

October 2011



YM - YWHA OF UNION COUNTY

# After-School News!

## Off to a Great Start!!!

As we only enter into our 2nd month of After-School, the kids are already very settled into the After-School routine.

The returning kids were all very welcoming to our new children who joined us this year. We are excited to have everyone here. Even though we have not yet started our daily activities and clubs the kids have been having a blast outside as we had a very lucky nice weather September. The older kids have been having a large football catch everyday working on their throwing and receiving skills. The younger kids have been swinging away on our playground set.

Unfortunately we have not had the chance to start swimming, but we are

HAPPY to announce that the pool is now open!!! Swimming will begin Wednesday October 5th.

Ms. Marilyn came back and September was full of sweet projects. Our young kids made Hand Apple Trees. They traced their own hands and decorated the fingertips with apples to form the tree which was showcased on our windows. Our older kids were highlighted on our bulletin board with their Who am I Apples! They were all tricky to figure out who was who!

All of the kids played in our new game room and coloring room during the month of September. In the game room they really enjoyed building a tube maze and then watching the marbles make their way down to the bottom.

We are very excited to start our daily activities and clubs within the next few weeks. We hope everyone had a happy and healthy New Year !



## Vacation Programs Are Here

October is filled with many school days off for Yom Kippur, Columbus Day, and Sukkot. We already have vacation programs scheduled for the 7th, 12th, 17th, 18th and 19th. As of right now we do not have a program

scheduled for Columbus Day. If your child has off and you are interested in a program, we must have 6 children in order to have a vacation program. Please let Jeff know ASAP!!!!!!

If you have not yet registered for the upcoming vacation programs there are still spots available. Please contact Jeff ASAP to sign up!



### Special points of interest:

- *Vacation Programs*
- *Weather*
- *Late Fees/Ok to Dismiss*
- *Swimming*
- *Clubs*
- *Reminders*

## The Weather is Changing

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As we bid farewell to Summer, Fall is rapidly approaching. That means, all of our children should be coming to after school with a sweater or light jacket. We do go outside quite frequently during Fall and we want everyone to be able to participate.

If you would like to leave a sweater or jacket in your child's cubby please feel free to do so. Please make sure it is labeled with your child's name printed clearly on it.



Fall is here!

## The Pool is Open

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We are very happy to announce that the pool is now open! We will begin swimming during After-School right away on Wednesday October 5th. Don't forget to send your child with a bathing suit and towel every Wednesday! Shana by the Pool will be our lifeguard and she is very excited to see everyone's splashing

Our swimming club with Fern will be starting October 27th as soon as all of the Holiday Closings are done. More information about the Swim Club will be coming soon!

*"Don't forget to send your child with a bathing suit and towel every Wednesday!"*



## Late Fees and Dismissal

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It has only been one month and unfortunately we have had a lot of parents who are picking up their children late. This is just a reminder that we will be charging a late fee every time you are late. The late fee after 6pm is \$10 for the first 15 minutes and then a \$1 a minute after that. If you arrive at 6:05 there will be a \$10 charge.

If you are stuck in traffic or delayed from getting here, please call the "Y" to let us know. Call the main office at extension 0 and ask them to contact an Afterschool staff member to inform them that you are running late. Just note: Even if you call a late fee will still be charged. Staff members are not paid for



their time after 6pm.

Many times we are not upstairs. If the majority of the children are elsewhere there will be signs posted upstairs and also downstairs by the stairs informing you where we are located.

## Our New Clubs!

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Our New Clubs will be starting the week of October 24th. Due to all of the holiday closings we do not want to start them until we will be back on a normal schedule every week. I know all of the kids are excited to join these clubs.

Every other Week we will be having our After-School clubs.

- Monday—Art with Bryan
- Tuesday- Cooking with Kelly and Rachel

- Thursday—Instructional Swim with Fern

- For our non swimmers Wednesday and Thursday will be Gym with Jeff and Bryan

In Art Club they will work on different techniques in art and make great projects.

In Cooking with Kelly and Rachel they will have a chance to make delicious treats.

In Gym with Jeff we will be working on different skills as well as playing great games.



## REMINDERS

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- **We do not celebrate Halloween here at the “Y”. Many of your children will be allowed to dress up for school on the 31st. Please send your children with a change of clothes for After-School. Thank you for your cooperation.**
- **Days Closed in October**
  - Thursday the 13th and Friday the 14th
  - Thursday the 20th and Friday the 21st
- **Fill out and return your OK to Dismiss List, If you need another copy please see Jeff.**

**This will be the last paper newsletter going home this year. A copy of this newsletter will also be emailed home. If you did not receive it please contact Jeff to let him know to add your email to the list. If you wish to still receive a paper newsletter please let Jeff know as well.**

**Have a Happy October!!!!**