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## Young Achievers October 2016 Newsletter



### October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

### Welcome Olney Elementary!

Young Achievers is delighted to welcome Barton Elementary into our Family! Young Achievers is now offering Afternoon programming for students in grades K to 8<sup>th</sup> from Barton and Feltonville Intermediate! Thank you Principal Bowen, school administration, staff, teachers and families for welcoming Young Achievers so warmly! We look forward to serving the Barton community!

### Lights On After School

Lights On Afterschool is celebrated nationwide to call attention to the importance of afterschool programs for America's children, families and communities.

In America today, 1 in 4 youth (15.1 million children) are alone and unsupervised after school. After school programs (like YALC) keep kids safe, help working families and inspire learning. They provide opportunities to help young people develop into successful adults.

Lights On Afterschool was launched in October 2000 with celebrations in 1,200 communities nationwide. The following year 3,600 events took place. Today, more than 7,500 Lights On Afterschool rallies are held annually, attracting 1million Americans and media coverage nationwide.

Lights On Afterschool is a project of the Afterschool Alliance, a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring that all children have access to quality, affordable afterschool programs. Former Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has served as Chair of Lights On Afterschool since 2001.

Join Young Achievers on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 in celebrating the 17<sup>th</sup> annual nationwide Lights On After School Event! More details will be available shortly. Please see staff with any questions!

### Social Media

Stay updated on all things YALC- join YALC on social media to see recent announcements, photos and activities!  
**Facebook:** Young Achievers Learning Center, Inc.  
**Instagram:** @YALCPHILLY

### Do You Celebrate?

Every year YALC celebrates different holidays and events throughout the year. YALC is sensitive to personal and religious beliefs and takes them into account before any celebration or activity. With Halloween around the corner YALC asks that you please make sure staff is aware of any personal or religious belief that would prohibit your child from taking part in activities such as decorating friendly ghouls or pumpkins and/or receiving treats/gifts.





## Germ Season!

With the changing weather and the cooler weather coming in germ season is now upon us. Young Achievers is asking parents to help us keep everyone healthy and germ free by donating some of the following:

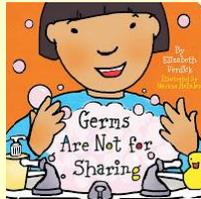
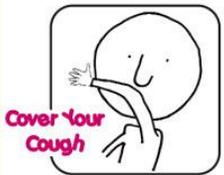
### Any Donation Helps!

Disinfectant Spray

Facial Tissue

Baby Wipes

Hand Sanitizer



2 Great Tips to help stop the spread of germs:

- Cover your cough!
- Wash your hands regularly.

## Site Phones

Every YALC site has a "Site Phone" which will be on during all programming hours. Please keep in mind voicemail on these phones are not checked. If you have a question or concern during non-programming hours or need to contact administration please call our main office at 215-698-2347.

### Site Numbers:

**YALC Carnell**

267.444.3861

**YALC Creighton**

267.444.3415

**YALC Lowell**

267.444.3658

**YALC Olney**

267.663.6806

**YALC Barton**

267.407.8296



## October Reading Ideas

**Grades Kindergarten and 1st-** "*Elephant in the Darkness*" In *Elephant in the Dark*, the villagers hear of a huge and mysterious creature that has come all the way from India, and can't agree on the creature's true shape. "It's like a snake!" says one. "No, it's like a fan!" argues another. Who is right? Children will appreciate this humorous story with a powerful lesson on perspective. Mina Javaherbin's charming retelling combined with Eugene Yelchin's refreshingly brilliant illustrations bring this enlightened classic, inspired by Rumi's poem, vividly to life.

**Grades 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>** "*Captain Underpants and the Sensational Saga of Sir Stinks-A-Lot*" There's something rotten in the state of Ohio, and it's smellier than a pile of putrid gym socks! Steer clear — it's Sir Stinks-A-Lot!

George and Harold, and their doubles, Yesterday George and Yesterday Harold, have a good thing going. Two of them go to school, while the other two hide in the tree house and play video games all day — then they switch! But when their malicious gym teacher, Mr. Meaner, creates a method of mind-control that turns their fellow students into obedient, *perfect* children, the future of all humanity will be in their hands!

**Grades 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>-** "*Wee Free Men*" Share *The Wee Free Men* by Terry Pratchett and have your children learn about the importance of teamwork among friends. Even though the characters and plot are fictional, the themes can be relayed to reality for your kids. It's also the second book in a multi-book series, so get your kids excited about reading by introducing them to longer series!

