

come grow with the ellis school!

At Ellis, we have a full slate of programs designed to help parents and early childhood educators understand every aspect of young girls! Our Fun Fridays offer an opportunity for parents and their 3-5 year old daughters to learn together, and our speakers provide insights that are geared specifically to parents and educators of this age group.



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fun Fridays

programs for parents and their daughters

play with clay

Experience a lesson on the potter's wheel guided by international clay sculptor Ceil Leeper Sturdevant. Each participant family will have the opportunity to make a food safe set of functional pottery. In addition to the potter's wheel you will also learn how to shape and embellish a functional piece from a slab. (Space is limited, register early!)

Friday, October 7, 2011 - 10:30 am

let's play yoga

Amazing Yoga owner and Ellis parent Karen Conley leads this engaging session during which the natural world will be explored using yoga poses. This program will inspire imagination as it helps to develop body awareness, self-confidence, and good listening skills.

Friday, November 4, 2011

5:00 pm - program
6:00 pm - dinner

creepy crawly

In this program from the Carnegie Science Center, children will investigate insect parts and behavior through song and dance and make a special project to take home. This program will ignite the "Wow! Hmmm? Aha!" in every child - and parent!

Friday, December 9, 2011 - 10:30 am

imaginations in motion

Sally Sherman, Professor of Exercise Dance at Grove City College, and Beth Corning, owner of Corning Works, a production company for the Glue Factory Projects, guide this fun, playful movement workshop where children will use their imagination muscles. Story-telling and games come to life through creative dance as children improve their gross motor skills while increasing balance, flexibility, and muscular strength.

Friday, February 10, 2012

5:00 pm program
6:00 pm dinner

cooking for kids

Join Danielle Cain, Ellis mom and Executive Chef at Big Burrito's SOBA restaurant for a cooking class like no other. You and your daughter will prepare Friday night dinner, and we'll do the clean up!

Friday, April 13, 2012 - 5:00 pm

parent programs

what do you do with the mad that you feel?

Hedda Sharapan, Director of Early Childhood Initiatives at the Fred Rogers Company, will help parents understand how to help their children find healthy ways to manage their anger. Sharapan fills her talks with stories from family life and classic video clips from Fred Rogers.

Tuesday, October 25, 2011 - 7:00 pm

transition to kindergarten: is your child ready?

Is your child ready for kindergarten? Join Michelle Figlar, Executive Director, Pittsburgh Association for the Education of Young Children, in this informative lecture and discussion.

Thursday, November 17, 2011 - 7:00 pm

how girls thrive

Dr. JoAnn Deak, noted author, consultant, speaker, and preventive psychologist will address how girls interact today and why. Deak is the author of *Girls Will Be Girls*, *How Girls Thrive*, and *Your Fantastic Elastic Brain*. She has been heralded for her ability to demystify complex issues of child development, learning, identity formation, and brain research. (Note: This program is also appropriate for early childhood educators)

Wednesday, March 7, 2012 - 6:30 pm

early childhood educator programs

what we can continue to learn from fred rogers about STEM

Join Hedda Sharapan, Director of Early Childhood Initiatives at the Fred Rogers Company, as she looks at STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) through the eyes of Fred Rogers. She'll discuss every day, practical ways to feel comfortable offering STEM concepts in early childhood. Fulfills Act 48.

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for detailed information and registration for all programs, visit TheEllisSchool.org/grow.