

**NYA's Goal to Keep Kids Safe AND Happy**

"If you've never tried a Kinder Egg before, I highly recommend giving them a go (although they are NOT nut-allergy friendly). Half of the egg contains a delicious chocolate treat, while the other half hides a small toy that requires minimal assembly.



This week, I gave each staff member a Kinder Egg to remind them of what we're here for: to have fun.

At the end of the day, our goals are simple: we want your children to feel safe and happy. While there may occasionally be an injury report (which we always take seriously) for you to sign, we pride ourselves on keeping the program safe by taking account of which students are in which group. Further, we ensure everyone is participating in an activity! Whether your child(ren) prefers active games or a calming craft, we encourage students to explore new activities throughout the week.

As childcare workers, our team may encounter challenges—whether managing social dynamics, handling behavior, or juggling time and tasks. With all that's on our plate, it's easy for the day to fly by. However, I encourage the team to take a moment at the end of each day to reflect on at least one positive interaction or smile shared between staff and students. This way, the following day is met with the same positive attitude, and we are ready for more fun!

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**ENRICHMENTS AVAILABLE IN MAY:**

- **Stony**
  - Spring Crafts - Wednesdays, 5/7 - 5/28
  - Spring Elements (Science fun!) - Thursdays, 5/1 - 5/29
- **Eddy**
  - Spring Crafts - Mondays, 5/5 - 6/2 (skips 5/26)
  - Cake Decorating - Wednesdays, 5/7 - 5/28 (3:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.)

**Sign up now!!**

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- April 21-25: SPRING BREAK, NYA will be closed
- April 30: Deadline to purchase Golfball Drop Tickets
- Friday, May 2: Early Dismissal from school, NYA runs 11 - 5:30
- Saturday, May 3: KIDFEST! 12 - 3:30 pm
- Tuesday, May 21: NYA's Annual Meeting @ Stony Brook

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Please put your child's name in clothing they might remove while at NYA, i.e., coats, sweatshirts, mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, winter boots, etc. If there is a name in them, we can reunite the clothing with your child. We also request that you put their name on water bottles. Thank you!

Another note: It is always a good idea for students to have a change of clothes that can be kept at NYA. We encourage messy play at times, and accidents happen (whether through messy play or not!). Having a change of clothes on hand ensures that your child can remain comfortable throughout their time at our program!

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### Dressing for The Weather



With the weather turning colder, please remember to send your child to NYA with a coat, hat, **and** gloves. We go outside in temperatures as low as 20 degrees, but we won't allow anyone who is not dressed appropriately to do so. Jackets should remain on in temperatures below 40 degrees! Thanks for your help in making NYA a fun and safe place for your child.

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