

COMMUNITY YMCA MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER



LANSDOWNE EARLY LEARNING



Dear Families,

The Lansdowne YMCA Kinderschool had a fantastic time last month celebrating Black History Month and cherishing our friendships on Valentine's Day. We had the pleasure of having Pediatric Dentistry of Newtown Square join us for a classroom presentation and workshop with the children. With the assistance of Subaru's Operation Warm, we were able to gift each child with a brand new pair of sneakers! In March, we will celebrate Read Across America Week alongside St. Patrick's Day. We will also have our spring family event: Painting with Peeps along with our Bookfair! Below, you can find the important dates.

Warm Regards,
Christine & Myndi

Important Dates

3/2 - 3/6: Read Across America Week (see below)
3/17: St. Patrick's Day Festivities
3/27-4/6: Spring Bookfair
4/2: Painting with Peeps

Save the Date

4/23: Picture Day
5/15: Pre-K Prom



CONTACT INFORMATION

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Read Across America Week: March 2nd-6th

We will have special readers each day as well as whacky week themed days!
Monday: My Many Colored Monday: Wear as many colors as you can!
Tuesday: Terrific Hat Tuesday: Wear your favorite hat!
Wednesday: Wacky Hair Wednesday: Wear the wackiest hair!
Thursday: Thing 1 & Thing 2 Thursday: Wear red and blue!
Friday: Fun Socks Friday: Wear silly socks!



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Saint Patrick's Day

You don't have to be Irish to join in on the fun! All classes will celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Tuesday, March 17, beginning at 10 AM. Wear your green and if we're lucky, we might even receive a special visit from a Leprechaun!

Spring Bookfair is Here!

Be sure to stop by the Spring Book fair located in the Lansdowne YMCA's main lobby any time between Friday, March 27th - Monday, April 6th. We can't wait to see you there. If you get the chance to HOP over, the Easter Bunny will be there April 2nd around 6:30pm.

Painting with my Peeps

Save The Date! Thursday April 2nd from 6:00-7:30pm
Please make sure to register with the early learning office, membership desk, or scan the QR code on the attached flyer!

Join us for our Early Learning Family Night! The event will feature:

- Painting ceramic piggy banks
- Food will be provided!
- Basket Raffle entries for all participants. Additional entries provided with bookfair purchase.
- The lobby will host our book fair and a special guest appearance by the Easter Bunny!

Happy Birthday

**Ryann, Zuriya,
Zafeer &
Malakai**



Pre-K Prom: A Sweet Escape to Candyland!

We are thrilled to announce our 4th annual Pre-K Prom

Friday, May 15
from 6:30 to 8:30 pm!

We can't wait to see everyone all dressed up & sugar-coated! as it's sure to be a "SWEET" evening!

To help manage expenses, we've created an Amazon Wish List, which will truly enhance the experience for you and your children. We greatly appreciate any contribution you can make to support this event!

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.



Pre-Registrations for School Age 2026-2027

On March 2, all locations will initiate the pre-registration process for families currently enrolled who require before and/or after school care for the upcoming school year. Please note that once registration is open to the public, we cannot guarantee a space. The attached flyer provide details on registration dates and deadlines.

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



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MARCH 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 2026-2027 OST Registration Begins	3 *****Read Across America Week*****	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day Party	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Bookfair Begins	28
29	30	31	1	2 Painting With Peeps		



Click on a picture
to learn more...





PAINTING WITH MY PEEPS



Lansdowne YMCA
Thursday, April 2nd
6:00-7:30pm
\$10 per person, parent
must attend with child(ren)

Price includes food!

*Scan QR to register



Register with a front desk
membership team member.

Evening will include painting
ceramics, book fair, and
food.



The
Easter
Bunny will
be at the
book fair
for
pictures!





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

CURRICULUM

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

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.

To Enroll & Learn More Contact:

Christine Ortiz -Early Childhood Director 610.713.5245
Myndi Tolbert-Asst. Early Childhood Director 610.259.8394

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





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.

SPACE IS LIMITED!

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2026-2027 OUT OF SCHOOL TIME PROGRAMS

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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Monday, March 16, 2026 at 9am

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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**

**Registration Opens to Public:
Monday, March 16, 2026 at 9am**

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

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

ENRICHING KIDS INSIDE & OUT

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THE
FRIENDSHIPS,
FUN,
ADVENTURE
PLACE



the
YMCA
www.cyedc.org



! DON'T DELAY - SOME CAMPS ARE ALREADY FILLED!

REGISTER AT ANY OF OUR BRANCHES
LANSLOWNE, RIDLEY AREA OR SPRINGFIELD
CALL 610.557.9622
OR ONLINE - WWW.CYEDC.ORG



YMCA TOGETHERHOOD FREE FOOD INITIATIVES

the
YMCA

PANTRY

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

SHELF STABLE &
MEATS, DAIRY &
ESSENTIALS

**WEDNESDAY
4 - 6PM**

March 4
March 18
April 1

PARKING LOT

Lansdowne YMCA
2110 Garrett Rd.
Lansdowne

FRESH FRUITS
& VEGETABLES

**SATURDAY
8:30AM**

February 28
March 14
March 28

Time is
Dependent on
Delivery



PROUD
PARTNERS:

PHILABUNDANCE
Driving hunger from our communities

SE
Sharing Excess

- Pantry Only: Numbers will be given to pantry shoppers beginning at 2pm until 3:50pm.
- If you did not receive a number (3:50pm and later), You will form a line.
- Must present ID at check-in.
- First come, First serve. No RSVP required.
- Please bring reusable bags.
- Park in Lansdowne Y parking lot.

"SWIFTY"

the



SING & SWIM EVENT

FRIDAY, MARCH 13 5:30 - 7:30PM

SPRINGFIELD YMCA

INCLUDES SNACKS & TREATS



Cost and Safety Regulations

- Swimmer Fees
 - Members: \$5 per child
 - Non-Members: \$10 per child
- Red Band Swimmers:
 - Must be accompanied by an adult in the pool
 - A maximum of two red band swimmers per adult
 - Adults must be members, if not, there is a \$10 fee for non-member adults

EASTER BUNNY SWIM & EGG HUNT

Join us for swimming with the
Easter Bunny and searching for colorful floating eggs!

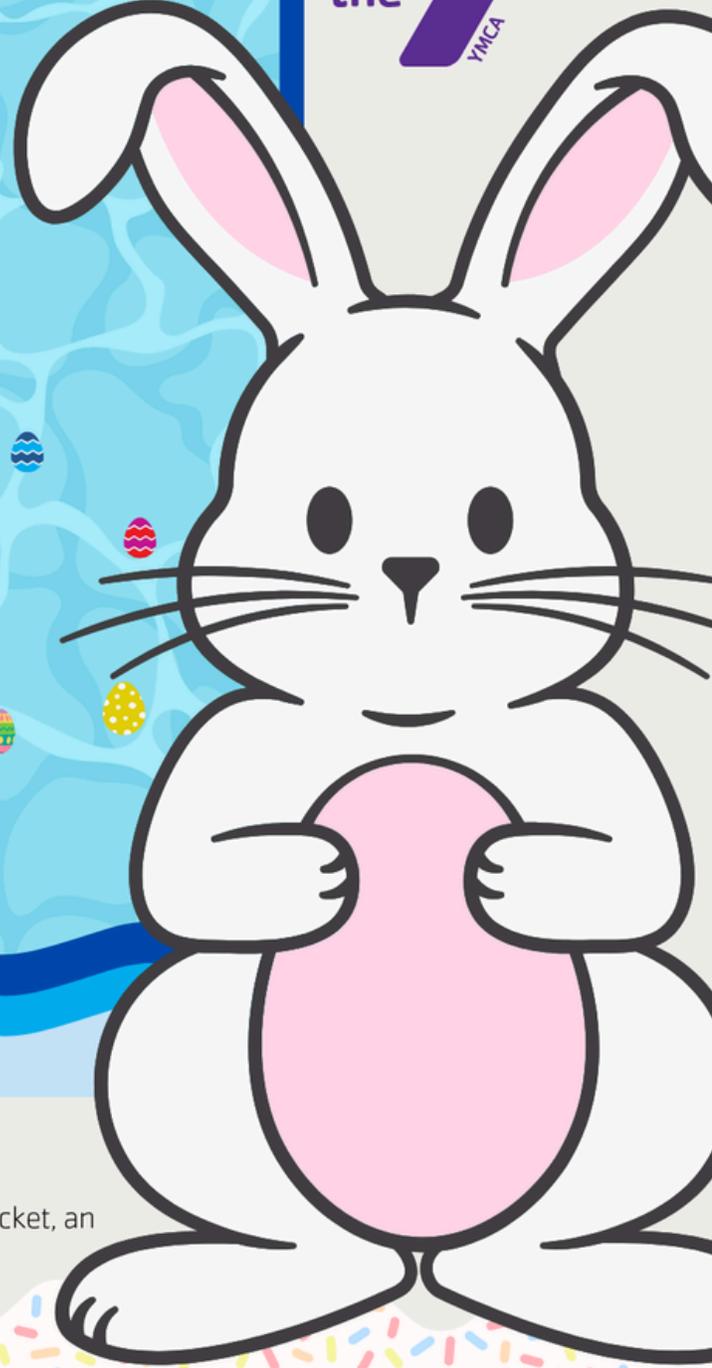
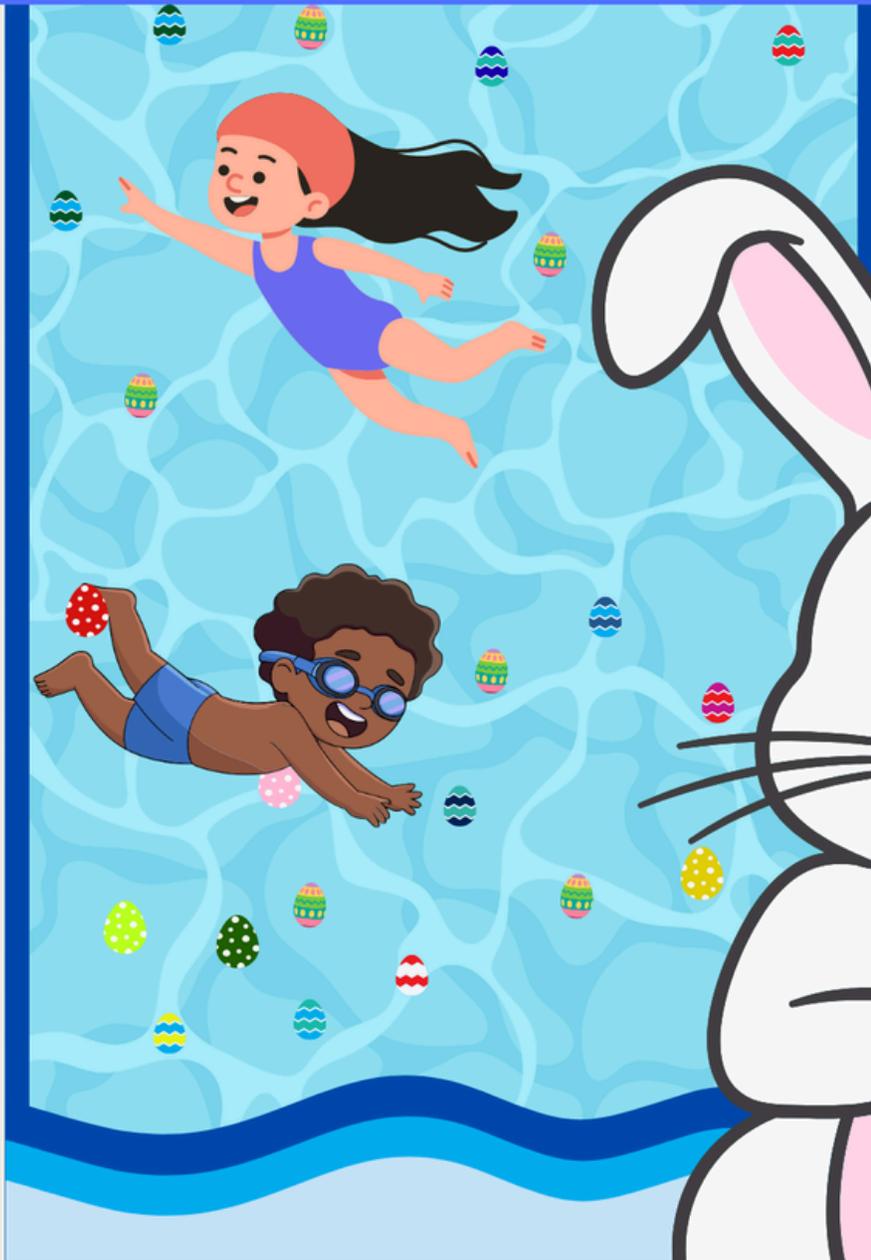
SUNDAY
MARCH 22 2:30-3:30

**RIDLEY
AREA
YMCA**

www.cyedc.org

**INCLUDES
AN
EASTER
GOODIE
BAG**

**\$10
MEMBERS**



We will adhere to standard pool regulations. If a child is wearing a life jacket, an adult must be present in the water with them.



SPRINGFIELD YMCA

EASTER

EGG HUNT

FRIDAY

APRIL 3

10 - 12:30PM

**MOON BOUNCE, CRAFTS,
GAMES, EGG HUNT**



**THE
EASTER BUNNY WILL
BE HOPPING BY!**

\$10 per child
\$20 for non-members

the



Join Us to Celebrate



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH WOMEN IN BUSINESS

Women's HERstory Expo
Saturday, March 28th
10am-2pm

Join Us for a Special Day Celebrating

SPRINGFIELD YMCA

FREE

Event Overview:

- **Local Small Businesses:** Featuring tables set up by women-owned businesses and products/services related to women.
- **Purpose:** This event is designed to celebrate and promote Women's History Month.
- **Activities:** Attendees can explore vendor tables to shop or access valuable resources.





Proceeds Benefit the YMCA of Eastern Delaware County
www.cyedc.org

GIFT CARD



FRIDAY, APRIL 17

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30PM

EVENT LOCATION: RIDLEY'S CREEKSIDE CENTER
794 MILMONT AVE, SWARTHMORE

REGISTER NOW!

Tickets:

\$35 - \$325 for a table of ten

Includes: 10 Rounds, 4 boards per round, door prize ticket

TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!



★ Attendees are permitted to bring their own food, beer & wine

★ Additional Boards, 50/50 and Raffle Basket Tickets will be sold at event!

★ Turn it into a themed night! Exciting prizes given for best themes!

? - Contact Danielle Mirigliano at dmirigliano@cyedc.org with any questions