

Club Connections



A NEWSLETTER FOR BURKE 45TH ST. BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Members Pull Out Their Checkbooks

The kids were very excited to participate in the Club Bux Auction back in December. The Club Bux Auction is an incentive program that rewards Club members for participation in activities, completion of homework, sportsmanship, good attitude, leadership, and helping out around the Club. The members are rewarded by being given 'Club Bux.' This Wallingford Boys & Girls Club currency is accumulated and allowed to be spent at our twice yearly auction and store. The auction gives members a chance to bid on toys and gifts and the merchandise goes to the highest bidder. The member with the most Club Bux has the best opportunity to get the items they desire. This is a great incentive to get their homework done! There are enough items for everyone to buy several things so nobody gets left out. On the next day, we open the 'Club Bux Store' which enables members to spend the rest of their money on small prizes and snacks. This is a super fun program that we look forward to running twice a year. The next one will be in June, start saving now!



Family Notes for February:

- We will be open for Mid-Winter Break Tuesday, February 21st to Friday, February 24th. Be sure to sign up for all day care from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. for \$25/child/day.
- We will be CLOSED Monday, February 20th.
- **Like us on facebook!** This is our quickest and most efficient way to let you know about program discounts, snow closures, staffing update, special events and more! Find us on facebook at www.facebook.com/wallingfordboysandgirlsclub or follow the link on our website at ww.wallingfordboysandgirlsclub.org.
- If schools are on delay because of snow call 206-436-1930 to see if we will be closed or on delay. If the schools are closed, we will be closed.
- **Late pick up policy**—We are open Monday-Friday 2-7 p.m. There is a charge of \$1/minute/child for each minute after 7 p.m., however, we do allow a 5 minute grace period before late fees are occur.



- **Support the Club:** If you would like to donate to the Club in any way or know someone who would, please contact our Club Director Meghan Sweet at 206-436-1932 or at msweet@positiveplace.org see Jen at the front desk.

February 2012

Club Calendar

February 20th

Presidents Day. Club Closed.

February 21st-24th

Mid-Winter Break—sign up for full day care. Fee is \$25/day/child.

March 7th

Two hour early dismissal from school. Sites open early.

March 11th

Daylight savings begins, don't forget to set your clocks!

March 16th

Non-School Day—sign up for full-day care. Fee is \$25 per child.



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WBGC Looks Back on a Great Year in 2011

The staff and kids of Wallingford Boys & Girls Club would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! 2011 was a great year and we are looking forward to 2012 being even better. Some fond memories of the year included a Keystone trip to Orlando, Florida, a super fun summer camp filled with countless awesome field trips, another trip for the teens to Silverwood Theme Park in Idaho, a ballet—yes, a ballet class for the kids, SMART Girls, Halloween Hoopla, Triple Play, Parents Night Out, Teen Late Nights, marching in the Wallingford Kiddies parade, C.I.T. camping trip to Chelan, Youth of the Quarters, Youth of the Year, getting an Xbox 360 with a Kinect and all the games available, a new computer lab from Microsoft, Power Hour homework time, a field trip to Olympia to meet with legislators, and much, much more! We would like to thank all of our donors, board members, and volunteers for all the help and support during 2011. Even though this year has already started out crazy with all the snow, we look forward to the New Year and are ready to do it all again—and more—in 2012.



Member Spotlight: Isabella Ortiz



Isabella, or Izzy, is one of our members from Hamilton Middle School who is a unique individual that can't help but to always put her right sock on first. This ambidextrous girl enjoys coming to the Club and hanging out with her friends. She was born in Louisiana, lived in L.A. and has traveled to different parts of the world, including Germany, Switzerland and France. Although she likes food, she stills has many items she has never tried, such as mustard and blue M&Ms. Keep an eye out for this girl Roller Derby brat because she might be on her way to becoming famous; she has already been on T.V. She may be only 13, but she's seen a lot in this world so far, including a ghost!

Perhaps that why she has developed the ability to sleep with her eyes open.

Staff Spotlight: Sarah Shoemake



Wallingford Boys & Girls Club is happy to have program staff Sarah Shoemake back working in the afterschool program. Sarah plays clarinet in the University of Washington Marching Band and has been busy with practice and playing at football games during fall quarter. She even traveled with the band to San Antonio for the Alamo Bowl on December 29th. Sarah has been working here since the summer of 2008 and is now a senior at the UW majoring in Social Welfare. She is great working with the kids and one of her favorite things to do at the Club is yell, "1,2,3 eyes on me!" and the kids respond in return, "1,2, eyes on you!" Her favorite movie is "Back to the Future" and her favorite band right now is "The Script." With the kids, she loves taking them to the zoo during summer camp. Sarah has a great attitude, is very patient, and has a great work ethic. We are very excited to welcome her back to the Club.

Birthdays!

4th: Max D., 11	13th: Majed A., 6	15th: Sarah S., staff	23rd: Aeden S., 12
6th: Nathan M., 11	14th: Delaney W., 12	17th: Cole H., 6	27th: Ysac A., 12
8th: Jesa C., 11	15th: Maceo L., 6	Kyle M., 12	Annisia I., 17
Brian T., 12	Sean W., 8	18th: Lara F., 10	Yuto O., 10
10th: Milly O., 8	Alex W., 13	16th: Chase L., 16	28th: Mia L., 13
Josh P., 10	Owen W., 13	22nd: Carolyn M., 16	

