, February 13, all classes will celebrate "Friendship" by having parties and exchanging Valentine's in the classrooms. Each classroom will have a mailbox for Valentine's so each child can "mail their letters" to their friends. A list of students and staff for each room is always readily available on the bulletin board located outside your child's classroom.

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Important Tax Information

Important Tax Information – When filing your 2025 taxes, here is the YMCA Tax ID#23-1614045. You may be eligible for a tax credit. Go to [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov) for more information.

Families have the ability to print your own tax statements by logging into your CYEDC account. Click [here](#) to view a tutorial. If you would like one printed for you, kindly contact: J'hannel Becoat: jbecoat@cyedc.org

Staff In-Service

On Monday, February 16, Early Learning and OST staff from all three branches will engage in their last full day in-service for this year. Collaborating with staff from other locations fosters teamwork, creates a richer learning environment, and allows for an exchange of ideas that supports diverse perspectives. Ultimately, we hope these trainings enrich staff performances with children and families throughout our association.

Pre-Registrations for Summer Camp & School Age 2026-2027

All locations will begin accepting registrations for summer camp starting February 2 for members and February 16 for non-members. Next month pre-registration for families currently enrolled who require before and/or after school care for the upcoming school year will begin. See the attached flyers for details.



Happy Birthday

Averi, Oliver, Idris,
Nathan & Ava



Pre-K Prom

Date: Friday, 5/15 6:30-8:30pm

As we start prepping for our Prom, we wanted to share our excitement for our theme, CANDYLAND!!!

Below is a link, if you would like to help us get started: Amazon Link: <https://a.co/aJMn8BT>



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Snow & Emergency Closures

Just a reminder, Early learning programs will follow local school district closings and late openings for snow and weather-related emergencies. If the weather becomes severe after opening, families will be called for early closures. If the Y is closed, there will be no program for the day. Lansdowne Y follows Upper Darby SD #452. Delayed openings will also be followed accordingly. **If Upper Darby School District announces a virtual learning day due to the weather, please check your email, cell phone for a text message from the Y, or call your branch directly.



Help Spread the Word

FOR 3 - 5 YEAR OLDS!

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS

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

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.

The CYEDC is an Equal Opportunity Early Childhood Provider

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FEBRUARY 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Valentine's Day Party	14
15	16 Program Closed	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28



Click on a picture
to learn more...





Providing Kindergarten and Preschool programs, as well as care for infants from the age of 6 months

NEW

OPENING JUNE 2026

EARLY LEARNING CENTER
AT DELAWARE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE



QUALITY EDUCATION

- Serving the community since 1999
- Proud to partner with Delaware County Community College
- Exceptional early learning care at the new state-of-the-art building
- Located on the college's Southeast Campus in Drexel Hill - Behind the Archbishop Prendergast building



STATE OF THE ART FACILITY

- Designed by experts in the field of early childhood education
- Enhanced security entry system with access cards for parents
- Each classroom includes bathrooms, food prep area, greater storage, and more
- New outdoor environment brings nature to the forefront of learning & physical development
- Convenient Parking
- Elevator to second floor

HIGHLY SKILLED AND QUALIFIED STAFF

- YMCA staff - formally trained in child development & early learning
- New Mentorship program for college students pursuing degrees in education and related human services fields of study
- Collaboration between YMCA and DCCC ensures tomorrow's teachers are well trained in best practices in the field of early childhood education.

CURRICULUM

- High quality curriculum utilizing play-based learning practices
- New and updated materials to enhance discovery exploration and inquiry
- Hands on approaches to learning

Scan for more information and to secure your child's spot



To Enroll & Learn More Contact:

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COMING FALL 2026

Pre-Registration Information:

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EARLY LEARNING CENTER



**YMCA of
Eastern
Delaware
County**

**EARLY LEARNING
CENTER at**
Delaware County
Community College 



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**

February 4
February 18
March 4

PARKING LOT

Lansdowne YMCA
2110 Garrett Rd.
Lansdowne

FRESH FRUITS
& VEGETABLES

**SATURDAY
8:30AM**

January 31
February 14
February 28

Time is
Dependent on
Delivery



PROUD
PARTNERS:



- 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



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13 6-9PM

LOTS OF LOVE
THEME NIGHT!

ENJOY YOUR NIGHT WHILE YOUR KIDS HAVE FUN AT THE Y!

Includes Pizza & Juice Box, and Arts & Crafts

Ages 4 - 12 years

\$20 member, \$40 non-member

LEARN MORE:
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Youth Development Director
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hrusso@cyedc.org



www.cyedc.org

REGISTRATION OPENS
MEMBERS:
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2
PUBLIC:
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16



SUMMER CAMP 2026





2026-2027 OUT OF SCHOOL TIME PROGRAMS

YMCA of EASTERN DELAWARE COUNTY LANSLOWNE YMCA FOR UPPER DARBY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Daily activities focus on academic enhancement, social growth and physical activity.

SPACE IS LIMITED!

Registration Opens for Currently Enrolled Families:

Monday, March 2, 2026 at 9am

Registration Opens to Public:

Monday, March 16, 2026 at 9am

\$50 non-refundable deposit is required. (per child)

**Aronimink
Garrettford
Hillcrest**

Kindergarten Center (Enrichment Program)
Primos (PM Care Only at Westbrook Park)
Westbrook Park

ENRICHING KIDS INSIDE & OUT

Register online at www.cyedc.org or in person at
Lansdowne YMCA (2110 Garrett Rd., Lansdowne, PA) 610.557.9622 #1
Ridley Area YMCA (900 South Ave., Secane, PA) 610.557.9622 #2
Springfield YMCA (194 W Sproul Ave, Springfield, PA) 610.557.9622 #3
For program details, call 610.713.5242

Contact Jeannine Hurlock NOW to set up an
online account: 610.713.5258 or
jhurlock@cyedc.org
or Contact Rachael Gallo
at 610.713.8006 or rgallo@cyedc.org



2026-2027 OUT OF SCHOOL TIME PROGRAMS

**YMCA of EASTERN DELAWARE COUNTY
LANSDOWNE YMCA FOR WILLIAM PENN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Program for students who attend Ardmore Avenue Elementary School.

Daily activities focus on academic enhancement, social growth and physical activity.

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YMCA of EASTERN DELAWARE COUNTY RIDLEY AREA YMCA FOR RIDLEY/INTERBORO SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Daily activities focus on academic enhancement, social growth and physical activity.

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Program Locations:

Edgewood Elementary School Before & After Care: Edgewood Elementary
Amosland Elementary School Before & After Care: Amosland Elementary
Interboro Elementary School Before & After Care: Ridley Area YMCA

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2026-2027 OUT OF SCHOOL TIME PROGRAMS

YMCA of EASTERN DELAWARE COUNTY SPRINGFIELD YMCA FOR SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Daily activities focus on academic enhancement, social growth and physical activity.

SPACE IS LIMITED!

**Registration Opens for Currently Enrolled Families:
Monday, March 2, 2026 at 9am**

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Kindergarten Enrichment Program at: Springfield YMCA

Grade 1 Before & After Care at: AM: SLC PM: ETR

Sabold Grades 2-5 Before & After Care: Sabold Elementary School

Scenic Grades 2-5 Before & After Care: Scenic Hills Elementary School

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