

Club Connections



A NEWSLETTER FOR OLYMPIC HILLS BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Olympic Hills Show Love this Month

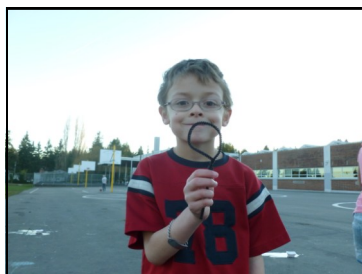
In preparation for Valentine's Day, Olympic Hills kids spent many mornings sewing and stuffing fabric hearts. Nancy sewed them up on the sewing machines and the members filled them with fiber fluff and sewed up the holes. The next step involved the children doing the sewing themselves. Michael and Samantha sewed the felt hearts all by themselves. Michael's goal was to give a heart to each student in his class! All the morning kids have made at least one felt heart.



The kids have enjoyed giving the hearts to their parents. We have been working on creating interesting ways to wrap our gifts. Wrapping gifts is a favorite activity, too, because our members love to share.

Family Notes for February:

- Olympic Hills Boys & Girls Club will be closed February 20-24th for Mid-Winter Break. We will open again Monday, February 27th with our regular hours of 7-9 a.m. and 3-6:30 p.m. Please talk with Tanya B. about which sites will provide care during this break and how to sign up.
- Do you want to get involved with the Club? We are looking for parents to join our board. If you are interested, please contact Club Director Meghan Sweet at 206-436-1932 or by email at msweet@positiveplace.org.
- Please check your parent boxes at least one a week. Bills, receipts, and newsletters can be found in your box. Your payments are due by the 5th of the month.
- We are looking for spare slightly used or new children pants for kids ages 5-7 years old for our younger boys and girls who damage their personal pants while at the Club. If you have some that you would like to donate, please let Hannah know.
- If schools are on delay because of snow call 206-363-3717 to see if we will be closed or on delay. If the schools are closed, we will be closed. If after school activities are canceled because of snow, we will be closed as well.
- If your child is not attending Boys & Girls Club on a day they are signed up, please call and let us know at 206-363-3717.



- **Parents must come in to sign your child in and out.** State licensing requires a clear and full signature when signing your child in and out.

February 2012

Club Calendar

February 20th

Presidents Day. Club Closed.

February 21st-24th

Mid-Winter Break—Site Closed. Please see Tanya for other care options.

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—site closed. See Tanya for other care options.



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Members Enjoy Literature in Many Forms

Staff and members have been enjoying listening to books on CD and on MP3 players, as well as enjoying reading actual books. Nancy has been bringing reading materials from the Seattle Public Library and the school library to supplement the Club's book collection. We have listened to Arthur Stories, "Inch by Inch," and other books. The children really enjoy the use of technology and headphones, though we have had some technical malfunctions. We plan to have a reading incentive program in place this month with a visual way for kids to track their reading and listening. This will include a reading related reward at the end of the program. Please see Tanya B. if you have any questions about this or any other programs.



Member Spotlight: Patrick Nguyen



Patrick reports being a member since last school year. When he is at home, he likes to play "Super Mario Galaxy 2" and "Super Mario 3D Land." Patrick loves his Mario toys and wishes he could bring them to the Club. He enjoys playing "Mario" at the Club, too, often asking for pictures of Mario and Luigi to color and cut out, and then Patrick and Thomas play with the cutouts. He likes to build Mario out of Legos as well. Patrick looks forward to karate day with Sonia at the Club and has also studied martial arts in other classes. Patrick is well known for his paper airplane building skills and helps other members with their creations.

Staff Spotlight: Tanya Bergman



In January we welcomed Tanya to Olympic Hills Boys & Girls Club as our new Child Care Coordinator. Tanya is a Seattle native who loves the city. She went to Evergreen State College in Olympia where she studied writing, literature, and philosophy. Not long after graduating from Evergreen in 2007, she began working at B.F. Day Boys & Girls Club in Fremont as an after-school and summer staff. She decided that she loved the joys and challenges of working with kids. During the 2010-2011 school year, she moved to Bremerton, WA to serve as an elementary reading tutor and volunteer coordinator

with the AmeriCorps Washington Reading Corps. When the school year was up, she returned to Seattle and to B.F. Day Boys & Girls Club. She made great friends at B.F. Day and is really excited to share ideas and get to know the families at Olympic Hills. Her favorite thing about working with kids is getting to enjoy their creativity in art, play, and forming friendships. Her least favorite thing about working with kids is reminding them that "jump ropes are for jumping only." She spends much of her own time reading everything she can and writing. She's also been playing electric guitar for about ten years and loves to rock out with her friends who play music, too.

Quotes of the Month:

"It's snowing!" —exclaimed by almost every child who attended on that very short snow day in January.