



Important Dates:

- Teen Night – 1st and 3rd Fridays of the Month; 8-11pm
- Read for the Record – October 2
- No School (Greater Clark & NA/FC) – October 17
- Celebration for Lights on Afterschool – October 21
- Registration for Youth Basketball begins November 1

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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Site Coordinators:

The YMCA School Age Department is pleased to introduce the site coordinators for the 2008/2009 school year. The coordinators are always available to help answer any questions and they can be reached at the YMCA at 812-283-9622.

Debbie Hopfensperger is a graduate of New Albany High School and Evansville University and has been with the YMCA for 10 years. She resides in New Albany and also works part time for the New Albany/Floyd County School system. Debbie enjoys going to see movies, is an early bird, and loves the color orange. She supervises Galena, Greenville, Floyds Knobs, Children's Academy of New Albany, Fairmont, S. Ellen Jones, and Green Valley.

Danielle Piatt is a graduate of Clarksville High School and is finishing her last year at Indiana University Southeast. Danielle has worked at the YMCA for 5 years and recently moved to childcare from aquatics. She enjoys photography, going to concerts with her friends, and driving her Jeep with the top down (It's a Jeep Thing!). She supervises Mt. Tabor, Grant Line, Slate Run, Greenacres, Parkwood, and Preschool.

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Brian Ridings is a graduate of Providence High School and Indiana University Southeast. Brian has been with the YMCA for 8 years and has done everything from Sports Camp counselor to Gym Monitor. He enjoys music (especially the Beatles and Dave Matthews) and is an avid fan of University of Kentucky sports. He supervises Bridgepoint, Riverside, Maple, Wilson, Thomas Jefferson, and Northaven.

Each have a passion for working with children and look forward to their job each day. Feel free to call them with any questions regarding the School Age Program.



From the Director:

Reading with your children is a very important part of their learning and a great way to spend some quality time with them. Each night before bedtime, either my husband or I let our three year old daughter pick out some books to have read to her before she falls asleep. It is amazing how much she enjoys this time and even more amazing how my husband and I enjoy it. Each night we hope she picks out something we haven't read lately, but she picks the same books over and over. This just goes to show it does not matter how many books you have—it just matters that you take the time to read together.

October 2 the afterschool sites will be participating in a national event called Jumpstart's Read for the Record. This is the 3rd annual event and the YMCA is proud to say it has participated in them all. Since 2006, the event has allowed over half a million adults and children to read together, raising awareness about the importance of early education. On October 2, people across the United States will all read Don Freeman's Corduroy and report their participation hoping to have one of the largest storytimes recorded. The YMCA of Southern Indiana alone will read the book to over 600 children. That is truly amazing!

I encourage you to not only participate in Read for the Record on October 2, but to participate in reading with your children for a lifetime.



Join the Parent Advisory Board

The board will meet beginning in January and will have many key functions including assisting in making sure programs are Mission driven, provide input and insight from a participant perspective, consider being a storyteller for the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign, and help assist in planning of annual special events to name a few. We are looking forward to getting this board underway and feel it will bring insight to our already great program. For more information contact: Meredith Clipp-Rodriguez, School Age Childcare Director at 812-283-YMCA.

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Community Service Projects

The sites are looking forward to another great year of community service projects. These projects encompass the YMCA 4 Core Values of caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility.

August/September:

Each child will have the opportunity to donate new or gently used books to the YMCA. Each site has a reading corner and donated books will be used for these areas. The site that donates the most books will be awarded with a trip to the YMCA during Activate America Week and there will be a drawing for two \$25.00 gift cards for individuals who bring in donated books.

October:

Get ready to spread the spirit of the YMCA after school program and help a needy cause. Participants will be able to invite a friend to spend the afternoon at the program and all they have to do is fill out a permission slip and donate a canned good. Cans will be donated to Interfaith Community Council for distribution to families in need. I CAN Bring a Friend Day will be one of the best day's at your site!

November:

Each site will pick a theme and items will be donated to make a basket for the silent auction held at the YMCA. Money raised will go towards children who do not get adopted off of our YMCA Angel Tree. This is a great project, so get with your site director to find out what your theme will be.

Kid of the Month

Each site picks a Kid of the Month who has had excellent behavior and demonstrated the YMCA 4 Core Values—caring, honesty, respect, and responsibility. Each winner receives a certificate and a one of a kind YMCA Kid of the Month t-shirt. Congratulations to all of our Kids of the Month!

August Kid of the Month:

Northaven: Easten Payton	Mt. Tabor: Nicole Tackett
Wilson: Jaleigh Brown	Greenville: Allyson Ragan
Thomas Jefferson: Meghan Patton	Galena: Max Baumann
Parkwood: Evelyn Minton	Grant Line: Cassidy Montgomery
Greenacres: Madison Greenwell	Floyds Knobs: Jake Zollinger
Riverside: Mary Wilson	Slate Run: Makaya Daniel
Maple: Greta Reel	Children's Academy of New Albany: Constance Brown
Utica: Finnegan Purvis	S. Ellen Jones: Zoey Griffin
Bridgepoint: Jamirah Porter	Fairmont: Allison Staples
Green Valley: Emerald Hartman	

September Kid of the Month:

Northaven: Alexis Gazaway	Mt. Tabor: Dorian Miller
Wilson: Declan Hamm	Greenville: Brooklyn Traugber
Thomas Jefferson: Madeline Darst	Galena: Sarah Johnson
Parkwood: Jenna Lorenzen	Grant Line: Caitlyn Marcum
Greenacres: Skylar Foard	Floyds Knobs: Brayden Payne
Riverside: Isabela Brian	Slate Run: Sierra Franklin
Maple: Trinity Lennig	Children's Academy of New Albany: Arionne Brown
Utica: Sydney Briscoe	S. Ellen Jones: Kenneth Laurence
Bridgepoint: Sammy Rhoton	Fairmont: Zac Hanger
Green Valley: Alex Holmes	