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CHILDREN'S CORNER OFFERS NURTURING CHRISTIAN ENVIRONMENT

The Children's Corner, 45 Church Street, Liberty Corner, a non-profit Learning Center under the ministry of Liberty Corner Presbyterian Church (LCPC) has been offering parents and caregivers a loving, nurturing Christian environment for their children since 1987.

Serving children from infant to 5 years, both as a traditional nursery school and full day program, The Children's Corner strives to build each child's self-esteem while fostering respect for others-both peers and adults. A before and after school program for children in kindergarten through 5th grade is also offered for the parent's convenience.

"The Children's Corner is dedicated to meeting the spiritual, cognitive, social, emotional, and physical needs of children in the community in a kind and loving Christian atmosphere," said Donna Greco, Director of The Children's Corner. "It is the school's belief that the preschool experience is the first step in a long educational process and wishes to make it as happy and non-stressful as possible."

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The pre-kindergarten programs include math concepts, social studies, science, emergent reading skills, poetry, dramatic play, writing, language arts, and multicultural studies.

The school's kindergarten prep class provides learning opportunities that incorporate

core content standards.

An after school program for children in kindergarten through 5th grade, consists of a non-academic, structured, activity-based program that provides a secure environment for working parents. Activities include organized games, arts and crafts, snack, Christian stories, free play and quiet time to do homework.

The Children's Corner also offers a Summer Camp Program featuring an array of fun-filled summer time activities in a loving Christian environment including a series of exciting theme weeks, hands-on science, arts and crafts, water activities, music programs, special events, cooking and lots of safe fun indoor and outdoor play.

The Camp also offers a full Center Court gymnasium for sports activities, dancing, and free play, stage for special performances and shows, as well as several different age appropriate playground areas with riding toys, sand boxes and swings. Campers will be surrounded daily by a loving team of qualified teachers and counselors and will enjoy half and full day options. The Summer Camp Program runs weekly from June 30 through August 22.

The Children's Corner is open year-round and is part of the mission of The Liberty Corner Presbyterian Church.

For more information on programs at The Children's Corner or Summer Camp, call (908)647-8401 or email kgenualdi@libertycorner.org or visit www.libertycorner.org.

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Here are a few tips that can make your child's summer experience a great one, distilled from our 50-plus years of experience at Camp Riverbend!

- If your child has not been away from home much, give her opportunities to do so, even just play dates where you will NOT be present. It's sort of a practice separation.

- Realize that you may feel sad when your child is away from home all day. Separation can be as difficult for parents as it is for children. Give yourself permission to miss your child, but also give your child permission to enjoy his time away from home.

- If your child is nervous about Camp, you should acknowledge that it's ok to be nervous! Talk to her about these concerns and try to role-play anticipated situations, such as what to do when she needs to go the bathroom. Remind your child that camp counselors will help if there is a problem!

- Be open with the Camp about any special needs that your child has. Also let the Camp know right away if your child is having a hard time with something-making friends, swimming, finding a club...the Camp directors and counselors can help!

- A few days before Camp starts, pack



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your child's backpack together. Decide together what to pack. Show how everything

is marked with your last name. Decide together what you will pack for lunch in the lunch bag or order from the caterer. Pack clothes and shoes that are easy to change into. We recommend sneakers that slip on or fasten with Velcro.

- Remember that your child will be tired and most likely hungry when he comes home. Give him time to get comfortable at home, and possibly have something to eat, before talking about the Camp day.

- Most children will answer the question "What did you do at Camp today?" with one word: "Nothing." It's better to ask a specific question: "Show me what you did in swimming today" "Who did you sit next to at lunch?" "What song did you sing this morning?"

- Remember that learning new skills and making new friends can be stressful. Just as muscles may ache when being worked hard, your child's emotions may sometimes be bruised if a friend is mean or if she is frustrated while learning a new skill.

Ask a specific question such as 'Show me what you did in swimming today' when inquiring about your child's day.

Give your child lots of support and encouragement, but remind her that it takes time to learn new things.

- If your child hasn't ridden a bus to school, you and your child also may be anxious about riding the bus to Camp. But the bus is meant to be a fun experience; in fact, that is really when the Camp day starts.

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The MCA elementary program is expanding to accommodate the growing interest in Montessori education in New Jersey.

With tailored programs for both lower and upper elementary grades, the MCA curriculum meets (and in many aspects exceeds) the New Jersey state educational standards, ensuring that MCA students get the very best education possible.

BULLYING IS AN AGE OLD PROBLEM



Students demonstrate their discipline at Soo Bahk Do Karate & Wellness in Gillette.

Editor's Note: The writer, Linda Morey, is a 7th degree blackbelt and Certified Master Instructor. She is the owner of Soo Bahk Do Karate & Wellness located at 630 Valley Road in Gillette. Please visit them at karate4peace.com, or call (908)647-4194 for more information.

Bullying is an age old problem. Overcoming either the subjection to it, or the temptation to participate in it, requires strength of character.

A lack of self-confidence drives the bully to act and his victim to vulnerability.

There is a tendency in people to view the misfortune of others as a kind of affirmation of their own superiority. This being the eventual outcome of the kind of societal structuring set in motion by the early childhood practice (bullying) creating a variation of a similar adult perspective, i.e. the strong prosper by exploitation of the weak. This is not the example we wish to set for our children or ourselves. No matter what we may say, this perspective is observed consciously and sub-consciously by children continuously.

There are simple principles which, once understood and implemented, can help to Avoid such an immature and inhumane perspective.

If we are strong (and we are always stronger than someone), our responsibility is to protect the weak. If we are the weaker (and we are always weaker than someone), we should be able to look to the strong for guid-

ance, protection, and justice.

The more highly-developed, confident individual guides and encourages the weaker, examining her own motivation for mistakes and weakness along the way.

The less confident individual should be able to depend on the stronger for help by action and example, each holding gratitude and respect for the other (this can be taken as a description of a proper function of family). The difficulty arises when innumerable examples, from the schoolyard bully to the policies of war, remind us that the strong devour the weak. The more introspective person, a good student for example who may be less interested in popular activities, will often be identified as a potential victim. He then has two choices: join the bullies or remain their victim. This choice has already been made by the bully (though even he can learn a better way). There is, however, a third choice: to identify and encourage activities that promote the higher-principled perspective and develop the ability to examine one's own motivation and good judgment to decide on a reasonable plan of action for self-defense if necessary.

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PARENTING TIPS TO HELP CHILDREN LOVE TO READ

The following is provided by Brandpoint, formerly ARA Content.

Children are energetic learners, trying to make sense of the world around them. One of the most important activities to help a child stretch his mind, especially in the early years, is reading. From birth to age 5, development in all areas of the brain is rapid, so it is especially important during this time that parents make an intentional effort to integrate reading into a child's daily routine. This practice helps mold your child into an active reader and establishes the foundational literacy skills he needs for future success in school and life.

"The first five years of life offer a critical window for brain development and learning," said Anne-Marie Fitzgerald, Executive Director of Reach Out and Read, an evidence-based, national nonprofit whose pediatricians promote early literacy and school readiness to 4 million children nationwide. By reading aloud and talking to their children from birth, parents can play a key role in helping their little ones develop essential foundational language skills and eventually, arrive at kindergarten ready to read, learn, and succeed. Learning does not begin on the first day of school; it begins in the home with engaged parents who take the time to share stories, words, and a love of reading with their children."

While picking up a book and reading to your child may seem like a simple act, many children miss this benefit. A 3-year-



Start early reading to children. It is one of the most important activities to help a child stretch his or her mind.

old child's vocabulary should span about 600 words with 80 percent intelligibility. This means that a person who has not pre-

viously heard this child speak can understand eight out of 10 words. Providing children with a solid foundation in literacy skills not only equips them to thrive in the 21st Century, it also impacts our country's ability to compete in the global workplace.

"The future of our children and our country depend on coordinated community efforts to prepare all students in the U.S. to excel in a dynamic, global society," says Jo Kirchner, president and CEO of Primrose Schools, a family of more than 270 private preschools across the country. "Together we have a responsibility to step up to the challenge by pooling our knowledge, time, expertise and ideas to improve early literacy and education outcomes."

Raising A Reader

As you read aloud to your child, keep these tips in mind to maximize your reading time together:

- Start early. Begin reading and speaking to your child the day she is born - it is never too early to start.

- Practice every day. Make reading with your child a daily routine, reinforcing the development of language and literacy skills.

- Serve and return. A key part of language learning occurs in "conversations" with our children. After a baby listens to people around her talking for a few months, she begins to respond with her own rendition of those sounds, starting with coos, babbles, or shrieks. Dr. Jack Shonkoff of the Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University calls this back-and-forth interaction "serve and return."

As we "serve" words, children "return" sounds. Before we realize, the child is beginning to speak intelligibly and meaningfully - first with syllables and single words, then with phrases and complete sentences. Use "serve and return" when reading together as your child starts to learn about story background and context.

- Play word games. Letter puzzles, rhyming games, breaking words into sounds, and other phonological play helps your child build a foundation that will later be used to decode words.

- Have a conversation. While you are reading a book with your child, engage in conversation about the characters, the plot, the setting, and ask your child questions. This offers him an opportunity to build his vocabulary and comprehension skills.

- Pick books at the appropriate reading level. When your child is reading to you, pick books that have words that your child is familiar with - repetition is one of the best ways to learn. Books at or just below your child's reading level allow her to work on fluency and build confidence. When you are reading to your child, pick books at a higher reading level so that your child hears new words in context first, before being presented with the challenge of reading them himself.

- Wait before interrupting. Rather than correcting your child mid-sentence, wait until he comes to a comfortable stopping point and then go back to the trouble spot to talk it out together. Stopping your child to make correction each time he makes a mistake can erode confidence.

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As a non-profit focused on Youth Development, Healthy Living and Social Responsibility, the Somerset Hills YMCA infuses its core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility into all of its programs. With a mission of strengthening community, the Y aims to make a meaningful impact on the lives of each person who walks through the doors.

Through its focus on Youth Development, the Somerset Hills YMCA offers programs and services that nurture the potential of every child by providing them with opportunities to learn, grow and thrive – from enrichment classes in Sports, Art, Dance, Music, Swim, Gymnastics to the Early Childhood Education and School Age Child Care Programs.

The Somerset Hills YMCA offers comprehensive, quality Early Childhood Education, and School Age Child Care. Programs include Waddler Care for infants age 3 months to 2 years and Toddler Care for children age 2 years to 3 years, as well as Preschool for children age 3-5 years and School Age Child Care for children in grades K – 8.

Dedicated to the care of children, the Y's programs cater to working parents and focus on enriching the lives of the children throughout all years of development. A variety of program options are available so parents can work secure in knowing that their children are being cared for and educated in a safe, constructive and stimulating environment.

The Y believes that positive role models are critical to a child's development; and therefore, the full-time Early Childhood Education and School Age Child Care Programs are staffed with certified teachers and caring assistants.

The staff understands the cognitive, physical and social development of children to help them feel safe, supported and connected so they can thrive.

A wide variety of experiences are offered for the Waddler through Preschool Age child, including daily activities that develop the child's language, social, emotional, fine, and gross motor skills. The staff promotes learning in the academic areas of Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies.

Additional offerings include Art, Music, Cooking, and Swimming (for Preschool Age children) to establish a well-rounded program for young children. The program includes all-day care from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, plus lunch and a mid-afternoon snack.

The Y's Before and After Care Programs are available to School Age children who attend Bernards Township, Bernardsville, Bedminster and Warren Townships schools, as well as at Far Hills Country Day School. The Before Care Program hours are 7 to 8:50 a.m. The After Care Program hours are 3 to 6 p.m.

The After Care schedule consists of a snack, indoor/outdoor activities, sports/games, arts and crafts, themed daily activities, and the opportunity to participate in YMCA classes.

Through the Somerset Hills YMCA's programs, children benefit from the continuity of care from young children through young teens, which allows them to feel secure in their surroundings and to grow in a structured, enriching environment.

All of the Y's Early Childhood Education and School Age Child Care programs integrate Healthy U, a statewide initiative that includes nutrition education and physical activity as a means to promote healthy living and prevent childhood obesity.

Through this program, the Y is playing a major role in promoting healthy living among children by teaching them the importance of good nutrition and helping them get physical activity each day.

For more information please call 908-766-7898 or visit www.somerset hillsymca.org.

CHANDLER LEARNING CENTER CONTINUES TO STIMULATE INSPIRE STUDENTS

Chandler Harben, a Delbarton and graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, established the Chandler Learning Center in Bedminster more than 15 years ago.

Since then, the Chandler Learning Center has been the trusted pathway on which students, parents, and school administrators have relied.

Chandler and his tutors are adept at deconstructing entrance exams for high school, undergraduate school, and graduate programs, giving test takers the necessary insight into the tests' foundations and equipping them with the techniques to recognize, combat, and triumph over questions.

The tutors' skill sets, however, far transcend standardized testing; they also possess the invaluable ability to lucidly breakdown convoluted academic concepts, elim-

inating stress due to feeling lost and overwhelmed.

Additionally, stimulating the minds of students who seek enrichment is also another one of the center's strengths.

"Though our standardized test preparation and academic sessions are predominately one-on-one, we have taught classes both in schools and at the learning center itself to accommodate more students at one time," Handler says.

Chandler's undeniable love of teaching and ability to inspire students has spread to a staff of more than 20 employees.

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MANY PARENTS TURNING TO POLICE TO REPORT CYBERBULLYING

The following is provided by Brandpoint, formerly ARA Content.

As more people become aware of the harmful consequences of cyber bullying, parents are more likely to report cyber bullying incidents directly to their local police than local school officials.

That's the finding of a new national survey of 642 American parents conducted by the Fraud Prevention and Investigations business unit of Thomson Reuters.

According to the survey, 36 percent of parents would turn to law enforcement first if they learned that their child was the victim of cyber bullying threats and attacks versus 29 percent of parents who said they would go to their local school officials.

One reason that parents may hesitate going to their local school officials is that 30 percent of parents surveyed didn't know if their child's school has a policy to address cyber bullying.

Cyber bullying is defined as bullying that takes place using electronic technology, according to stopbullying.gov, a website managed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Cyber bullying can take many forms - hurtful messages or embarrassing photos posted on social media sites, harassing text messages and e-mails, and private information purposefully shared through text messages, email or through the Internet.

The issue has become a priority for parents surveyed, of which 50 percent indicat-

ed that they are very concerned about the rise in cyber bullying.

Today, more than 80 percent of teens use a cellphone regularly, making it the most common tool among cyber bullies, according to dosomething.org. The presence of teens on social media sites has only compounded the issue, blurring the lines between a schoolyard problem and a law enforcement concern.

In a related survey of U.S. law enforcement professionals conducted by Thomson Reuters in conjunction with PoliceOne.com, 48 percent of law enforcement agencies report that time spent investigating cyber bullying, bullying and school violence has dramatically increased over the past two years. Yet, most law enforcement agencies feel ill-equipped to effectively investigate these cases, with 76 percent reporting that training to handle cyber bullying complaints has been insufficient.

While parents may trust law enforcement officials more than school officials with handling cyber bullying incidents involving their children, 68 percent of the law enforcement professionals surveyed said that they work to foster stronger relationships with school officials and/or principals to prevent or deter cyber bullying.

"Though cyber bullying is a challenging issue for students, parents, school officials and law enforcement, these statistics suggest that people want to work together to



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understand the issue, protect kids from cyber bullying, and help kids understand the serious consequences of participating in

cyber bullying," says Jason Thomas, manager of Innovation for Thomson Reuters.



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CHYTEN SOMERSET HILLS HELPS STUDENTS WITH COLLEGE ADMISSIONS

The following article is provided by the Chyten Somerset Hills, located in the Basking Ridge section of Bernards Township.

When should we start preparing for the SAT or ACT?

That is perhaps the single most common question we are asked. The answer of course is that ... it depends.

Is your student ready to put in the time needed, or should you wait a couple months until you are better ready to focus?

Does the rest of her life (school, sports, debate, dance, marching band, etc.) accommodate tutoring now?

Is she being recruited as an athlete?

Has he had the math classes to give him the needed foundation to tackle the SAT and/or the ACT?

SAT or ACT? The answer there is clear - play to your strength. Colleges are indifferent.

Take both tests (in a simulated environment) and let the scores dictate where to focus. If the scores are close, a thorough review with a test prep professional should be helpful.

We typically recommend choosing a primary test to prepare for and to plan on taking that test three times.

There is no downside to taking the other test once or twice, and, indeed, preparing for the "primary" test can be helpful when sitting for this "secondary" test.

Many students are able to successfully prepare for the standardized tests with books and/or online programs. Others will

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need to work with a coach. How does a responsible parent choose the best?

Don't let the sticker price guide you: Many companies offer tempting deals on low price classes, but make sure a class is the best option for your child. For many students, especially those who already have a strong base score, the information given in a group setting is too basic.

You might get more bang for your buck with a series of private sessions targetted to address your child's particular weaknesses.

Remember a class that doesn't resonate is very expensive in terms of both time and dollars.

Is the class setting conducive to learning? Class size?

Practice tests during class or outside of class?

Do pick the best coach for your child. Some companies hire employees with neither a background as an educator nor experience in the field they are being asked to

tutor.

These tutors may have little training in how to individualize instruction and may employ a one size fits all approach. Other firms hire recent college graduates based on their own high test scores.

Unfortunately, the best players are not always the best coaches. The best tutor for your child is one who understands your child's needs and is willing and able to do what it takes to meet them.

Ask about the teachers' background, their training and their track record.

Ask the tutoring firm about teacher turnover; never a good sign.

Don't hesitate to ask for references, especially from students that might have a profile similar to your child.

Real Tests

Choose a service that offers plenty of practice tests. The benefit of an "actual conditions" test is two-fold: you will gain real time data on progress and the student will acclimate to the rigors of test-taking. Be sure you get the tests back in a timely fashion, preferably after a thoughtful review and discussion.

Does the firm offer college counseling as well?

In addition to guiding your student through the testing process, many firms will also offer college counseling services. Forming a relationship on both fronts can be especially helpful.

Be sure this college coach has experience

to help match your student with their best fit schools and knows how to best position them for admittance.

The college search process can be daunting and intimidating. It can and should also be enjoyable. Ask about philosophy, approach, timelines, access to counselors, responsibilities of the student and how you too can learn to be sure this journey is an enjoyable one.

Finally, think of test prep as an investment. Everyone knows that the ACT and/or SAT scores are important for college admission but many don't realize that the scores are also a major factor in scholarship awards.

Ask schools for benchmark scores that will qualify your student. Yes, your child can get both an emotional and a financial return on your investment!

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Guide more young women to success in STEM

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(BPT) - Careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) are growing and quickly. By 2023, STEM will generate a projected 2.6 million new jobs, creating a high demand for qualified employees with STEM backgrounds in the coming years, according to Georgetown Public Policy Institute's Center on Education and the Workforce.

Despite attractive career opportunities for the next generation of STEM workers,

the industry continues to be predominantly male. Women make up only 24 percent of the STEM workforce, the U.S. Department of Commerce reports.

Several programs nationwide are working to close the gender gap by encouraging participation among female students in STEM projects, activities and lessons early on in their education. DeVry University's HerWorld is one such program. Its mission is to educate high school girls about STEM-related fields and connect them with real-life role models.



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PLUGGED IN, TUNED OUT: TEEN DISTRACTION INCREASES ACCIDENTS

The following is provided by Brandpoint, formerly ARA Content.

From dating to driving to curfews, there's a lot to worry about if you have a teenager. You want to keep your child safe and likely have talked about distracted driving and avoiding texting while behind the wheel, but technology can be distracting while walking, too. More teens are plugged in and tuning out to the world around them. An alarming 39 percent were observed typing on a phone, and 39 percent were wearing headphones while crossing the road.

One in five high school students and one in eight middle school students cross the street while distracted by things like music, texting and digital games, according "Teens and Distraction: An In-Depth Look at Teens' Walking Behaviors," a report from Safe Kids Worldwide made possible with support from FedEx. The study observed 34,000 students nationwide crossing streets in school zones.

Crossing the street while distracted by technology can mean the difference between life and death. In 2012, Christina Morris-Ward, a 15-year old girl in Montgomery County, Md., was killed while crossing the street because she was dis-

tracted by headphones and a cell phone. While teens use their favorite technologies every day, it's important for parents to encourage them to put down their devices when crossing any road.

You may remember the early years of reminding your youngster to look both ways before crossing the road. Now that your children are teenagers, it's time to have the talk again, but with a slightly different approach. Talk to teens about being responsible pedestrians by putting down mobile devices while walking and remind them of the importance of looking up, listening and making eye contact with drivers when crossing the street. And set a good example by putting your own devices down when driving or crossing the street.

Keep these tips in mind whenever you cross the road:

1. Put devices down, look left, right and left again, listen and make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street.
2. Remember to watch out for cars that are turning or backing up because visibility is limited. When possible, walk on sidewalks or paths and cross at street corners with traffic signals and crosswalks.
3. Be aware of others who may be distracted and speak up when you see some-



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one who is distracted.

4. If you need to use a cell phone, stop on the sidewalk and find a safe area to talk. If you are wearing headphones, pull them down before you cross the street.

5. Driveways and parking lots can be especially dangerous because pedestrians walk close to moving cars. Turn off devices in places where cars are going in unexpected directions, like backing out of a parking spot or turning out of a driveway.

Finally, teens aren't the only ones who are distracted. Being a responsible driver means eliminating distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road, too.

Be extra aware of pedestrians in residential areas and school zones. Look for bikers, walkers or runners who may not be immediately visible or may step into the street unexpectedly.

In memory of Christina and all those who have been killed or injured while crossing the street, Safe Kids and FedEx launched the Moment of Silence campaign.

Participate by pledging to put your device down and pay attention when crossing the street. Watch the video and learn more about the Moment of Silence campaign at safekids.org/silence.

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Programs are supervised by state certified teachers with extensive experience in children's performing arts. The camps provide participants with activities including acting, comedy, singing, dancing, scene design (painting or collage) and a family performances on the last evening of the camp experience. Campers have a pizza/soda

party on the last camp day.

Summer of 2014 will include a "Broadway Kids" Camp- musical revue at most locations, as well as a Creative Dramatics Camp in Parsippany and Watchung.

No prior theater experience is required to register. Space is limited.

For further information, call All Children's Theatre at (973) 335-5328, e-mail them at allchildrensth@aol.com or visit their website where you may download information and a day camp registration form at www.allchildrenstheatre.org.

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"We decided," says Sean Murphy, principal, "that parents and families need that extra peace of mind when sending their preschooler into school. This is often the parents' first time away their children."

Matheny's preschool is available as a full school day or in variations.

The nurse, Joseph Larena, says that being an in-class nurse who continuously interacts with the children and participates in daily classwork, "provides me with the unique opportunity to truly know each child. This allows me to instantly identify and respond to issues that may arise and prevent certain complications from occurring."

Emphasis in the classroom, according to Dawn Williams, Matheny's preschool teacher, is placed on learning basic skills such as playing and exploring. "Students need a lot of stimulation," she explains. "They're reacting to sensory movements and noises."

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MAXIMIZE YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING WITH TECHNOLOGY

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A practice that was once frowned upon, many schools are now encouraging students to bring their own tablets, smartphones and notebook computers into the classroom to improve student learning opportunities.

With the rise of Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) programs, many parents are wondering how they can ensure their child has the most appropriate technology to help them succeed. The upcoming holiday season is a great opportunity to find the right device for your child.

If your student has the opportunity to participate in a BYOD program this year, you may have questions about the program and how you can ensure your child is as successful as possible. Read on to learn more about BYOD and what you can do to support your child's learning in the digital world.

• What is a BYOD program? BYOD's core appeal is that it enables schools to have personalized, one-to-one learning programs with greater student engagement and accountability, while allowing students and parents the freedom to choose the device that best meets their child's individual needs.

• What device should I get for my child? Unlike school clothes, if you choose to invest a little more in a device, you won't have to replace it next fall. For example, a

Notebook/convertible UltraBook or 2 in 1 device with an Intel core processor and Windows 8 operating system grows with students as their learning needs evolve - it's an investment your child can benefit from for many years. A 2 in 1 device allows your child to switch between a tablet and laptop, depending on their needs for the school project at hand. These devices weigh less than 4 pounds, so they won't overload your child's backpack. They also have the battery strength to keep going strong until the final bell.

Your child might also enjoy a device that allows her to draw, write, highlight, annotate and more on her digital touchscreens in a natural manner. Intel-powered Windows 8 tablets come with a new generation of "pens," which engage students in learning and allow educators to maximize the versatility and benefits of the technology they're already using.

Another device option is a Chromebook, which can provide your child with a full Internet browsing experience at a lower cost. Although Chromebooks are limited in the types of applications and software they can run, they allow students to do real time collaboration and share their work with the world on the Web. They also have the flexibility to be personalized by each student or teacher.

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2020 Burnt Mills Road,
Bedminster, NJ 07921

Summer phone: 908-234-2345;

Fax: 908-275-8828.

Email: info@ccabedminster.org

Website: www.ccabedminster.org

Director: Elie Porter Trubert

Co-ed ages 5 through teens; fee varies depending on length of camp; session lengths: one week.

Weekly Summer Art Camps for children ages 5-12 at The Center for Contemporary Art are designed to stimulate creative expression through theme-based art projects and activities that change each week. All sessions are led by professional teaching artists, tailored to a specific age group, and designed to deepen a child's appreciation and understanding of the visual arts. Students engage in two-and three-dimensional creative exploration through painting,

drawing, ceramics, sculpture, mixed media, and more. The area's only week-long ceramics camps are offered for ages 6-teen. Teen summer "intensives" allow artists 13 years old and above at all levels of expertise to develop or fine tune skills through an in-depth exploration of a single medium or genre.

THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

45 Church St., Liberty Corner

Phone: 908-647-8401

Email: The Children's Corner or Summer Camp, kima@libertycorner.org

Website: www.libertycorner.org

Director: Donna Greco, director.

Fee: Contact The Children's Corner at 908-647-8401; session lengths: toddler program, kindergarten prep, kindergarten through 5th grade, after school program, summer camp program (The Summer Camp Program runs weekly during July and August - half and full-day options available.)

The Children's Corner, a non-profit Learning Center under the ministry of Liberty Corner Presbyterian Church (LCPC) has been offering parents and caregivers a loving, nurturing Christian environment for their children since 1987. Serving children from infant to 5 years, both as a traditional nursery school and full day program, The Children's Corner strives to build each child's self-esteem while fostering respect for others—both peers and adults. A before and

after school program for children in kindergarten through 5th grade is also offered for the parent's convenience.

"The Children's Corner is dedicated to meeting the spiritual, cognitive, social, emotional, and physical needs of children in the community in a kind and loving Christian atmosphere," said Donna Greco, Director of The Children's Corner. "It is the school's belief that the preschool experience is the first step in a long educational process and wishes to make it as happy and non-stressful as possible. Programs are created to provide experiences that nurture academic readiness skills and cognitive materials are presented to commensurate with each child's ability."

The toddler program offers Christian songs and stories, painting, finger plays, sensory experiences, manipulative activities, gross and fine motor skills, and group play. The pre-kindergarten programs include math concepts, social studies, science, emergent reading skills, poetry, dramatic play, writing, language arts, and multicultural studies. The school's kindergarten prep class provides learning opportunities that incorporate core content standards.

An after school program for children in kindergarten through 5th grade, consists of a non-academic, structured, activity-based program that provides a secure environment for working parents. Activities include or-

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The Children's Corner also offers a Summer Camp Program featuring an array of fun-filled summer time activities in a loving Christian environment including a series of exciting theme weeks, hands-on science, arts and crafts, water activities, music programs, special events, cooking and lots of safe fun indoor and outdoor play. The Camp also offers a full Center Court gymnasium for sports activities, dancing, and free play, stage for special performances and shows, as well as several different age appropriate playground areas with riding toys, sand boxes and swings. Campers will be surrounded daily by a loving team of qualified teachers and counselors and will enjoy half and full day options. The Summer Camp Program runs weekly from June 30 through August 22.

The Children's Corner is open year-round and is part of the mission of The Liberty Corner Presbyterian Church through and behalf of The Lord Jesus. The teachers and staff are professionals who are fully committed to the children in their care. The Children's Corner does not discriminate and admits children of all races.

For more information on programs at The Children's Corner or Summer Camp, call (908)647-8401 or email kgenualdi@libertycorner.org. The website can be accessed at

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Website:

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Director: Doug deMarrais

ddemarris@baskingridgecc.com

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Website: www.ssbjcc.org
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Session Lengths: four weeks to 9 weeks available.

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Director: KidsQuest: Emily Galbraith, Youth and Teen Director. SummerQuest: Emily Galbraith, Youth and Teen Director Counselor in Training: Emily Galbraith, Youth and Teen Director.

KIDSQUEST Entering Grades 3-5

SUMMERQUEST Entering Grades 6-10

COUNSELOR IN TRAINING Entering Grades 10-11

Fee: A current Madison Area YMCA membership is required to register your child for camp. Special Summer Camp Youth Memberships are available for a fee if your child is not currently a member.

Session Lengths: KIDSQUEST; Full Day: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 9 Weekly Sessions, June 23 - Aug. 22

Before Care: 7 a.m. - 9 a.m.; After Care: 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

For families needing extra care, we are happy to offer Before and After Camp Care at no additional charge.

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SUMMERQUEST: FULL DAY; 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; 9 Weekly Sessions, June 23 - Aug. 22

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The Madison Area YMCA's Family Center offers KidsQuest, a day camp for older youth (grades 3-5). Children will experience a traditional Y day camp with activities, weekly themes and field trips. The Y also offers SummerQuest, a teen travel day camp for teens entering grades 6-10. This on-the-go day camp offers daily trips and a weekly overnight. The Counselor in Training program at the YMCA will provide training for teens entering grades 10-11 to be camp counselors.

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Email: dmateria@mountsaintmary.org

Website: www.mountsaintmary.org/summer

Director: Denise Materia

For girls in grades 5-8.

Session lengths: Half day and full day options.

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Photos above and below show Campgoers enjoying activities at Mount St. Mary Academy summer camp at the academy, located at 1645 Route 22 at Terrill Road in Watchung. Half-day and full-day sessions are available for girls in grades 5-8. The program offers a range of enrichment classes and athletic camps to meet the needs of students with a wide variety of interests and ambitions.

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where students develop their talents and pursue their passions. This is the philosophy at Mount Saint Mary Summer at the Academy. The program is designed to promote creativity, sharpen skills, and enhance knowledge. Students receive individualized attention in a nurturing environment that challenges them to expand their knowledge base and discover the fun in learning. The program offers a range of enrichment classes and athletic camps to meet the needs of students with a wide variety of interests and ambitions. Classes will take place on the Mount campus, which includes a fully wired classroom environment, state-of-the-art media center, and award-winning athletic facilities. They are taught by enthusiastic Mount faculty members and selected experts whose passion for their respective disciplines extends beyond the school year.

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Website: www.pingry.org/bigbluesummer
Director: Mark Facciani, Director of Summer and Auxiliary Programs

We have programs for students ages 3 to 16. Fee varies depending on program; Session Lengths: Customize your summer – programs run June 30-Aug. 15.

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gry's Mega-V Day Camp is the cornerstone of Pingry's "Big Blue Summer!" Our dynamic, kid-centered program features inclusive, original games including Mega-V Ball, Alien Invasion, Mission Impossible, Capture the Universe, and Animal Rescue to keep children active and engaged; we also offer daily swim instruction, an enriching blend of art, drama, and music, and weekly special guests & events. This summer, Mega-V Camp will even feature its own game room with ping-pong, foosball, air hockey, and more! Mega-V Camp runs from June 30th to August 8th on our Basking Ridge Campus for children ages 3-13 – join the excitement this summer!

BIG BLUE SUMMER ACADEMICS: Each summer at Pingry, we provide a variety of academic opportunities on nearly every level. Whether your child is entering Kindergarten and would like help transitioning into his or her first academic experience or is a rising senior with an eye on college, we have outstanding programs to meet their needs and interests. Our teachers specialize in providing excellent, age-appropriate instruction in a personal and encouraging environment.

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Mercedes Rolandelli, Owner/Director

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At River Edge farm Riding Camp girls come to experience a summer of learning and fun.

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By taking care of their mounts, harvesting veggies in the garden, visiting the river, collecting eggs in the chicken coup campers learn the value and benefits of eating locally grown foods and to be the stewards of their environment.

Activities such as ceramics, baking, needle arts, tennis, swimming, community service, arts and crafts, archery ensures a fun-filled, safe and healthy summer.

At camp we pair two groups of girls with different abilities working together on an assigned pony/horse. This is to encourage and develop an appreciation for team work, compassion and willingness to help others, meet new friends, respect fairness and rules.

The pair/team work on an assigned horse or pony developing a sense of shared responsibility, while working independently on their riding skills.

At River Edge Farm Riding Day Camp we believe that girls will greatly benefit from the interaction with ponies/horses, the environment and each other in a supportive, friendly and fun setting.

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SOMERSET HILLS YMCA

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Website: www.somerset hillsymca.org
Director: Kim DeZutter

Co-ed, various camp options for kids 3-15 years of age. An inclusion program for children with special needs is also offered.

Fee: Please refer to website for pricing and session dates. Session Lengths: 1-2 weeks, please refer to website for more information.

The Somerset Hills YMCA offers a comprehensive camp program with more than 19 different specialty and traditional camps from which to choose. While our various camps have different focuses, our goal with each program is to provide a nurturing environment that allows each child to learn, grow and thrive. The Somerset Hills YMCA camp counselors embrace the Y's four core values of caring, respect, honesty and responsibility, and create a fun, exciting experience for the campers. Our camps operate at two facilities, one at our Mount Airy Road location in Basking Ridge and the other at Far Hills Country Day School in Far Hills. We offer regular day (9:30am - 3:30pm) and extended day (7:30am - 6pm) options for all ages. The following are some of the camps we offer: Adventure Camp (a traditional camp program for ages 6-12), Kinder Camp, Sports Camps, Performing Arts Camp, Fine Arts Camp, Digital Media Camp, Gymnastics Camp, Explorers Camp for Teens, and a Counselor in Training Program to name a few. Registration is ongoing. See our web site for full details on how to register.

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As a non-profit focused on Youth Development, Healthy Living and Social Responsibility, the Somerset Hills YMCA infuses its core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility into all of its programs. With a mission of strengthening community, the Y aims to make a meaningful impact on the lives of each person who walks through the doors. Through its focus on Youth Development, the Somerset Hills YMCA offers programs and services that nurture the potential of every child by providing them with opportunities to learn, grow and thrive - from enrichment classes in Sports, Art, Dance, Music, Swim, Gymnastics to the Early Childhood Education and School Age Child Care Programs. The Somerset Hills YMCA offers comprehensive, quality Early Childhood Education, and School Age Child Care. Programs include Waddler Care for

infants age 3 months to 2 years and Toddler Care for children age 2 years to 3 years, as well as Preschool for children age 3-5 years and School Age Child Care for children in grades K - 8th.

Dedicated to the care of children, the Y's programs cater to working parents and focus on enriching the lives of the children throughout all years of development. A variety of program options are available so parents can work secure in knowing that their children are being cared for and educated in a safe, constructive and stimulating environment.

The Y believes that positive role models are critical to a child's development; and therefore, the full-time Early Childhood Education and School Age Child Care Programs are staffed with certified teachers and caring assistants. The staff understands the cognitive, physical and social development of children to help them feel safe, supported and connected so they can thrive.

A wide variety of experiences are offered for the Waddler through Preschool Age child, including daily activities that develop the child's language, social, emotional, fine, and gross motor skills. The staff promotes learning in the academic areas of Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Additional offerings include Art, Music, Cooking, and Swimming (for Preschool Age children) to establish a well-rounded program for young children. The program includes all-day care from 7:30am to 6pm, Monday through Friday, plus lunch and a mid-afternoon snack. Options for 5, 3 and 2 day care are available.

The Y's Before and After Care Programs are available to School Age children who attend Bernards Township, Bernardsville, Bedminster and Warren Townships schools, as well as at Far Hills Country Day School. The Before Care Program hours are 7:00-8:50am. The After Care Program hours are 3:00-6:00pm. The After Care schedule consists of a snack, indoor/outdoor activities, sports/games, arts & crafts, themed daily activities, and the opportunity to participate in YMCA classes. Through the Somerset Hills YMCA's programs, children benefit from the continuity of care from young children through young teens, which allows them to feel secure in their surroundings and to grow in a structured, enriching environment. The Y also infuses its focus of Social Responsibility in all of the programs through various activities to help the children build character and understand how meaningful it can be to help others.

All of the Y's Early Childhood Education and School Age Child Care programs integrate Healthy U, a statewide initiative that includes nutrition education and physical activity as a means to promote healthy living and prevent childhood obesity. Through this program, the Y is playing a major role in promoting healthy living among children by teaching them the importance of good nutrition and helping them get physical activity each day.

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Summer phone: 908-647-4194

E-mail: info@gillettesbdkarate.com

Web site: www.karate4peace.com

Director: Michelle Cavett

Ages 3 to adult

Call for class schedule and fees. Session lengths are 3 months to 6 months.

Soo Bahk Do Karate of Gillette is a martial arts studio for students of all ages. The art we practice emphasizes the virtues of endurance, honesty, modesty and courage. We teach the mechanics of concentration, and encourage students to achieve self-development. Your child's karate school is not just a place to learn to kick and punch as a sport. At Soo Bahk Do Karate of Gillette, we devote much attention to martial art tradition, where self-improvement is practiced for the sake of human development. If we are to learn a powerful method of focusing energy, we then must take (and teach) responsibility for that knowledge. Parents are responsible for imparting their value systems to their children, but there are obstacles to the process – advertising, television,

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THE WILLOW SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

1150 Pottersville Road, Gladstone, NJ 07934

908-470-9500

E-mail: dvonaulock@willowschool.org

Website: www.willowschool.org

Director: Dorian von Aulock, Director of Operations and Service Learning

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CREATING ART

Ella Rapp takes part in the Summer Art program at The Willow School in Gladstone. See the listing on page 21.



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Above: Infants in the summer program at the Blaustein Early Childhood Center, located at 775 Talamini Road, Bridgewater Township Half, full day and extended programs for toddlers, 2, 3 and 4 year olds are offered. **Left:** A camper enjoys a rock climbing activity at the Jcc Camp Ruach in Bridgewater Township. Camp Ruach offers programs for campers ages 15 months through grade 9.

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