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EARLY LEARNING CENTER

# FAMILY NEWSLETTER

## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

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### Hello Families,

As we look forward to spring, please watch the weather so that your children have weather appropriate clothing each day. We suggest dressing them in layers as it tends to be cold in the mornings and warmer in the afternoons. You will want to check that the clothing in their cubby is weather appropriate by the end of March. Please label everything including the coats, hats and gloves they wear everyday with names or initials in order to ensure that it is returned to you.

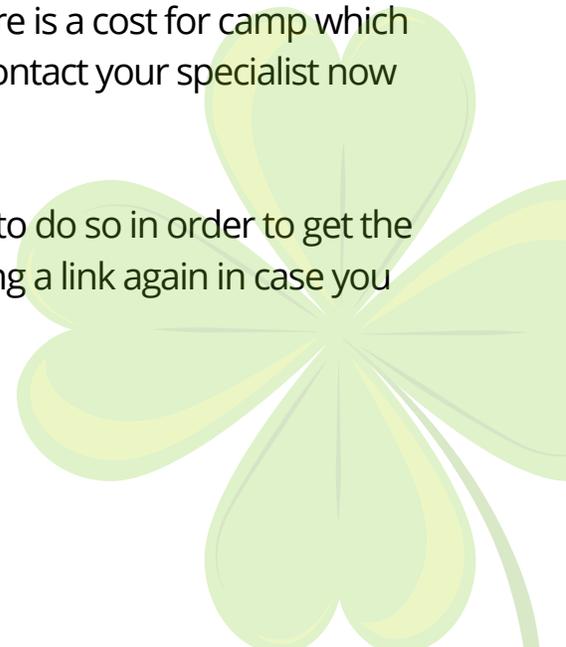
Our teacher Miss Diedra is out due to health reasons and may be out for some time. If you'd like to send her well wishes via email, you can send them to [aohms@ywcaph.org](mailto:aohms@ywcaph.org) and we will forward them. Any physical cards can be given to us and we will deliver them. We look forward to her speedy recovery and return.

We are planning for summer camp and hope to have registration forms ready in March. Children who are 3 by June 6 in the Older Toddler room will transition upstairs for the summer. Camp will be 10 weeks from June 6 - August 12. There is a cost for camp which may be out of pocket or possibly can be subsidized by ELRC. Contact your specialist now to start that process.

If you are able to check your child in on your phone, please try to do so in order to get the car pool line moving quicker in the mornings. We will be emailing a link again in case you need to sign up for the Procure app.

Thank you.

Cheryl Smith, Programs Director



## IMPORTANT DATES

**Tues. April 5 CLOSED** for all children  
Election Day & Staff In-service

**Tues. May 17 CLOSED** for all children  
Election Day & Staff In-service

**Mon. May 30 CLOSED** for all children & staff  
Memorial Day

**Last Day of PREK COUNTS**

**Fri. June 3, 2022**  
PreK graduation TBA



## Meet our newest staff member

### Shanice Brooks

Shanice started at the YWCA in December 2021 and works in all the classrooms. She's been working in childcare since 2017. From 2020-2021 she worked as a substitute teacher throughout Pittsburgh east metro areas. She's also an office manager for a small business called Emi-Maua LLC. She plans to open a nursery or bed and breakfast in the near future.



### Family Resources

Go shopping in the YWCA parking lot!  
Every **Monday from 10AM - 1PM** Giant Eagle has a mobile grocery store in our lot with a wide variety of items like, meat, milk, fresh vegetables, toiletries and more.

