

# COMMUNITY YMCA MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER



## SPRINGFIELD EARLY LEARNING

### Dear Families,

With the last few months of the school year upon us, there are many events and activities planned from now through June. Kindergarten registration, child assessments, and parent-teacher conferences are just a few of the many significant activities taking place in March. Please take a moment to review all the information to stay informed about upcoming events and key deadlines.

Domonique & Marisa

### Important Dates

- 3/2: Out of School Time Registration (see attached flyer)
- 3/2 - 3/6: Scholastic Book Fair
- 3/3 - 3/6: Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 3/17: St Patrick's Day Party
- 3/20: Rock Your Socks!



### From the Classroom

March is jam-packed with exciting new learning opportunities! This month, we will be diving into the wonderful world of Dr. Seuss and explore his silly stories and rhyming tricks. The children will have fun playing with words and building early literacy skills in creative ways.

We will also focus on healthy living and the importance of learning how to keep our bodies moving through active play and discussing simple habits that help us stay strong and energized.

As spring begins to bloom, we'll explore nature by learning about flowers, growth, and the changes happening all around us. And of course, we will celebrate along the way with a fun and festive St. Patrick's Day party.

Miss Juls, Miss Jada & Miss Victoria

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## Child Assessments and Parent Conferences

Families can anticipate receiving your child's second assessment by March 2 at the latest. Continuous assessments enable educators to monitor children's progress in areas such as language development, fine motor skills, and social-emotional learning. The insights gathered from these evaluations assist us in designing lessons that cater to the unique needs of each child.

From March 2 to March 6, we will provide phone conferences, and a signup sheet will be available outside the classroom. As always, if you would prefer to meet in person, please feel free to reach out to Miss Juls to schedule a time at [JWhite@cyedc.org](mailto:JWhite@cyedc.org)

## 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 on March 16, we cannot guarantee a space. The attached flyer provide details on registration dates and deadlines.

## Read Across America- Director for the Day

For the entire month of March, we are inviting families to participate in a fun At-Home Reading Challenge!

Parents will use a QR code to log the total number of minutes their child reads at home. All reading counts. This can be bedtime stories, independent reading, reading to a sibling, or reading together as a family. Every minute matters!

Our goal is to encourage a love of reading while building strong early literacy skills in a fun and engaging way.

At the end of the month, the child with the highest time spent reading, will earn the exciting title of "Director for the Day."

Our special Director will:

- Choose their favorite lunch to share with the class
- Receive a personalized name tag and lanyard
- Have their own special desk for the day
- Choose one fun activity for their peers
- Make one special decision for the school (for example: Pajama Day or another fun surprise!)

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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. Springfield YMCA follows Springfield SD #526. Delayed openings will also be followed accordingly. \*\*If Springfield 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.



## Scholastic Book Fair

Our Scholastic book fair will take place the week of March 2 in the Springfield YMCA lobby. Please consider visiting the Springfield YMCA during the dates and times below to help celebrate and embrace reading! Reading fosters bonding and provides opportunities for meaningful conversations, allowing children to express themselves, ask questions, and engage with the world in new ways. By making reading a daily habit, you are investing in your child's future success and well-being.

Staff will be available to help with book sales on:

3/2 & 3/3 (Monday & Tuesday) 11am-6pm

3/4 & 3/5 (Wednesday & Thursday) 10am-5pm

3/6: (Friday) 11am-3pm



## World Down Syndrome Day

World Down Syndrome Day is celebrated on March 20. To promote awareness in our community and share the values of love, acceptance, and respect, both the Early Learning Program and the Out of School Time Program will collectively complete 21 laps on the turf. "Kids, Rock those Socks!"

## 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: Jayme Christian: [Jchristian@cyedc.org](mailto:Jchristian@cyedc.org).

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## MARCH 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 2026-2027 OST Registration Begins	3 ***** Parent/Teacher Conferences ***** ***** Scholastic Book Fair *****	4	5	6 *****	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day Party	18	19	20 Rock Your Socks	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



Click on a picture  
to learn more...





# 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

Register online at [www.cyedc.org](http://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 610.713.5269.

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

"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

# ROCK YOUR SOCKS



## 21 LAPS

# WALK-A-THON

## SATURDAY, MARCH 21

### SPRINGFIELD YMCA

**HELP RAISE AWARENESS FOR DOWN SYNDROME!**

Get ready to sport your craziest socks, which will also be available for purchase all week leading up to the event!



# EASTER BUNNY SWIM & EGG HUNT

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

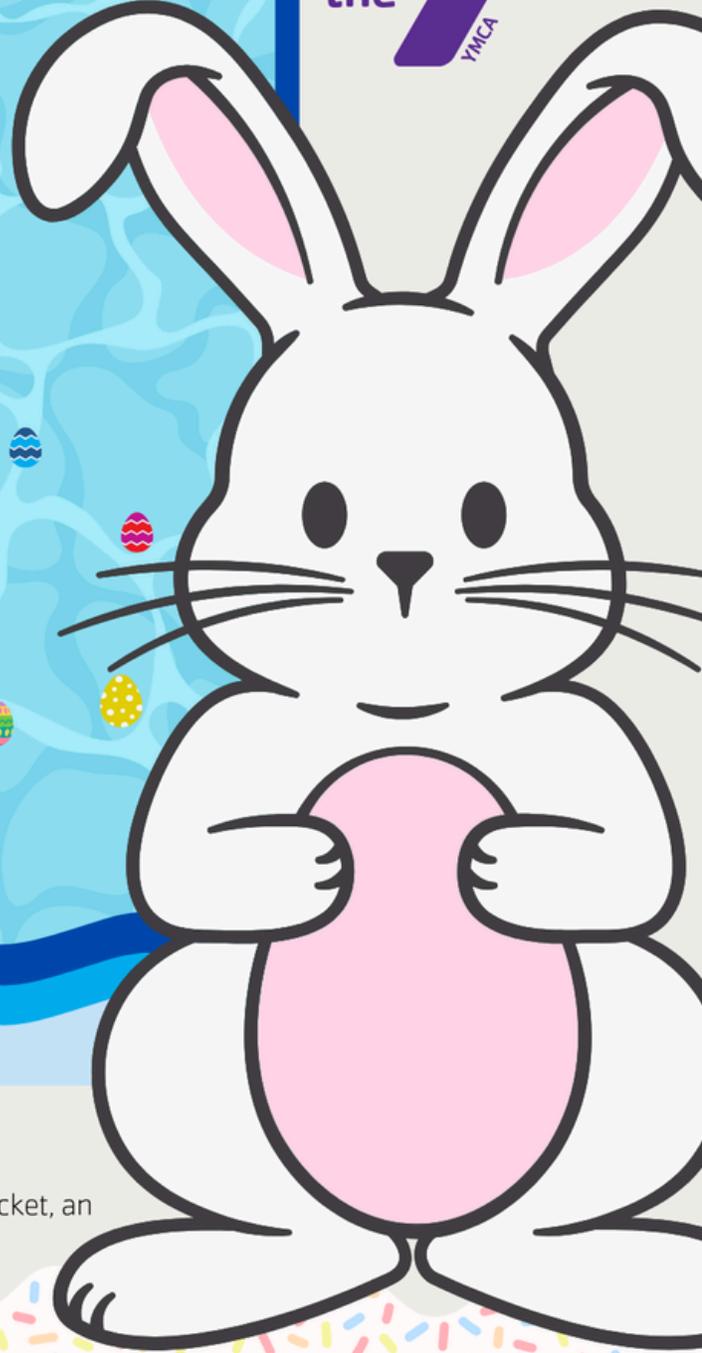
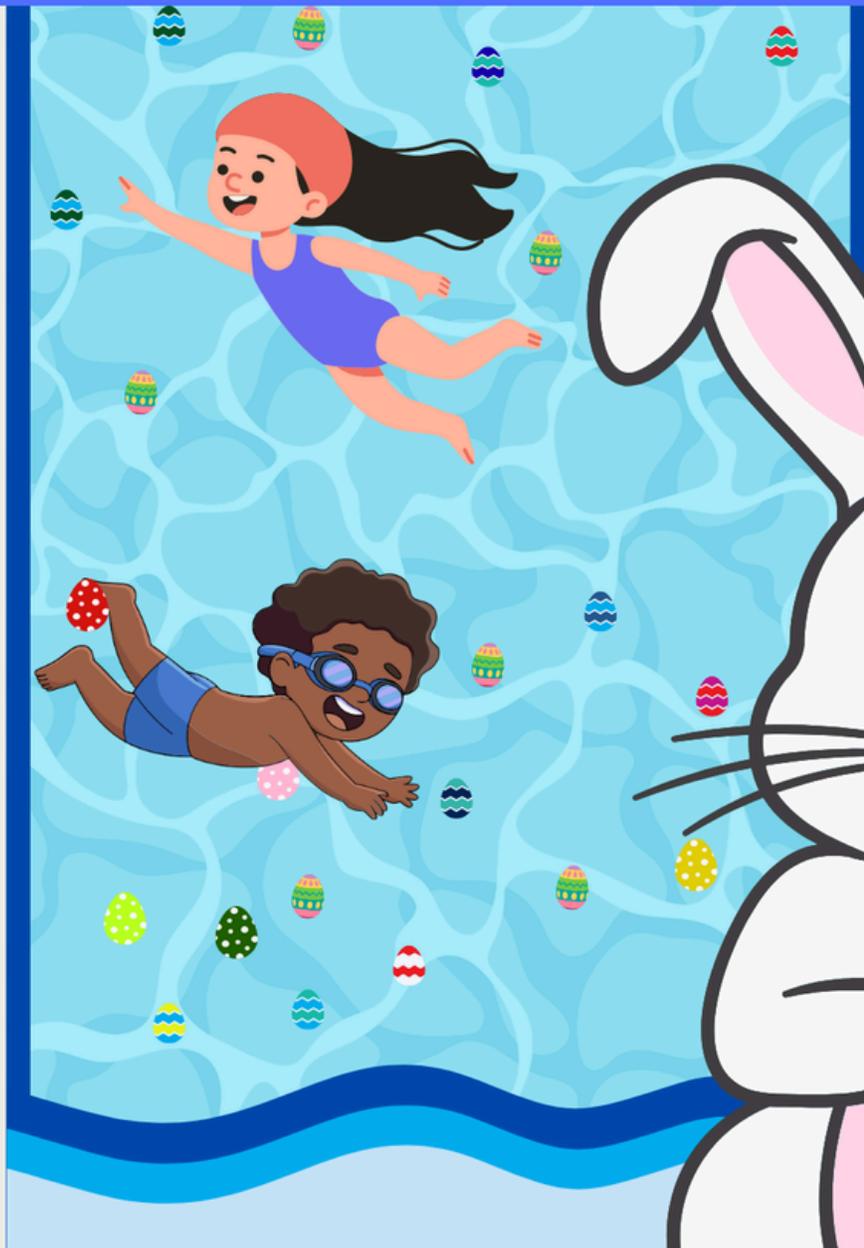
**SUNDAY**  
**MARCH 22 2:30-3:30**

**RIDLEY  
AREA  
YMCA**

[www.cyedc.org](http://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.



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.





**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





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

# GIFT CARD

# BINGO!



# 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](mailto:dmirigliano@cyedc.org) with any questions

# RIDLEY AREA YMCA



Winning Teams will receive medals!



## YOUTH 3V3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14**  
**11AM - 4PM**

**Co-Ed Ages 12 to 17**

**\$5 per player**

LEARN MORE:

Haley Russo  
Youth Development Director  
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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



THE  
FRIENDSHIPS,  
FUN,  
ADVENTURE  
PLACE



# SUMMER CAMP 2026

the  
YMCA  
www.cyedc.org



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

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



## 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**

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:



- 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.