

COMMUNITY YMCA



JANUARY 2026

# NEWSLETTER



## SPRINGFIELD EARLY LEARNING

### Dear Families,

We hope everyone had a wonderful and safe holiday season. A huge thank you to the many families who expressed their kindness during this festive time; your generosity is truly appreciated.

As we dive into 2026, we are excited to kick off our Star Student program, which begins the week of January 5. Each week a student of the Week will be revealed on the preceding Friday. Parents of Star Students will be notified by the teachers.

This month, students will embark on an exploration of arctic animals, delve into the life of Martin Luther King, Jr., and discover the wonders of space and dinosaurs through engaging activities and lessons.

Warm Wishes,  
Miss Juls, Miss Jada & Miss Victoria

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### Important Dates

1/1: Program Closed  
1/19: Program Closed for Staff In-Service



### Exciting News!

With the help of our preschool parents, we will be hosting a Sweetheart Soiree on Saturday, February 7. This will be a preschool dance event. If you're interested in joining the planning committee, please reach out via email to [Kaylamdavid@yahoo.com](mailto:Kaylamdavid@yahoo.com). Ms. Moen is a preschool parent who has agreed to chair the committee.

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## Staff In-Service

When staff engage in early childhood professional development they gain new knowledge and a better understanding of child development. This allows our staff to continuously grow their knowledge and skills, collaborate with colleagues, and ultimately improve student experiences in early childhood programs by providing them with engaging activities. On Monday, January 19, Springfield preschool and OST staff will spend the day focusing on strategies and skills that will be applied to the early learning classroom.



## Snow Closing Information

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. Springfield Y follows Springfield SD #526. Delayed openings will also be followed accordingly.



## Important Tax Information and Statements

When filing your 2025 taxes, here is the YMCA tax ID#23-1614045. You may be eligible for a tax credit. Go to <https://www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc602> for more information.

**Tax Statements** - Families have the ability to print your own tax statements by logging into your CYEDC account. Click [here](#) to view a tutorial, or go to the early learning page of our website and scroll to the bottom. If you would like one printed for you, kindly contact: Brian McGee: [Bmcgee@cyedc.org](mailto:Bmcgee@cyedc.org).

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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	30	31



Click on a picture to learn more...



**REGISTER  
NOW!**

# 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  
610.544.1080, ext. 2208  
484.479.3401  
hrucco@cyedc.org



## **LOTS OF LOVE THEME NIGHT!**

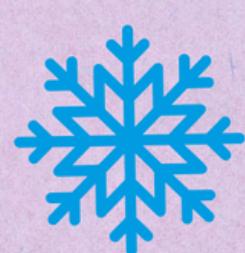
Includes Pizza & Juice Box, and Arts & Crafts

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13**  
**6-9PM**

**Ages 4 - 12 years**

\$20 member, \$40 non-member





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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	2/13/26
1/23/26	3/6/26
2/6/26	3/20/26

- \$5 for members per session
- \$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:  
Trevor Gasiorowski  
610-557-9826  
[TGasiorowski@cyedc.org](mailto:TGasiorowski@cyedc.org)

## 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](http://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





# 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.