

COMMUNITY YMCA JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER



LANDSLOWNE EARLY LEARNING



Dear Families,

Happy New Year & Welcome back! We hope you all had a happy, safe and relaxing holiday. The children always make the holidays exciting and magical, and this year was no exception! Our holiday breakfast in pajamas was a fun way to kick off the holidays. We really enjoyed our time with Santa as he read us *The Night Before Christmas*.

To the many people who remembered us at Christmas, whether with gifts, lunch, greetings or kind words, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

The upcoming year is filled with exciting opportunities! We are anticipating our Spring Scholastic Book Fair, Painting with Peeps, Pre-K Prom, and much more! Keep an eye out for additional details about all these fun events!

Thank you,
Christine & Myndi

Swim Lessons will continue back up the week of January 5!

At the Lansdowne YMCA, we take great pride in offering FREE swim lessons as part of our program. In the U.S., drowning is the leading cause of death for children ages 1–4, and the second leading cause for children ages 5–14. We have noticed a decline in the number of children prepared for these lessons. Children who arrive without their swimsuits must sit on the pool deck for 45 minutes while their friends enjoy swimming. We kindly ask for your support in encouraging your children to participate in these life saving activities. Please ensure they come dressed in their swimsuits!

Important Dates

- 1/1/26: Program Closed
- 1/19: Program Closed – Staff In-Service
- 1/29: Subaru Sneaker Event – More information to follow

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Progress Reports

Our teachers have started working on winter assessments for your child. You should receive this paperwork by January 30, 2026. Conference week is February 2-6. If you would like a conference with your child's teacher, please sign up on the schedule posted outside the classroom. You have the option of a phone conference, or an in-person meeting here during naptime.

Important Information

Fresh air is important, and we are required to make sure the children get some outside time DAILY...even throughout the winter. This could mean 5-10 minutes or longer. We have many cold hands when we come inside so please, please remember those gloves, hats and warm coats. Don't forget to label your child's belongings.

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

In our dedication to offering your child an exceptional experience, we require our staff to participate in comprehensive training sessions that enhance their knowledge of child development and learning. Therefore, our early childhood program will be closed on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, as staff will be engaged in training throughout the day.

Happy Birthday

Koah, Sydney,
Elizabeth, Joy, Jaiden,
Mael, Aylena, Aria, &
Marley



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>



The CYEDC is an Equal Opportunity Early Childhood Provider

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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

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

**STAR LEVEL
4 PROGRAM**

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

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



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JANUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Program Closed	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Program Closed	20	21	22	23	24
24	26	27	28	29 Subaru Sneaker Event	30	31



Click on a picture
to learn more...



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**

January 7
January 19 (2- 4pm)
January 21

**Special
MLK Day
Opening!**

PARKING LOT

Lansdowne YMCA
2110 Garrett Rd.
Lansdowne

**FRESH FRUITS
& VEGETABLES**

**SATURDAY
9AM**

January 10
January 17
January 31

**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.



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT EVENTS

AT THE RIDLEY AREA YMCA

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

PARTY ANIMAL THEME NIGHT!

Includes Pizza & Juice Box, and Ice Cream Sundae

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16
6-9PM

Ages 4 - 12 years

\$20 member, \$40 non-member

LEARN MORE:

Haley Russo
Youth Development Director
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LOTS OF LOVE THEME NIGHT!

Includes Pizza & Juice Box, and Arts & Crafts

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13
6-9PM

Ages 4 - 12 years

\$20 member, \$40 non-member





**REGISTER
NOW**



YMCA of Eastern Delaware County



WINTER ARTS/SPORTS & SWIM PROGRAMS



**SWIM LESSON PROGRAM
SESSION DATES:
JANUARY 5 – MARCH 1, 2026**

**ARTS/SPORTS PROGRAMS
MONTHLY SESSION DATES:
JANUARY: 1.5 – 2.1.2026
FEBRUARY: 2.2 – 3.1.2026**



NEW

SPRINGFIELD YMCA ACTING CLASS

**MONTHLY
PROGRAM**

**SATURDAY
11AM - 12PM
AGES 6 - 10
PATHWAYS ROOM**



MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Member \$63 Non-member \$126

JANUARY: 1.5 - 2.1.2026

FEBRUARY: 2.2 - 3.1.2026



REGISTER NOW



Discover how to gain confidence in public speaking, explore various script formats, and engage in enjoyable acting games.



SPRINGFIELD YMCA

INCLUSIVE

PLAYGROUP

FRIDAYS

6-7:30pm

Child Watch

1/9/26

1/23/26

2/6/26

2/13/26

3/6/26

3/20/26

- o \$5 for members per session
- o \$10 for non-members per session

**REGISTRATION
REQUIRED**



PARENTS ATTEND AND MAKE CONNECTIONS!

- You do not need to have a child with a disability to attend this playdate.
- You only need a curious child who wants to make friends!

For More Information:
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PLAYGROUP FACILITATED BY:



Christine Yu: Child & Family Specialist



UNITY BREAKFAST



JAN 19, 2026
8:00-9:30AM

Corporate Events Center at
Drexelbrook

4700 Drexelbrook Dr.
Drexel Hill, PA 19026

**HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

Presenting Sponsor:
Independence 

 **REGISTER NOW**

\$25 Adult
\$15 Children - 12 and under
www.cyedc.org



GUEST SPEAKER:

Dr. Marta Yera Cronin
Delaware County Community College (DCCC)
President

Marta Yera Cronin, Ed.D., is a prominent higher education administrator and first-generation college student from immigrant parents, with over 20 years of experience in community colleges. She became president of Delaware County Community College in July 2023, previously leading Columbia Gorge Community College in Oregon. As the second woman and first Latina president, she emphasizes educational accessibility, dual enrollment programs, and the Center for Equity and Social Justice. Dr. Cronin has held leadership roles in diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives, secured significant funding for capital projects, and holds advanced degrees in education and language.



MLK DAY SKILLS CLINIC & 3 V 3 CHALLENGE



SPRINGFIELD YMCA



Monday, January 19th
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Skills Clinic: 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM

3 v 3 Challenge: 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Boys and Girls (Co-Ed) for Grades 6-9 (Ages 11-15)

3 v 3 Challenge

- Each game will be played to 7 points or until the time limit of 10 minutes is reached (whichever comes first).
- Teams can consist of no more than 4 players.
- We will carefully select teams to ensure fairness.
- Every team will aim to play at least 4 games.
- The team with the most wins will be crowned "THE YMCA MLK DAY BASKETBALL CLINIC/3 V 3 CHALLENGE CHAMPION!"
- *Exciting small prizes will be awarded to the winners!



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.



Cost:
\$60 for members
\$120 for non-members

