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El Lugar Ideal Para Crecer

Bigham's Third Annual Fall Festival

Boy what a Fest! The Third Annual Fall Festival at the Bigham Unit kicked off with a cake walk. There were a total of twelve cakes given away, two cakes every thirty minutes of the cake walk. During the day there were a lot of activities and lots of candy. On the agenda; football toss, cake walk, face painting, free throw contest, scavenger hunt, and the Third Annual Fall Festival closed with a costume contest. We would like to thank all the contestants, parents, members, volunteers and staff for making this day a success.



Program Highlight: Power Hour

Power Hour is a highly effective homework assistance program based on the premise that youngsters need to view homework as an opportunity to learn to work independently, successfully completing a project on time, enabling them to feel positive about their accomplishment.

So many of the children we serve simply do not have access to the resources necessary for successful homework completion, which is critical to their everyday academic success.

Power Hour is an interactive, after-school homework assistance program for Club Members. Unlike assignments done in class, Power Hour work is conducted in a non-threatening and fun after-school environment using "Homework Helpers," who supervise completion of a Club member's homework.

In addition to homework help, Club staff offer age-appropriate activities to stimulate Club members' interest in learning. By explaining the relevance of learning fractions in order to cook a meal, for example or by showing how geography can enable us to enjoy reading the newspaper, staff help Club members learn to value the knowledge homework can bring. The long-term goal of Power Hour is to instill in youth a life-long love of learning.

In addition to "Homework Helpers," Power Hour offers tips for establishing essential communication with teachers and parents. Research has shown that parental involvement is a must if children are to develop good homework habits. Power Hour also provides incentives for Club members, rewarding them with "Power Points" and

charting their academic progress on a colorful poster that is displayed prominently in the Club.

Among the available research on the importance of after-school homework assistance is a recent study conducted by the U.S. Justice and Education Departments. In Working for Children: Safe and Smart After-School Programs, experts reported, "children who are left alone when school ends have more difficulties with their class work than those who participate in after-school programs. Not only is the latter group of students more likely to succeed academically, they are also much more self-confident." Other studies have linked after-school homework assistance programs to improved behavior at school and an overall increased interest in learning.

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Upcoming Events:

November 10
Veterans Day Parade
Look for our Dance Group
and Cheerleaders at the
Veterans Parade

November 11
Cheerleading Jubilee

November 14
AFC & NFC Football
Championship
Located at Leo Buckley
Stadium 6:00pm

December 1-9
Basketball Registration

Youth of the Month

Bigham Unit
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Clements Unit
Steven W.

Exchange Unit
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Stonehaven Unit
Sabrina M.

Trimmier Unit
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Club Pictures



Mr. Stacy's Farewell Party



Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15 to October 15, 2006 was National Hispanic Heritage Month and special activities were planned for Club members to help celebrate and learn more about the Hispanic culture. On Saturday, October 7, 2006, at the Trimmier Unit, Club members attended a day long celebration of the Mexican Culture.

Members had their faces painted in the Arts & Crafts room which helped set the festive mood for the day. The day ended with the children eating Mexican food that was donated by local restaurants. We would like to thank Taqueria Jalisco for the chips and Salsa, Rosas donated enchiladas, and Maria Carrasco donated a tray of green chile chicken enchiladas. The staff also donated food items



for the event. The members were also treated to a Puerto Rican youth dance group that came in and performed native dances. Ms. Jeanette, CBGC Program Director, did an excellent job planning Hispanic Heritage Activities.



Jam Pennies

Ingredients:

- 12 slices of white or brown bread
- 2 Tbsp. butter, softened
- 6 oz. strawberry jam

Preparation:

Cut the crusts from bread, then lightly spread each slice with butter. Spread six slices with jam, and then sandwich them together with the remaining buttered bread. Using a round pastry cutter, stamp out four circles from each sandwich. Arrange on a serving plate and serve as soon as possible.

Football/Cheerleading League Sponsors

The Boys & Girls Club would like to thank the following businesses for supporting the annual tackle football and cheerleading programs by sponsoring various teams. If you would like to be a sports league sponsor, contact Leslie at 634-0308 ext 106.

NFC League

- Budget Bail Bonds
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- Colts
- Eagles
- Lions
- Raiders
- Steelers

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- Colts
- Cowboys
- Eagles
- Jets
- Lions
- Raiders
- Steelers
- Texans

Make A Difference Day

The members of the Clements Boys & Girls Clubs participated in Make a Difference Day Celebration. They set a goal to try and make a difference by donating hair care products to the Families in Crisis program. Youth members decorated the collection boxes that were located at the Trimmier, Natatorium and Bigham Units. The youth members, staff, and patrons that visited the various units donated items that were delivered to the Families in Crisis facility by Ms. Jeanette of the Trimmier Unit.

NATATORIUM SCHEDULE

Water Aerobics—\$35.00 a Month

Monday –Friday

10:00am; 11:00am and 6:30pm

Open Swim —\$30.00 a Month

Monday –Friday

10:00am-1:00pm

Lap Swim —\$30.00 a Month

Monday – Friday

10:00am-1:00pm

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday
6:30pm-7:30pm

*Call 254-634-0308 ext 105 for more details

Basketball Registration



It's almost Basketball time of year and league registration will be held from December 1 through December 9. Registration times are Monday through Friday 3:00pm-7:00pm and Saturdays 10:00am-3:00pm. Parents need to bring a birth certificate, proof of residency and the player. Basketball dues are \$35.00 and practices and games will start in January 2007.

For upcoming events or for general information please call:

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