



Important Dates:

- Teen Night – 1st and 3rd Fridays of the Month; 8-11pm
- Pre Registration for Winter Break Ends – December 19
- Winter Break Begins – December 22
- Youth Basketball Registration – Going on Now

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NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Lights On Afterschool:

The YMCA of Southern Indiana joined the Floyd County Step Ahead Council to celebrate



after school programming during a celebration held October 21 at Scribner Middle School. All Floyd County after school sites joined other school groups as the principal of Scribner, the superintendent of NA/FC schools welcomed them to this special event. The City of New Albany declared the day Lights on Afterschool Day, allowing us to join thousands of other cities around the country bearing this special honor.

Children from all the after school programs decorated light bulbs that have been sent to policy makers declaring how important they

think after school programs are to the community. Everyone turning in their light bulb received a t-shirt and snack. The more than 400 youth present enjoyed a moon bounce, a band—Grounded for Life, jazzercise, relays, Halloween games, baggo, dodge ball, and much more. Activities were provided by many YMCA departments, Our Place, Indiana Tobacco and Other Drug Commission, 21st Century Learning Centers, Chic-fil A, Abrakadoodle, and the FunHouse.

The event would not have been possible without the sponsors: The City of New Albany, Commercial Foods, First Harrison Bank, The Locker Room Printing, Grounded for Life, New Albany/Floyd County Schools, No Smoking Coalition, The YMCA of Southern Indiana, and the 21st Century Learning Centers. We look forward to this event next year - October 22, 2009.

From the Director:

To wrap or not to wrap has been the topic of many debates between directors here at the YMCA. When I was a child Santa wrapped all of his presents and not only did he wrap them, but he had his very own special wrapping paper. Each year the paper was different in design, but it always had a Santa Claus on it somewhere. This tradition continues both at my parent's house and at my house with my children...it is a good thing Santa has all of those elves that are eager to help him.

As, we discuss which way is the right way to wake up to presents under the tree, it is a fact that many families are not able to afford this luxury during the Holiday season. The YMCA of Southern Indiana started a program eight years ago, the Y Angel Tree, to help families purchase presents during this difficult time.

All school age sites put together themed baskets for our silent auction to raise money for the many families we have on our Y Angel Tree. The auction ran December 1-5 and raised over \$2000. So, if Santa wraps or does not wrap at your house we hope you will wrap your arms and heart around this great cause and make the Y Angel Tree a Christmas tradition of your own.

Read for the Record:

All of the school sites joined in as the country set a record for the most children reading the same book together on the same day. On October 2, the YMCA of Southern Indiana engaged over 500 children in the book "Corduroy". Many guest readers were used at our 21 locations to get kids motivated about reading. We can not wait to see what next year's book will be.



Green Valley after school site enjoys Read for the Record with guest reader, Brooke Schlise.

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Looking to make a difference

America on the Move Week

The after school sites each were making a difference in their health by counting their steps during activities. Total amount of steps logged was 6,334,699! Sites tallied steps as follows: Parkwood: 348,675 Greenacres: 375,895 Green Valley: 54,900 Floyds Knobs: 9,373 Thomas Jefferson: 469,000 Mt. Tabor: 46,858 Northaven: 698,550 Galena: 100,000 Bridgepoint: 5,000 Riverside: 359,385 Utica: 527,400 Wilson: 1,262,500 Slate Run: 333,145 Greenville: 500,000 Preschool: 245,018.



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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.

December:

We will be selling Burger King Group Coups for \$1.00. Each coupon sheet will get you 5 buy one get one free coupons and 1 free small fry coupon. That is a great deal! And, all money raised will go to help buy new books for the reading centers at the after school sites.

Winter Break

Looking for something fun to do over Winter Break? Well, join us beginning December 22 for a Hollywood Celebration. The YMCA will be rolling out the red carpet for kids in K-6 grades. Winter Break Camp will be offered at both the Clark and Floyd County locations. Flyers will be mailed to everyone and early registration will end December 12. Call 812-283-9622 for prices and more information.

Snow Day Procedures

With the cooler months approaching, we want to make sure everyone is aware of the snow policy for the before and after school program. If there is no school due to snow, care will be provided at both the Clark County and Floyd County branches from 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. for an additional fee of \$5 added to your weekly fee. If there is a snow delay, care is provided at your normal before school site, but care will not begin until 7:00 a.m. If school decided to close early, we will make every effort to get the after school site open, but we are at the mercy of the individual school. Check WAVE 3 for any updates to YMCA School Age snow closings.

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!

October Kid of the Month:

Northaven: Brooklyn Bruner	Greenville: Cameron Ragan
Wilson: Emma finney	Galena: Chase Alvey
Thomas Jefferson: Phillip Stenmetz	Grant Line: Korrisa Kornick
Parkwood: Brandon Baumgart	Floyds Knobs: Maddie Hankins
Greenacres: Peyton DeLucio	Slate Run: Zane Hodges
Riverside: Zoe Spiegel	Children's Academy of New Albany: Juan Long
Maple: Tyler Burgin	S. Ellen Jones: Nicole Bierly
Utica: Kaycee Arthur	Fairmont: Madalynn Henderson
Bridgepoint: Margy Shields	
Green Valley: Logan Gurr	
Mt. Tabor: James Haller	

November Kid of the Month:

Northaven: Kaylee Spellman	Mt. Tabor: Sarah Kimbell
Wilson: Aaron Scott	Greenville: Mary Watts
Thomas Jefferson: Claire Hughes	Galena: Chase Alvey
Parkwood: Jaleyah Northington	Grant Line: Peyton Cox
Greenacres: Grant Thompson	Floyds Knobs:
Riverside: Zachary Olinghouse	Slate Run: Makayla Daniel
Maple: Conner Uthoff	Children's Academy of New Albany: Angela Pipes
Utica: Davie Fulks-Bishop	S. Ellen Jones: Tyler McFeeders
Bridgepoint: Ayonne Vragie	Fairmont: Jackson Henderson
Green Valley: Lexi Gurr	