

## YWCA's School Aged Childcare Program 2014-2015

The ywca started its collaboration with the City of Newburyport in the fall of 2007 when we began offering after-school childcare in the Newburyport Public Schools. The after-school childcare program has been very successful, growing by leaps and bounds. We are excited to announce that the School's Out Program at Bresnahan (K-3<sup>rd</sup> grades) will again expand this fall with the opening of the new school and the YWKids Program (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades) is gaining momentum in its second year located at our Ponds St Childcare Center. The school aged childcare program runs year round offering after-school, early release day, vacation week and full day summer childcare. This fall of 2014 we will be adding before school childcare at the Bresnahan School as well.

The ywca afterschool childcare program draws on the 40 Developmental Asset Model. This model helps young people grow up healthy, caring and responsible and engages all the adults in children's lives (parents, childcare staff and school personnel) in that process.

Our youth programs are designed to:

- ≈ promote a sense of self-worth: A positive self-concept is the bedrock of all learning and growth.
- ≈ foster independence and self-discipline: These two elements are necessary ingredients for problem solving and achievement.
- ≈ provide opportunities for success: This encourages risk taking and appropriate expansion of parameters.
- ≈ meet each child's unique needs whenever possible: A concept which builds trust and a respect for others.
- ≈ create a caring, respectful community: This sense of community grows from the individual program to the school, family, and the community at large.

Young people build skills, acquire passions, come to understandings and take on responsibilities for changing their worlds as they grow, learn and develop. Our daily activities include outdoor play, a multitude of gross motor activities, a nutritious snack, or lunch (sent in from home on full days), homework time, art exploration, exponential S.T.E.M. learning experiences, group games, social enrichment, community building activities, free play and long term projects that are developed by children and staff together.

We are currently taking reservation requests for the upcoming fall 2014. Please contact Amanda Bradbury, School Aged Childcare Program Administrator, at [abradbury@ywcanewburyport.org](mailto:abradbury@ywcanewburyport.org) for more information.