

# COMMUNITY YMCA MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER



## SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL AGE

### Dear Kindergarten Families,

We would like to sincerely thank you for the wonderful opportunity you have given us to work with your child and provide an environment where they can grow both socially and academically. It is truly a privilege to be part of their learning journey.

We are also happy to announce that OST (Out of School Time) registration for 1st grade will open to currently enrolled families on Monday, March 2nd. Please note that space is very limited for this enrollment. Registration will open to the public on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> Morning Care from 7:00–8:30am is held at the SLC building and Aftercare 3:00–6pm will be at the ETR building.

Warm regards,  
Marisa & Domonique



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### Classroom News

We are excited about the warm weather approaching! Spring brings many wonderful learning opportunities for you and your child at home. From nature walks and hands-on outdoor experiences to learning about insects, flowers, and the changes happening all around us. These are just a few of the topics we plan to cover in March.

Miss Regina, Miss Melanie, Miss Kailey



Spring Break Registration Code

### Important Dates

- 3/2: Out of School Time Registration (see attached flyer)
- 3/2 – 3/6: Scholastic Book Fair
- 3/13: Care will be provided for AM enrichment / PM SLC students
- 3/16: OST Registration opens to the public
- 3/17: St Patrick's Day Party
- 3/20: Rock Your Socks!
- 3/30–4/2 Spring Break (registration required)
- 4/3 & 4/6 Program Closed

### Important Information-Spring Break

To help us plan for effective staffing, we kindly ask that you register in advance for our Spring Break days (March 30th, 31st, April 1st, and April 2nd). We will be closed on April 3rd and April 6th due to the closures of the SSD buildings. A QR code can be found outside of your child's classroom and on the whiteboard.

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## MORE KINDERGARTEN NEWS

### 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

### Character Is Cool

Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility. Each month children will be rewarded for exemplifying the YMCA core values. Our core values will be incorporated into lessons every day. Congratulations to all our February Kindergarten Character

Development recipients:

Ronnie D., Shoshana R., Ada G., Adrian L., Gabe N., Rocco S., Lucy M., Liam C., Jaxon W., Alana H.

### 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!)



### 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!"

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## Dear First Grade Families,

February flew by in the blink of an eye! During this past month, we crafted love monsters for Valentine's Day and collaborated to create a kindness chain in celebration of Black History Month. Additionally, we gathered potato chip bags to assemble a display honoring George Crum, the inventor of potato chips. Thanks to a recent grant, we've introduced new art and sports activities to positively engage students. This month, we will be making tissue paper shamrocks for St. Patrick's Day and hosting a cat hat toss in recognition of Dr. Seuss and Read Across America. Finally, the school has asked us to remind parents to NOT park on the blacktop at ETR or right outside of the blacktop for child safety reasons. Please park in the ETR parking lot. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Warm regards,  
Kayla



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## Important Dates

- 3/2: Out of School Time Registration (see attached flyer)
- 3/2 - 3/6: Scholastic Book Fair at Springfield YMCA
- 3/13: Early Dismissal - Care will be provided in the ETR cafeteria. Please pack a lunch and snack.
- 3/16: OST Registrations open to the public
- 3/30-4/2: Spring Break, Full Day Care at the Springfield YMCA  
\*Please register using the QR code below.
- 4/3 & 4/6: Program Closed



Spring Break Registration  
Code



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## Dear Scenic & Sabold Families,

February was a whirlwind of fun! The children explored a variety of instruments, including bells, bongos, and tambourines. Our staff and kids have thoroughly enjoyed engaging in strategy and memory games together.

We also took the time to discuss the significance of Black History Month, celebrating by creating a banner highlighting notable figures in black history that the children wanted to honor.

As we venture into March, we're gearing up for a more creative and artistic experience—stay tuned! With a bit of luck, we hope March brings us some pleasant weather! Wishing you all a wonderful month, and as always, thank you for choosing the YMCA as your Out of School Time (OST) provider.

Warm wishes,  
Nichole and Aidan

## Important Dates

3/2: Out of School Time Registration (see attached flyer)

3/2 - 3/6: Scholastic Book Fair at Springfield YMCA

3/13: Early Dismissal

3/16: OST Registrations open to the public

3/30-4/2: Spring Break, Full Day Care at Sabold Elementary, please register using the QR code below

4/3 & 4/6: Program Closed



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Spring Break Registration  
Code



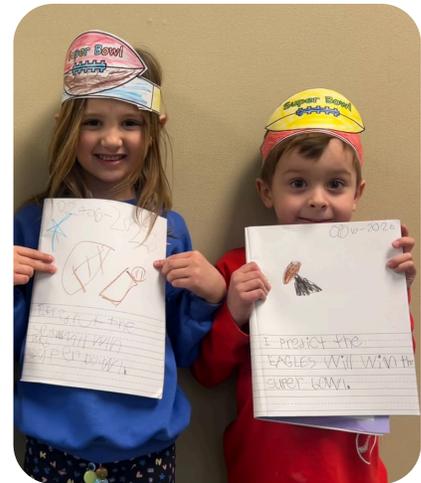
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## Snow Days & Emergency Closures All Locations

When the Springfield School District is closed, the YMCA program will be closed. If the district opens two hours late, all YMCA locations will open at 9 am. In the event of an early dismissal, due to inclement weather or other emergencies, the Y will only remain open for two hours after dismissal. Please prepare in advance to ensure the safety of your family and our staff.



## 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.



## Camp 2026

All branches have started ongoing camp registrations for this summer. A \$35 deposit is required for each week you wish to register your child. Families can register online, by calling the front desk, or in person at any of our three branch locations.



## 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	4	5	6	7
*****Scholastic Book Fair at Springfield YMCA*****						
8	9	10	11	12	13 Early Dismissal	14
15	16 OST Registration opens to the Public	17 St. Patrick's Day Party	18	19	20 Rock Your Socks	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3 Program Closed	
*****Spring Break*****						





# 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!

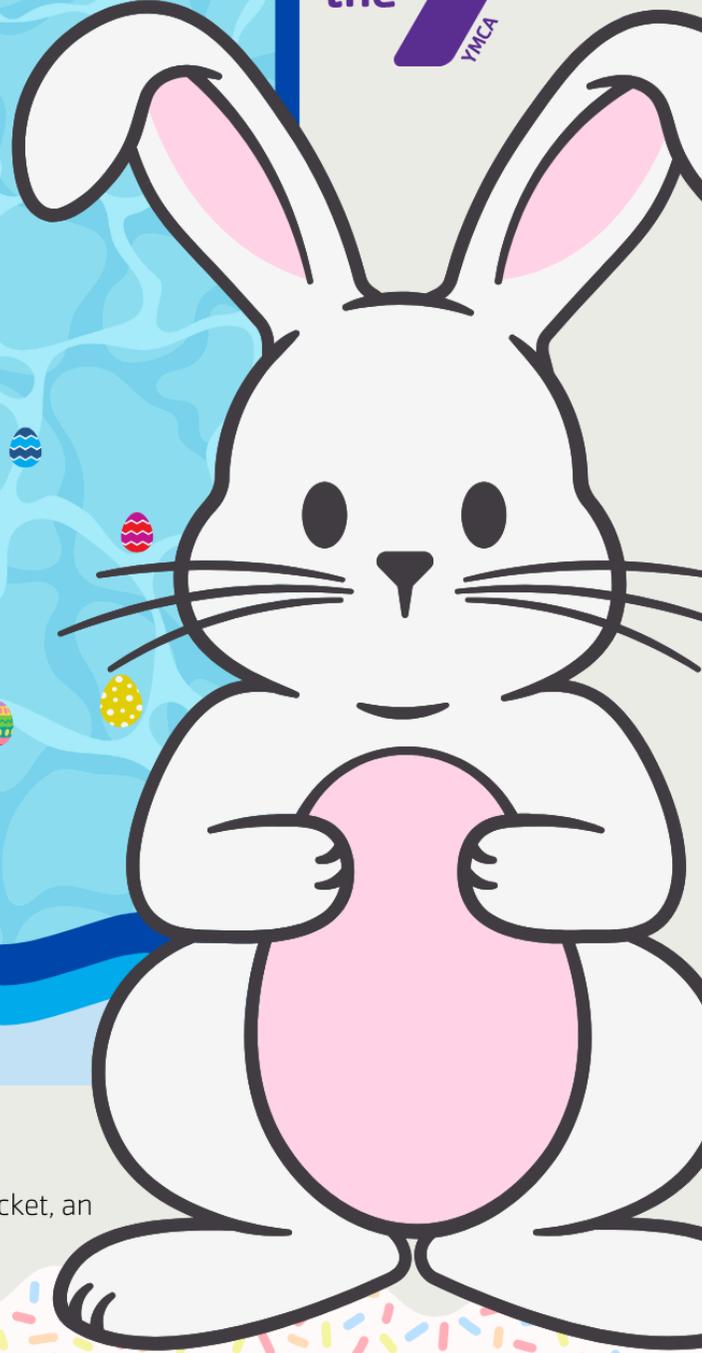
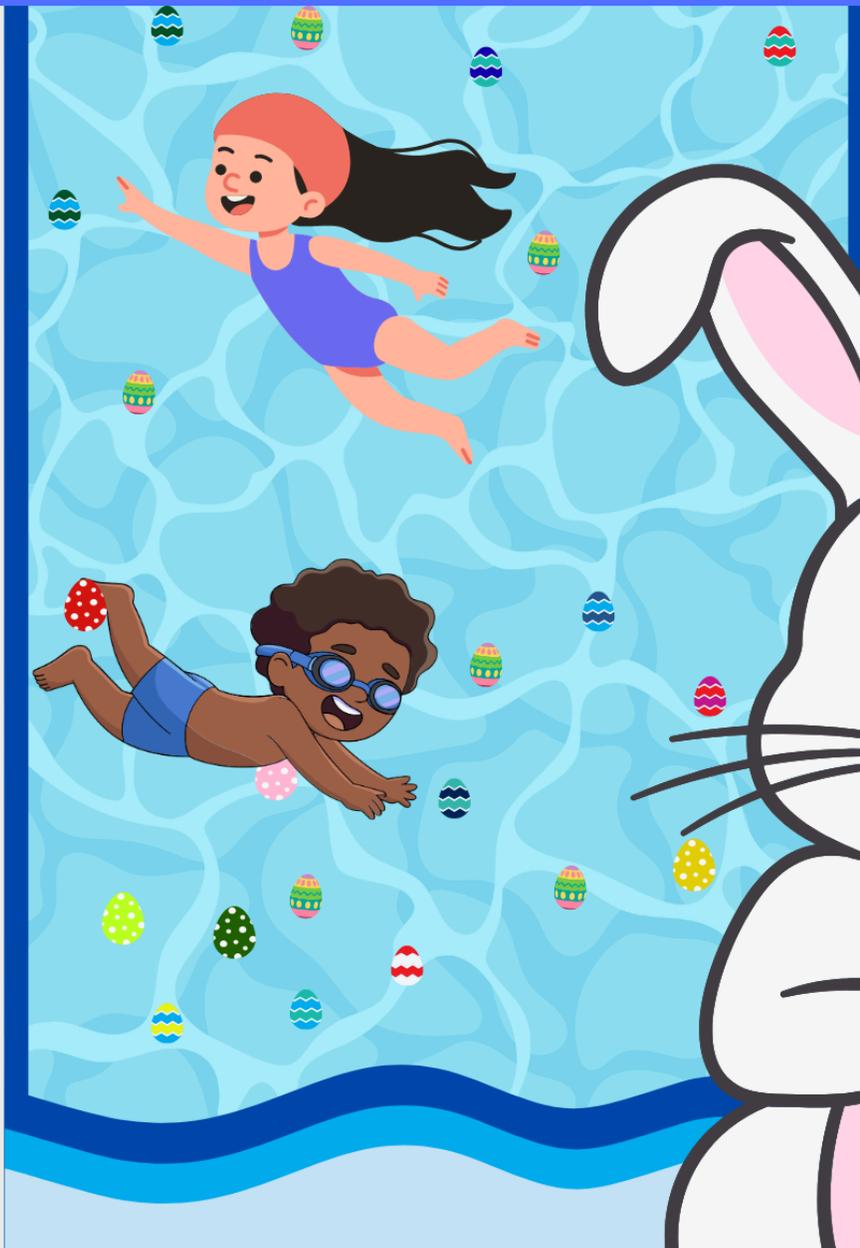
**SUNDAY**  
**MARCH 22 2:30-3:30**

**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



# 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



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



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



### 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.

# 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:

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