

# Early Learning Center



December 2019

## December

- 12/18/2019–1/1/2020 No School:  
Christmas Break  
January  
1/2 School Resumes  
1/20 No School:  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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Dear Parents,

There will be excitement in the classrooms as the children prepare for the holidays. During circle time, classes will read stories and discuss Christmas and other celebrations and traditions. Some classrooms will be working on Advent chains to count down the days until Christmas, while other classes will take turns spinning the dreidel. Children may also practice their patterning skills with red and white beads to create special candy canes or have fun exploring the gingerbread unit!

The ELC teachers and staff wish you a time of joy and peace this holiday season!  
Merry Christmas!



Sincerely,

Jennifer Urrunaga, Education Director

Melinda Aghajanian, Business Director

## **Snow Day?**

In case of a snow emergency before the school day begins, you can find the status of ELC on our Facebook page, or on 93.7 (FM) [www.wstw.com](http://www.wstw.com). You will also receive an email from your child's teachers regarding any information specific to your class.

**Early Dismissal?** In the event a weather emergency arises midday, you will be contacted by the school office. You are always welcome to arrive early to pick up your child if you feel you should.

## **Drop-in Lunch Bunch**



Drop in lunch bunch is available for a limited time. Need a couple of extra hours to prepare for the holidays? Stop by the office to schedule your child's drop-in lunch bunch days!

\$20 per extended day is due at sign-up.

**Limited availability on:**

December 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 16, and 17.

*\*Lunch bunch is exclusively available to 3's, 4's, and PreK students.*

## 2020-2021 Registration

Registration for the 2020-21 school year begins on January 2nd. A registration form will be distributed in your child's bag in January and due back by January 31st. If you need a form for a younger sibling, please stop by the ELC office. You will receive verification of class placement in early February. To secure your child's placement, September's tuition and the \$75 registration fee is due by February 28, 2020. This payment must be made by check. It will not be automatically deducted with your monthly tuition. Registration for new families will begin in February.

## Health Notes

- \*Health Records are required for every child. Nurse Thawley will let you know when your due date is approaching.
- \*Sick children should stay home until they are feeling better. If your child needs medicine to feel better, we'd appreciate you keeping them home. Please call the office to let us know if your child will be out.



The Early Learning Center Plus 2's classes created "Shapes of the Season" ornaments for a tree at Longwood Gardens. We were chosen to be one of 13 schools to decorate a tree. All of the ornaments were handmade by our students. The tree is on display now through January 5, 2020.



The blue Clothes Closet bin located in the ELC entryway is a great place to donate gently used clothes, toys, and housewares. In addition, the Clothes Closet could use donations of new socks, underwear, and gently used coats of all sizes. It's a great way to support local families in need!



Thank you for your generosity of Christmas gifts donated to help support the Clothes Closet! It means so much to the families you've helped!

## Bundle

Up



Check the weather before school! We go outside on clear days, as long as the wind chill is above freezing. Send in hats, gloves, and winter coats each day to be sure your child is warm enough on the playground! Don't forget to label all items!