

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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“Y’s Kids” after school offered at Gateway Middle School

Huntington – The YMCA of Greater Westfield is offering a Y’s Kids After School program for students attending Gateway Regional Middle School, provided enough parents sign up by June 29.

The “Y’s Kids” program is state licensed and offers a balanced daily and weekly schedule that includes arts and humanities, character development, healthy living, homework, literacy, science, engineering, technology and math (STEM), service-learning and social competence. The schedule also includes free choice; small group, individual and large group time; project time; indoor and outdoor time; and a healthy snack. It will be open daily from school dismissal until 6 p.m.

Families may select a two, three, four or five day schedule but the same weekly schedule must be committed to for the year.

Staff from the Y’s Kids program will be at Gateway for the 6th Grade Orientation at the school on Tuesday, June 12, which begins at 6 p.m. for current 5th graders and their families. However, parents of current 6th and 7th graders who wish to speak with the staff can come at 5:30 p.m. to learn more, have questions answered, and drop off intent forms.

A minimum enrollment is required to run this program. Interested parents should complete and return both the letter of intent and schedule form to the YMCA of Greater Westfield along with a deposit of \$75 (check only), which will be applied to program fees. The YMCA will determine by July 1 if there is sufficient enrollment to offer the program this fall. (If yes, additional registration forms will be required; if no, all deposit checks will be returned).

For more information, please contact Michelle Anamisis, Youth Development Director (email: manamisis@westfieldymca.org or call (413) 568-8631 ext. 306).

Additional information and forms are going home in 5th grade red folders, are available in the middle school office, and online (www.grsd.org).

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