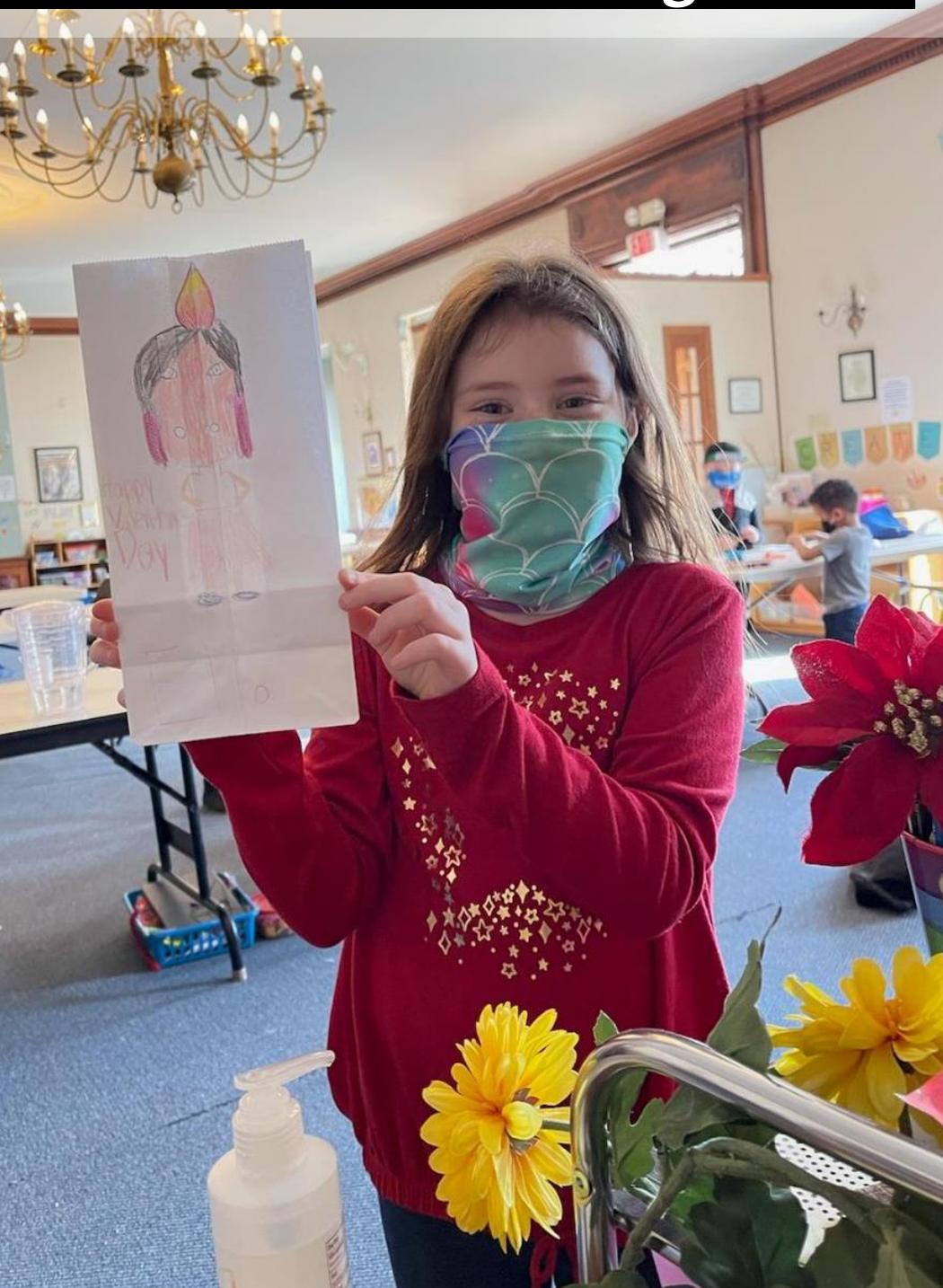


# YWCA of the Metro East

## Child Enrichment Program



# Director's Note

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Spring is almost here! As the weather warms up and layers begin to shed, let us not forget our masks! Children are required to wear a mask each day in our care. Please send your child with a mask. If he/she does not have one, we will provide a disposable one for their use for the day. We have provided re-usable ones to most students as well. Please re-use them so we can save on our disposable mask supply.

Alton School District announced their return to In-Person Instruction beginning March 15, 2021. Please let us know what care you need for your child with their new school schedule as soon as possible.

We are now enrolling for Summer Camp. If you would like your children to participate in our Enrichment Program full of weekly curriculum, daily academics, and fun, engaging activities, please let us know as soon as possible. We do have a waitlist, but we give our already enrolled families priority – but we will fill up quick!

Our Child Enrichment Staff completed their final Anti-Defamation League training with facilitator Erin Stamp. These trainings are designed to give our staff the tools needed to navigate tough conversations in the classroom, especially around race. As an organization who strives to eliminate racism and empower women, we take pride in incorporating those lessons into our weekly curriculum.

We are now signed up for Remind updates. This service allows us to immediately send and receive updates directly to everyone at once. Each site has a separate class code to join. If you have not already, please sign up for your site's class. Ms. Mallory sent everyone an email with directions on how to sign up, so please check your emails.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Warm Regards,

*Kathy Holder*

Child Enrichment Director

# Looking Ahead

We have **tentative schedules** for the various districts listed for your information although, we encourage you to review your District's data directly.

**3/1** No School – Alton School District and Wood River – Hartford School District. \* Camp at Alton\*\*

**3/10** Early Dismissal - Roxana School District

**3/15** No School - Wood River- Hartford School District \* Camp at Alton\*\*

**3/22** No School - Roxana School District \* Camp at Ivy Heights

**3/22** No School – Wood River Hartford School District\* Camp at Alton\*\*

**3/31** Early Dismissal - Roxana School District, Alton School District

**4/1-4/5** No School -Spring Break – Wood River-Hartford School District\*Camp at Alton\*\*

**4/1-4/5** No School – Spring Break – Roxana School District

**4/2-4/5** No School – Spring Break – Alton School District

**4/21** Early Dismissal – Roxana School District, Alton School District

**4/26** – No School – Wood River – Hartford School District\* Camp at Alton\*\*

**For all Camp\* Days, please sign up your children so we can adequately prepare for meals.**

# February Curriculum



Jeffrey conducting his shadow experiment during Groundhog Week.



Maya playing a prediction game to see the accuracy rate of Phil's Predictions.



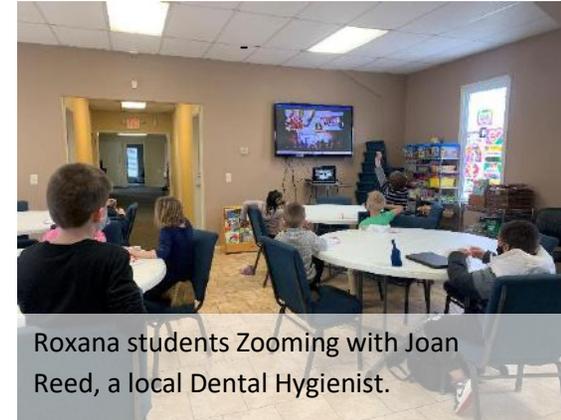
Aziya and Jayren working on their Still Paintings with Ms. Aliyah during Groundhog Week.

To kick off the month of February, our students learned about Groundhogs. Students learned facts about Groundhogs, the Legend of Punxsutawney Phil, how shadows are made, and how to make predictions.

February was Dental Health Month. To keep our students smiling, they learned all about how to take care of their teeth, special tools, and healthy snacks to keep their teeth strong. Our students were able to Zoom with local Dental Hygienist, Joan Reed, who demonstrated to our students the importance of brushing and flossing as well as answering any tooth questions. Ms. Reed also donated goody bags with toothbrushes, toothpaste, and flossers to all our students.

Our Child Enrichment students had some snow days this month but were still able to learn about the many Inventions and Technology provided to us by African American Inventors. Students learned about Shirley Jackson, Granville T. Woods, Madam C.J. Walker, and George Washington Carver.

Our Child Enrichment students ended February on a high note with Music History Week. Students learned of some of the greatest African American Musicians, Elements of Music, the many musical styles and genres and how to practice listening through music.



Roxana students Zooming with Joan Reed, a local Dental Hygienist.



Adalynn playing a "Race to Lose your Teeth" math counting game during Dental Health Week.



Alton Students posing with their Dental Health Goody Bags from Joan Reed and Dr. James E. Merkle

# February Curriculum

For the entire month of February, our Child Enrichment Students participated in Fun Food Fridays. In order to focus on building communication, social, fine motor and math skills, students played an active role in creating their fun foods each Friday. This concept was built on Bake for Family Fun Month.



# Important Notes

## Remind Updates

Remind allows us to send out important announcements, reminders, and updates right to your cell phone as a text message. With our unpredictable times, an immediate channel of communication is necessary for us to know that everyone is receiving our messages and updates – especially in times of emergency. We urge all our families to sign up for our Remind Classes. To sign up, text your site's class code to 81010 and follow the message prompts. The class codes are as follows:

**Alton** - @g49fdb

**Wood River** - @k8a9hg4

**Roxana** - @2ae2d4



Our Reading A-Z Program has been incorporated into our program since November with about 80% of our students' being tested and logged into our records. We are implementing a new scoring method to help us to calculate accuracy and error and if/when the child can proceed to the next level.

YWCA continues to take measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Staff and student temperatures are taken daily, and we have increased handwashing and sanitizing our classrooms. We have also required face masks and social distancing as much as possible. We insist that families wear face masks at drop off and pick-up times. If your child has a fever of 100 degrees or higher and exhibits symptoms such as frequent coughing, sneezing, and runny nose, we will send them home. Please continue to practice the **3 W's – wear a face covering, watch your distance, and wash your hands.**

**Please contact us if your child has been exposed to any family member or person with COVID-19. Your child will have to quarantine or complete appropriate testing if exposed to COVID-19.**

For questions about billing and invoicing, please contact Barb Paisley at [finance@altonywca.com](mailto:finance@altonywca.com).

YWCA of Alton accepts CHASI and DCFS payment collaborations. If you need assistance paying for childcare, visit the [CHASI](#) webpage to check eligibility.

Thank you to all who have donated items off our Amazon Wishlist. We are truly blessed by your generosity. We are still in need of supplies in order for us to support our students. If you would like to donate, please check out our Child Enrichment [Amazon Wishlist](#).

# March Curriculum

**STEAM** = Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<p><b>Read Across America Week: Celebrating Diverse Readers</b></p> <p>“Your Name is a Song”: students will learn the importance behind a person’s name and the respect we show when we pronounce them correctly.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YWCA Mission</p>	<p><b>“Just Ask! Be Different, Be Brave, Be You”:</b> students will learn about being inclusive and accepting others’ differences.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YWCA Mission</p>	<p><b>Friendship and Diversity:</b> students will participate in friendship building activities to get to learn something new about their classmates.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YWCA Mission</p>	<p><b>Equality vs. Equity:</b> students will learn the difference between equality and equity and the history behind the two terms.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YWCA Mission</p>	<p><b>Community: “Tiara’s Hat Parade:</b> Students will learn and discuss how they can contribute to their communities.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YWCA Mission</p>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<p><b>International Women’s Day:</b> Students will learn the history behind IWD and how they can help in the fight for a Gender Equal World.</p> <p><b>Susan B. Anthony:</b> students will learn about how Susan B Anthony worked to change history for women around the world.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YWCA Mission</p>	<p><b>Hellen Keller:</b> students will complete a biography of Ms. Keller and learn about her accomplishments in history.</p> <p><b>Overcoming Obstacles:</b> Life is full of obstacles to overcome. Students will participate in a guided activity to teach them how to overcome any obstacle.</p> <p><b>Braille and Sign Language</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">YWCA Mission</p>	<p><b>Mary McLeod Bethune:</b> students will complete a biography of Ms. Bethune and learn about her accomplishments in history.</p> <p><b>D.C Memorial Statues:</b> students will look at Ms. Bethune’s memorial along with others located in Washington D.C.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YWCA Mission</p>	<p><b>Ruth Bader Ginsberg:</b> students will complete a biography of Ms. Bader Ginsberg and learn about her accomplishments in history.</p> <p><b>Supreme Court:</b> Students will learn about the Supreme Court.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">YWCA Mission</p>	<p><b>Rosalind Franklin:</b> students will complete a biography of Ms. Franklin and learn about her accomplishments in history.</p> <p><b>DNA:</b> students will learn about what DNA is and extract DNA from Strawberries.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">S</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">15</p> <p><b>Rosa Parks:</b> students will complete a biography of Ms. Parks and learn about her accomplishments in history.</p> <p><b>Leadership:</b> students will learn about qualities a good leader has and how they can be leaders in their lives.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">YWCA Mission</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">16</p> <p><b>Amelia Earhart:</b> students will complete a biography of Ms. Amelia and learn about her accomplishments in history</p> <p><b>How big is the Atlantic Ocean?</b></p> <p><b>Airplanes:</b> students will learn how airplanes fly and create airplanes of their own and see if their planes can cross the “Atlantic”.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">S: T</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">17</p> <p><b>Maya Angelou:</b> students will complete a biography of Ms. Keller and learn about her accomplishments in history.</p> <p><b>Poetry and Limericks for St. Patrick’s Day:</b> to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day, students will write limericks and go on a scavenger hunt for a pot of gold.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p><b>Michelle Obama:</b> students will complete a biography of Ms. Obama and learn about her accomplishments in history.</p> <p><b>Presidential Facts:</b> students will get an inside look at the first family and learn about duties of the first family.</p> <p><b>“Let’s Move!”:</b> students will get up and move and learn about healthy meal habits</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p><b>Dorthea Bate:</b> students will complete a biography of Ms. Bate and learn about her accomplishments in history.</p> <p><b>Archaeozoology and Fossils:</b> students will learn about fossils and get to dig up their own “fossils.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">S</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p><b>All About Spring:</b> students will learn all about the Season of spring and what each spring bring us.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p><b>Save the Bees:</b> students will learn all about bees with interactive worksheets. Students will also learn about pollen transfer to improve their fine motor skills.</p> <p><b>Bee Condo:</b> bees are important for our ecosystem. Students will create a condo for bees to hang outside. This also teaches our students how to be safe around bees.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">S</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p><b>Kites:</b> Kites operate like a plane. Students will learn about the 4 Forces of Flight and the science behind how kites fly.</p> <p><b>Mini Paper Kites:</b> students will get crafty and make their own kites with paper, straws and string. They will put them to the test outside.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">E: A</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p><b>Greenhouses:</b> students will learn all about what a greenhouse is and what we use it for.</p> <p><b>Greenhouse Gas:</b> students will conduct a science experiment to understand Greenhouse gas and chemical reactions.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">S</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p><b>Flowers:</b> Flowers are a sign of spring. Students will learn about the parts of a flower, its life cycle and how some flowers come back each spring.</p> <p><b>Painting Flower Pots:</b> students will paint their own flower pot to plant their own flowers.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A</p>