

COMMUNITY YMCA OCTOBER 2026 NEWSLETTER



YMCA EARLY LEARNING AT DCCC

Dear Families,

We are off to a great start! Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Back-to-School Night. It was wonderful to celebrate this exciting new school year with our families!

As we settle into the year, the children are becoming comfortable in their new surroundings and getting to know their classrooms and teachers. Our first priority is helping each child feel safe, secure, and ready to learn. We are all about play with a purpose! Play provides children with opportunities to explore, learn, problem-solve, and develop important social skills.

Keep in mind that simply asking, "What did you learn today?" may not always get you the answer you're looking for. Since our children learn through play, try asking about a specific topic you know they are exploring in the classroom. For example, "Can you tell me something about apples?" may lead to a much more detailed conversation.

Warm regards,
Christine Ortiz & Myndi Tolbert

Save The Date

- 10/22: Trunk or Treat
- 10/30: Halloween Parties
- 11/14: Fall Festival-More info. to follow
- 11/20: Picture Day-More info. to follow

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Happy Birthday

Franco,
Khalique,
& Khadijah



Halloween Festivities

On Friday, October 30, children celebrating Halloween are invited to come dressed in their costumes. If you decide to participate, please have your child wear their costume over their clothes and bring a labeled plastic bag. All students will engage in party games and enjoy a delightful snack!

Trunk or Treat

On Thursday, October 22, join us for the third annual Trunk or Treat event, organized by our staff! YMCA team members and volunteers will decorate their trunks and distribute treats to all participating families. We can't wait to see you there. See the attached flyer to register. ****Registration is required****

If you would like to be part of the fun and volunteer by decorating your car trunk, we'd love to include you.

[Click Here](#) to sign up.



Developmental Screenings

A developmental screening helps parents and teachers identify children's strengths and needs. It is not an assessment but rather a means to target areas where children may need additional help. The questionnaire is completed by both the parent and the child's teacher within the first 45 days of a student's enrollment. Parents are asked to complete the form and return it to their child's teacher. Once the teacher has the information, both the parent and teacher can compare the results and together answer any questions that may be raised. Parents will receive a copy of both questionnaires. This information helps the teachers plan lessons throughout the school year.

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What is ClassDojo

ClassDojo is a global online community of more than 50 million teachers and families who come together to share kids' most important learning moments, in school and at home—through photos, videos, messages, and more. The application is free and we invite you to connect to our online community at the YMCA Early Learning Center at DCCC. [Click here](#) to get connected!



Classroom MVP

We are looking for members to be apart of our Most Valuable Parent committee. If you are interested, kindly fill out the volunteer application form here:

<https://cyedc.org/support-the-y/volunteer/>

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

In case you missed it, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held to celebrate the opening of our new YMCA Early Learning Center at DCCC. This center has come to fruition thanks to robust partnerships and the unwavering support of members of our community. The event marks a new chapter in our commitment to nurturing young minds. Families, local officials, and YMCA supporters gathered to witness the momentous event. The sound of applause filled the air as the ribbon was cut, symbolizing the beginning of countless learning adventures for our young learners.



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Click on a picture
to learn more...





TRUNK OR TREAT



**Join Us for a Special
Halloween Celebration!**

**THURSDAY
OCTOBER 22ND 6:30-8PM**

**NEW YMCA ELC CENTER
409 N. LANSDOWNE AVE. DREXEL HILL**

DJ, MOONBOUNCE & FOOD TRUCK!

REGISTER NOW!



www.cyedc.org

\$8 Members
\$16 Non-Members





The PA Doctors for America Chapter brings you:

Free Event! 🌟🌟🌟

HAT-TRICK FOR HEALTH



Get tips on healthy
screen time & social
media!

Join us October 17th
12 pm – 4 pm
Lansdowne YMCA
2110 Garrett Road
Lansdowne, PA 19050

Learn about physical,
occupational, &
speech therapy
resources!

Pledge to Donate Blood
Save 3 lives (a Hat-Trick itself!)
Pledge here:

Get Covered!
Get resources on affordable
healthcare & SNAP benefits!

Get vaccinated!
Flu and COVID vaccines to
protect you & your loved ones!

PHAN Pennsylvania Health
Access Network



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



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



Register & Receive a Free Car Seat!

If you're an expectant parent, or have a child up to 6 months old,
sign up today to attend our distribution event.

BMW of Fort Washington
510 Pennsylvania Ave • October 15 • 12 PM - 2 PM

MileOneCares, the philanthropic arm of MileOne Autogroup, holds Car Seat Safety & Distribution Events at our dealerships to provide free car seats and education to families. It's just one of the ways we give back to the communities who have supported us throughout the years.



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No formal installation of the seats will take place on-site, but we can answer questions about the installation if time permits.