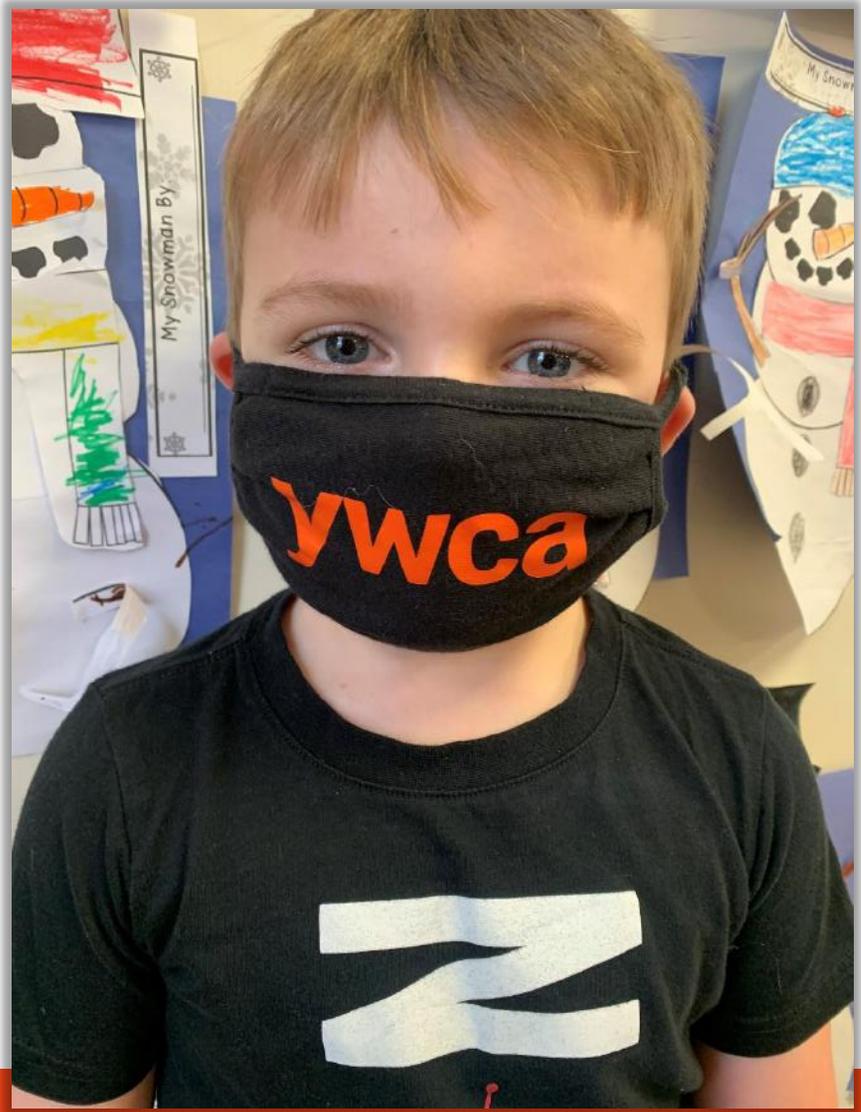


# YWCA of Alton

## Child Enrichment Program



# Director's Note

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Where has this month gone? Things are moving right along this new year. I want to thank our wonderful Child Enrichment families for choosing us again this year to care for your children. We are so thankful for our students each and every day. I am hopeful this year will bring us all great things.

On January 7, 2021, we shut down our Alton site location and our Wood River site location for quarantine due to our Site Coordinators at those sites testing positive for COVID-19. New protocols provided to us by the Madison County Health Department allowed us to open our Alton site location after extensive cleaning and disinfecting on January 18, 2021. We did not have any other positive cases come from those exposures at either site.

Alton School District returned from Holiday break on January 5 and began Remote Instruction. Alton then switched to Hybrid instruction beginning January 19, 2021. Wood River-Hartford resumed In-Person instruction following the Holiday break on January 5, 2021. Roxana School District returned from Holiday break January 6 and began Remote Instruction for January 6-8, then went back to In-Person instruction January 11, 2021.

YWCA is still transitioning to our new name of YWCA of the Metro East. Our Email addresses have changed. My email address is: [cedirector@metroeastywca.org](mailto:cedirector@metroeastywca.org). Ms. Mallory, our Child Enrichment Assistant Director, can be reached at [childrenrichment@metroeastywca.org](mailto:childrenrichment@metroeastywca.org).

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.

**1/29** No School - Wood River Hartford School District\* Camp at Alton\*\* Attendance Permitting

**2/3** Roxana School District Early Dismissal

**2/4** Roxana No School \*Camp at Ivy Heights

**2/15** Presidents Day No School (All) \*Camp at Alton and Ivy Heights

**2/22** No-School Wood River – Hartford School District \* Camp at Alton\*\*Attendance Permitting

**2/24** Alton School District Early Dismissal

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

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

**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

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



# 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 this program, we can test the level our students are reading at and if it corresponds with their grade level. This program is helping our students practice their reading and comprehension skills, while giving them beneficial one-on-one time with our Teachers.

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](#).

# February Curriculum

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p><b>1</b> <b>Groundhog Day:</b> students will learn the history behind Groundhog's Day and what it means. Students will also learn about predictions and make their own predictions on if spring will come early this year.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">S</p>	<p><b>2</b> <b>Graphing Previous Predictions:</b> students will graph out previous predictions from Punxsutawney Phil to see if there is a relationship.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">S</p>	<p><b>3</b> <b>Light:</b> students will learn the science about light with vocabulary, activities, and a light hunt.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">S</p>	<p><b>4</b> <b>Shadow:</b> students will learn about how shadows are made and how the time of day and location of the sun effects the size of their shadows. <b>Outline your Shadows</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">S</p>	<p><b>5</b> <b>Longer Winter:</b> Students will complete a Winter themed Activity with Punxsutawney Phil's winter prediction.  <b>Reading A=Z</b></p> <p><b>Fun Food Friday</b> <span style="float: right;">S</span></p>
<p><b>8</b> <b>Dental Health:</b> Students will learn all about their teeth and the jobs their teeth serve in their daily lives. <b>Tooth Truths</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">S</p>	<p><b>9</b> <b>Parts of a Tooth:</b> Students will learn about the different parts of their teeth.  <b>Zoom with Dr. James Merkle DDS, and Ms. Reed, an Orthodontist and a Dental Hygienist in Godfrey IL.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">S</p>	<p><b>10</b> <b>Healthy Habits vs Bad Habits:</b> Students will learn about what are bad and healthy habits when it comes to caring for their teeth.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">S</p>	<p><b>11</b> <b>Types of Teeth:</b> Children have around 20 teeth by the age of 5 that they start to lose and grow adult teeth. Students will learn the different types of teeth.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">S</p>	<p><b>12</b> <b>Clean Teeth Tools:</b> A healthy mouth is a happy mouth. Students will learn tips and tricks to keeping their teeth pearly white. <b>Abraham Lincoln's Birthday</b></p> <p><b>Fun Food Friday</b> <span style="float: right;">S</span></p>

<p style="text-align: right;"><b>15</b></p> <p><b>Technology and the African American Inventors:</b> Students will learn about several African American Inventors who have changed the lives of Americans today.</p> <p><b>Susan B Anthony Day:</b> Students will learn about the life and accomplishments of Susan B. Anthony.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">T</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>16</b></p> <p><b>George Washington Carver:</b> Students will learn all about the inventor George Washington Carver.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">T</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>17</b></p> <p><b>Madam CJ Walker :</b> Students will learn about the life and invention of Madam CJ Walker.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">T</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>18</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Shirley Jackson:</b> Students will learn about the life and invention of Dr. Shirley Jackson.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">T</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>19</b></p> <p><b>Granville T. Woods:</b> Students will learn about the life and invention of Granville T. Woods.</p> <p><b>Fun Food Friday</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">T</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>22</b></p> <p><b>Music History:</b> Students will learn about several African American musicians including, Miles Davis, Dizzy Gillespie, Etta James and Beyoncé.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>23</b></p> <p><b>Music History Continued:</b> Students will learn about Ella Scott Fitzgerald, Tina Turner, Duke Ellington and more.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>24</b></p> <p><b>Elements of Music</b> students will learn all about the elements of music through vocabulary and activities.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>25</b></p> <p><b>Music Styles:</b> There are over 1,000 different genres of music! Students will learn about some of their favorite genres.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><b>26</b></p> <p><b>Music Listening: Most</b> students listen to music as a hobby or to sing and dance. Our students will learn to listen to the musical piece to pick out specific things happening in the piece.</p> <p><b>Fun Food Friday</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;">A</p>