



## **Y Preschool Advisory Board Meeting**

Date: Thursday, March 6, 2025

Time: 1-2 PM

Location: Retriever Activity Center, 106

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Dr. Lynne Adams, Chair, welcomed Board members and facilitated introductions.

### **Enrollment Updates**

Current enrollment: 56

Preschool capacity: 64

Number of employees with a child enrolled: 10-15

Number of UMBC students with a child enrolled: 0

#### **Enrollment by classroom:**

2's classroom: full with waitlist

3's classroom: spaces available

4's classroom: near capacity

Pre-K Classroom: near capacity

#### **Hiring:**

Number of new teachers: 1

Number of vacant positions: 2

### **Updates from Y Preschool**

- **Communication regarding planned maintenance**

Y Preschool staff appreciate as much notice as possible to communicate with families or and to minimize disruption in the classrooms.

- **Campus closures due to inclement weather**

Y Preschool staff reported a huge improvement in the timeliness of notifications and were grateful for the change.

### **Action Item Request from Y Preschool**

- **Signage**

Y Preschool staff and John Zahor will meet separately to discuss signage options.

Two types of signage were discussed:

- permanent signage to help with wayfinding to the preschool
- temporary signage to serve as advertising on a seasonal basis to boost enrollment

### **Strategies to increase awareness & enrollment**

- **Websites and listservs**

- Updated language for the HRSTM website – contact Kelly Coleman
- HRSTM Newsletter – contact Kelly Coleman (Deadline: 3/14 for Publication: week of 4/7)
- Email [gsacommunications@umbc.edu](mailto:gsacommunications@umbc.edu) to request a message be sent to the GSA listserv
- HRSTM Staff will look for a similar option for communicating with undergraduates
- Instagram would be the best social media platform to reach students



- **Events & Resource Hubs on Campus**

- Homecoming Carnival (October 11, 2025)
- Retriever Fest (Early September)
- Gathering on the Green
- Women's Center (also reactivate the UMBC 'Moms and Parents Group' on myUMBC)
- Physical fliers could be made available in HRSTM; Women's Center; [The Commons](#); Commuter Student Lounge; Info Desk; [Student Government Association](#) Office; [Graduate Student Association](#) Office

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- **Hallmarks of using the Y Preschool as a UMBC Employee or Student**

- Convenience
- Open year round
- Spend your lunch break with your child
- Engage in events at the preschool (Halloween Parade; Read Across America; etc.)
- Free YMCA membership for enrolled families
- Shriver & Sherman STEM Program (in development)

**Meeting Schedule for 2025 – remaining meetings will be hybrid**

Thursday, May 15 - 1PM (Location: Sherman 461)

Thursday, August 21 - 1PM (Location: Sherman 461)

Thursday, Nov. 6 - 1PM (Location: Sherman 461)