

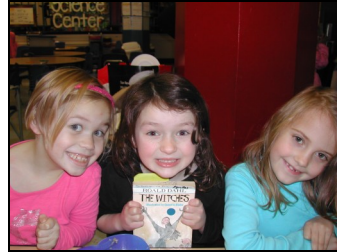
Club Connections



A NEWSLETTER FOR B.F. DAY BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Members Read for Voyage to Pizza Island

B.F. Day Boys & Girls Club's award-winning literacy program is a club-wide success this year! With Club members of all ages participating in our Reading Explorers program, we have a team of over 40 kids reading books faster than we can count! They have read an estimated 90,000 pages so far this year. For our Kindergarten and 1st graders in the Yellow Group, Reading Explorers involves books read aloud by our wonderfully theatrical Katya. The Yellow Groupers then work on group activities to delve into the plots, characters, and meanings of the books they have read. The Green and Blue Groups are led by Luke, the tireless adventurer. Kids record everything they have read over the week in their captains' logs and then share it weekly with the group. They sail their ships on the fantasy world map one square per ten pages to reach new lands and find new treasures. For example, we have just recently opened up the coveted "Pizza Island," which attracts Young Explorers with its promise of a pizza party! This program encourages reading and incorporates oral presentations, composition, and group discussions, all the while providing fun times and rewards for academic and social excellence. Way to go Explorers!



Family Notes for February:

- Mid-Winter break sign-ups are out on the front table! We will be open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on February 21st-24th. We will be closed February 20th for Presidents Day. Be sure to give us 24-hour notice when you need to cancel a day you've signed up for to avoid being charged in full.
- **PLEASE NOTE: per our family handbook, payments are due by the 15th of each month. Beginning this month, a late fee of \$25 will be charged for payments received after the 15th of the month. See Julia or Luke with any questions or if you would like to sign up for direct debit.**
- Our hours are 7-9:15 a.m. and 3-6:30 p.m. A late fee of \$1 per minute late after the first five minutes will be given for late pickup. Please call ahead if you are stuck in traffic and know you will be a few minutes late.
- Please remember to sign your child in and out with your legal signature.
- If your child is not attending Boys & Girls Club on a day they are signed up, please let us know. You can call us at 206-547-7169 or email

jtroutt@positiveplace.org, or you can leave a note in our parent communication binder located on the front table.

- Do you want to get involved with the Club? We are looking for parents to join our board. If you are interested, please contact WBGC Club Director Meghan at 206-436-1932 or by email at msweet@positiveplace.org.



February 2012

Club Calendar

February 20th

Presidents Day. Club Closed.

February 21st-24th

Mid-Winter Break—sign up for full day care. Fee is \$40/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 \$40 per child.



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The Positive Place for Kids

B.F. Day Welcomes New and Old Staff to Club

This winter, we have had several staffing changes at B.F. Day Boys & Girls Club and we would like to welcome our newest staff members! We are lucky to have two wonderful students from the University of Washington as part of our program. Nicole and Emily are both here at the Club as part of the America Reads program, a federal work-study program which focuses on literacy. They both receive special training from the university on tutoring school-age children, making them another great asset to our program. Emily will be working with the Yellow Group while Nicole will be working with the Green Group, and we are so excited and privileged to have them! We are also excited to welcome Jessie back to our staff! Jessie worked here at B.F. Day last year and will be back with the Green Group. She is as happy to be back with the kids again as we are to have her, and she has helped us to make this transition very smooth. Welcome back Jessie! Be sure to welcome our new team members and to check out our staff board, complete with bios and pictures, located on the railing of the loft area in the Club.



Member Spotlight: Iris Strickland



Our Kid of the Month for February is Iris! Iris is a first grader who has been a part of our Yellow Group for two years. She loves arts and crafts and has often drawn pictures for the staff which decorate the walls of the Club. As is evident from her artwork, Iris is a big fan of hockey and has started skating lessons. Don't let the missing tooth fool you, she is sweet and very smart. We are all very happy when "Button," as she is nicknamed, walks through our door after school. Be sure to congratulate Iris on being Club Kid of the Month, and check out her picture of our Kid of the Month board located near the loft.

Staff Spotlight: Tanya Bergman



B.F. Day Boys & Girls Club would like to congratulate long time staff member Tanya Bergman on her promotion to Child Care Coordinator of the Olympic Hills site last month. Olympic Hills is part of the Wallingford branch, so Tanya will be able to visit us often. Tanya worked here for several years and was most recently one of our wonderful Green Group staff. While we will miss having Tanya at B.F. Day, everyone is very happy to see her in this well deserved position, and we know she will be back to say "Hi" very soon!

Birthdays!



- 23rd: Fidelma C., 7
- 24th: Cora C., 8
- 27th: Karel S-F., 9
- 28th: Leo D., 6

Quotes of the Month:

- "It must be so nice to get paid to drink coffee and play with me."—Alden, 9
- "I like raisins because they are wrinkly!"—Elyod, 5