

COMMUNITY YMCA SEPTEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER



YMCA EARLY LEARNING AT DCCC



Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2026–2027 academic year at the YMCA Early Learning Program at Delaware County Community College (DCCC). We are thrilled to welcome all families as we embark on this new school year together in a state of the art building. You are now part of our Y family! The staff is eager for another successful year and excited to meet our new members. Take a moment to get to know the staff by reading their bios outside each classroom and exchanging morning greetings when possible. Let's kick off the year with enthusiasm! If you have any questions during the year, feel free to approach a staff member or contact the early learning office at 610.713.5245 or 610.259.8394.

Warm regards,
Christine Ortiz & Myndi Tolbert



Important Information

- Early Learning tuition is due every Monday. All payments can be paid at the Lansdowne YMCA Front Desk, online, or over the phone. Payments will not be accepted at the early learning program.
- The program opens at 6:30am and closes promptly at 6:00pm, Monday through Friday. Students are expected to be in class no later than 9:00am daily. Access cards will be disabled between 9:30am and 2:30pm daily. After 6pm a fee of \$10 for every 5 minutes will be added to your child's tuition. Please be prompt when picking up your child.
- Information about weekly themes and class happenings is posted just outside your child's classroom on memo boards.
- Entry into the Early Learning center is to the left of the main entrance lobby. Parents will need to use their access cards to gain entrance into the building. Please do not share access cards with other individuals, and for the safety of our staff and children, do NOT give access/entry to others.
- Important Note: the infant classroom is a shoeless room. Please do not enter the classroom without shoe protectors, or remove your shoes prior to entering. This ensures a clean, safe space for the children enrolled.

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Communication

Daily notes are provided for all children who are in the Infant and Toddler classrooms. This will inform you of your child's individual activities and anything special that may have occurred. White boards, located outside individual classrooms, provide important weekly information about classroom activities and special reminders for all ages.

Parents are encouraged to speak directly to the classroom staff whenever you have a question regarding daily/weekly activities or other concerns about the program.

In addition to the memo boards, each teacher provides individual child mailboxes for your student's paperwork and art projects. Important information will be communicated by email so please be sure to provide an up-to-date email address.

[Monthly newsletters](#) will be distributed through email and featured on the CYEDC website. These newsletters are packed with essential information about upcoming events. We encourage you to read them consistently to ensure your child doesn't miss out on any exciting activities!

Delaware County Community College conducts quarterly emergency tests and drills to ensure the safety of all participants on campus. Our center will participate in these drills so children and staff understand how to react in a real emergency. Please note, snow closings for the center may not follow announced college snow closings. Separate information will be shared next month.

Save The Date

9/3 & 9/4 CLOSED for In-service and Fall Prep
9/7 CLOSED for Labor Day Holiday
9/8 First Day of School!
9/10 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony 5:30PM
9/15 Back to School Night
9/24 Childhood Cancer Awareness Lemonade Stand

Happy Birthday

Amina,
Love-Nicole,
Joshua,
Antonio,
Londyn,
Andree,
Ayaan & Hunter



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Emergency Plan

The Early Learning Center has a written plan detailing how emergencies are to be handled. A summary of this plan is attached for your review so you have an idea of how we plan to handle emergency situations should they arise. The staff annually review the plan, and a copy is posted in the early learning lobby. Please contact the Early Learning Office if you have any questions regarding this plan.

Parent Committee

We are seeking parents to become part of our parent committee for the 2026-2027 school year. We encourage you to consider contributing your time. For more information and ways to get involved, please refer to the attached flyer.

Hand Washing

Parents are reminded to escort your child to the bathroom immediately upon entering the classroom. Effective hand washing is one of the most important steps in controlling the spread of germs. This is particularly true when children are touching and eating food. Recommendations from The [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov) state that parents and caregivers play a key role in ensuring children wash their hands, setting the stage for lifelong healthy habits. Adults should model appropriate hand washing procedures. Ensure that children and adults wash their hands before setting the table or serving food, before eating and after cleanup.

Back To School Night

Tuesday
September 15
6:30-7:30 pm

Where: Your child's
classroom

Classroom overviews
with teachers will start
promptly at 6:40 PM
followed by a Q&A
session for any inquiries
you may have for your
child's teacher. We look
forward to seeing you
there.



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SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Program Closed	4 Program Closed	5
6	7 Closed for Labor Day	8 First Day of School	9	10 Ribbon Cutting Ceremony	11	12
13	14	15 Back To School Night	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Lemonade Stand for Childhood Cancer Awareness	25	26
27	28	29	30			



Click on a picture
to learn more...





YMCA Early Learning at DCCC Emergency Procedure Plan

The DHS Office of Child Development and Early Learning requires all early childhood centers to have emergency procedures in place for various situations. The Kinderschool staff review these procedures at staff meetings, and a copy is posted on the parent information board for reference at any time. Here is some detailed information regarding those procedures.

In the event of a fire: Staff and children exit the building at the nearest exit, walk the children to the DCCC main building, and take attendance. Teachers/Staff report to the supervisor in charge who then reports to the fire personnel. This drill is practiced every 60 days throughout the year.

In the event of an Armed Intruder: We adopted the plan outlined by Homeland Security and DCCC (Run – Hide – Fight). Run: to the nearest exit, leave all belongings behind, keep hands visible. Hide: in an area out of intruder's view, lock and/or barricade door, silence cell phone, turn off lights. Fight: as a last resort, incapacitate the intruder, throw items at the intruder. All classrooms are equipped with a notification system should this event happen.

In the event of Severe Weather: Staff and children are safest in bathrooms away from windows, or in utility closets, meeting rooms, and hallway bathrooms that have no windows.

In the event of earthquake or earth tremor: The children and staff will seek immediate shelter underneath tables and other sturdy furniture until the threat has passed and an "all clear" signal is given by the supervisor in charge.

In the event that relocation becomes necessary: If the staff and children need to be relocated in the immediate area, we will walk the children across the street to the Lansdowne YMCA. If a further location is required, YMCA transportation vehicles will be used to transport children and staff to the Ridley Y at 900 South Avenue, Secane, PA

If relocating, a notice will be posted as to where the children have been taken for safety, and families will be notified as soon as possible by the staff. Methods of communication may include: CYEDC Global Connect call, a group text, or group email message. After the emergency has been lifted another message will be sent in the same manner.

Emergency forms will accompany the staff in any situation. Please make sure we have current and accurate emergency numbers on file at all times. Also remember to update your Y account information as well.

A copy of this emergency plan is on file with Upper Darby & Delaware County Emergency Management agencies. If you have any questions regarding the above procedures, please feel free to let us know. Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter!

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PARENTS' NIGHT OUT



UNDER THE SEA PARTY

Friday, September 25th

6-9pm

Ridley Area YMCA

4 – 12 years

- Pizza and juice box provided

\$20 members
\$40 non-members



RIDLEY AREA YMCA



FRIDAY OCTOBER 16
6:30-8:00pm

TRUNK or TREAT

Contact Haley to
register your car!
484.479.3401
hruuso@cyedc.org

FEES PER CHILD -
\$10 MEMBERS
\$20 NON-MEMBERS



RIDLEY AREA YMCA! FALL SPORTS LEAGUES

ARTS/SPORTS PROGRAMS
MONTHLY (4-WEEK) SESSION DATES:
SEPTEMBER 8 - OCTOBER 4
OCTOBER 5 - NOVEMBER 1

MONTHLY SESSIONS
MEMBER \$63 NON-MEMBER \$126



YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Saturday September 12th – October 17th

Back field | Ages 7-12 years

11:00am – 1:00 pm



ADULT FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Saturday September 12th – October 17th

Back field | Ages 18+

9:00am – 11:00am



SOCCER STARS LEAGUE

Monday September 14th – October 12th

Back field

2-3-year-olds: 6:00pm – 6:45pm

4-5-year-olds: 6:00pm – 6:45pm



BACK HANDSPRING CLINIC

12 TO 1PM
AGES 6 TO 10

SATURDAY OCTOBER 31ST
HALLOWEEN



Athletes are encouraged to
wear Halloween costumes!



Cost:
\$25 for members
\$50 non-members

SPRINGFIELD YMCA



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FALL BASEBALL LEAGUE

Tuesday: **8 WEEK SESSION** - Starting September 8

Blue Turf | Ages 4 -7 years

5:15 pm - 7:15 pm

- Introduces the basic fundamentals of baseball to players who may not have played before or who are inexperienced.
- Fun, developmental, low-stakes environment
- This program is an excellent way for kids to make new friends, stay active, and cultivate a lifelong love of baseball.



SPORTS SAMPLER

Wednesday: September Session, October Session

Blue Turf | Ages 3 -5 years

5:15 pm - 6:00 pm Exposes young athletes to a variety of sports.



BASKETBALL CLINICS

Thursday: September Session, October Session

Bball Court B | Ages 6 -9 years

5:15pm - 6pm

Dribble, Passing, Shooting and Teamwork! These are the core skills emphasized in our basketball clinics designed to nurture young athletes' abilities on the court.



3V3 BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Thursday: September Session, October Session

Bball Court B | Ages 10 -13 years

6pm - 7pm

Coed, beginner to intermediate level





FALL BASEBALL LEAGUE

INDOOR
8 week
League
Starting
September 8



TUESDAYS
SPRINGFIELD YMCA

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REGISTER
NOW!

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610.557.9622

Members \$126 Non-member \$252