



Boys & Girls Club of Westminster: Quarterly

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WINTER 2016

Thank You Kaboom!



Our friends at Kaboom partnered with us and volunteers from the community to create the playground of our kids' dreams at Dutterer's Park. The kids loved being a part of this journey and always have so much fun on Club trips to the playground. We can't wait for warmer weather when we can be out playing every day!

Club Members of the Month



September: Hannah, Age 8



September: Ben, Age 12



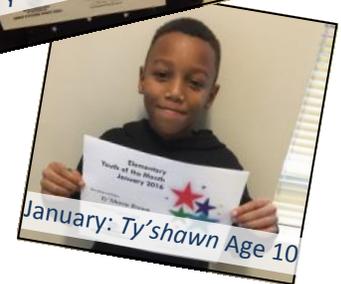
October: Kiera, Age 11



October: Owen, Age 7



January: Myiona, Age 12



January: Ty'shawn Age 10



November: Taylor, Age 11



November: Shane, Age 7



December: Jailen, Age 11



December: Fenton, Age 11

BE GREAT

These members made valuable contributions and modeled excellent member attributes and were chosen Youth of the month for Elementary and Middle School by our staff and McDaniel Mentors.



Holiday Season at the BGCW



Thanks Ms. Beth Tevis, for another "spooktacular" Halloween Party.

Johansson's Restaurant & Legend's Café donated a delicious Thanksgiving feast to the Club...YUM!



We asked club members what they were most thankful for this Thanksgiving. Here are their responses...

- ♥ My family and friends
- ♥ Being at the Boys & Girls Club
- ♥ Food (especially turkey!)
- ♥ Having a home
- ♥ The McDaniel mentors
- ♥ School
- ♥ Anything I get, even if it's small
- ♥ Support from my friends
- ♥ My pets
- ♥ All the cool stuff I have



Creating our parade float with Distinguished Young Women.



We had a jolly time with Santa at the McDaniel Holiday Party!



Other Announcements



If Carroll County Schools are closed due to weather, the **Club will be closed.**
If the Carroll County Schools close early due to weather, the **Club**

PICK-UP PROCEDURES

1. You may park across the street at the church. To respect our neighbors we ask that you do **NOT** park in the parking lot in front of the Club.
2. When you come in to sign your children out, they will be called for, either by text or a runner, to come to the front for dismissal.
3. For any child that is not picked up by our 6:00 pm closing time, **you will be charged a fee** which must be paid before your child can return (as stated and signed in the enrollment form.)

Thank you for working with us to make this club the best it

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TOYOTA CORNER



Stephanie Raley



Chloe Gudmundsson

Toyota Special Clubs. Baking Club – Meets the 1st Thursday of the month with Ms. Amy and Ms. Betty and the 1st & 3rd with Ms. Mary and Ms. Val. We have made some delicious treats in this club including, tacos, peanut butter cups pilgrim hat cookies and chocolate covered pretzels. Yum! Thanks to the generous kids in this Club – they always share their creations with everyone!

Craft Club – Made adorable snowmen and reindeer Christmas ornaments, and Valentine Crafts.

Giving Thanks. Thanksgiving was even more special this year with the help of Amy Mikalauskas and Betty Yagual-Waight who helped us serve a wonderful dinner to the whole Club.

Frozen. BGCW Board Chairman and Toyota Volunteer, Craig Finkner led our kids in the Christmas Parade through downtown Westminster. Club members were decked out in Olaf and Elsa hats for our Frozen theme. Toyota Volunteers joined our kids for the Christmas Party with Sweet Frog.

Youth of the Year. Toyota runs Leadership programs for our members. We have learned to Dress 4 Success, Dream Big and set goals. Toyota Volunteers will begin interviews to help us select our Youth of the Year and Junior Youth of the Year.

Scholarship Winners! Senior, Stephanie Raley and McDaniel Mentor, Chloe Gudmundsson won the Toyota Making Life Easier Scholarship! Both will receive scholarship money for college that can be renewed for 4 years. **THANK YOU TOYOTA for helping us create #GreatFutures!**



Through funding from the **United Way of Central Maryland & St Paul's United Church of Christ**, we will be offering STEM programs throughout the club to help our kids learn and think critically about the world around them.

STEM Club

STEM Club meets on Wednesdays and is part of a partnership between BGCW and 4H (University of Maryland Ext.). Students explore different careers in the STEM field through hands on activities. This Club runs throughout the year so look forward to seeing our “future scientists” develop!

NSA Day of Cyber

This program will be run with our teens so they can explore careers in the cybersecurity world by experiencing a day in the life of six NSA cybersecurity leaders. We will follow up on this activity by having a cybersecurity expert from NSA visit the Club.

Curiosity Creates

Introduces a crate of STEM activities each month for club members to explore. Members will have the opportunity to build structures, make circuits, program a robot, and more during this program. Parents are invited to come explore to and work with your kids on these fun activities. New crates will be available each month from January – May.

Light Painting

On 3/18 we will get to do light painting. We will have a large dark room tent and kids will get to explore painting with light. This promises to be a Club favorite.



New Mentors in Town... *What's your favorite part about working at BGCW?*



MS. DEJA
Meeting new people



MS. KYLAH
The wonderful kids



MR. IAN
The happy environment



MR. DOUG
Helping the children succeed



MS. MOLLIE
The unique personalities



MS. JESSY
Meeting the kids, mentors, and volunteers



MS. HEIDI
Getting to know the kids



Bowl-A-Thon



Thanks to all of our wonderful partners who attended the Bowl-a-thon and helped raise \$13,000 for the Boys & Girls Club.

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New Face out Front



Please join us in welcoming **Kim Pollock** to our BGCW Staff. You may recognize her, her children have been attending the club since 2009. She works 3:00-6:00 pm and will be the primary face you see at pick up. Welcome Aboard Kim, glad you're a part of our team.



Thank You

McDaniel College

Our staff can't thank McDaniel College enough for their donation of umbrellas. Being nice and dry at bus stops on rainy days is a big help!



2015 Summer Camp

Searching for fossils with Tim's Gems!



Summer Camp was full of adventures, learning, friends and FUN! We hope you'll join us this summer and create memories that last a lifetime.



We got to show our **PURPLE PRIDE** at Ravens Training Camp!



We loved swimming at the McDaniel pool!



Cascade Lake was the perfect ending to an action-packed summer!

Mr. Alden Phelps helped us all to explore our musical side at camp.



Thanks for the frozen treats, Kona Ice!



Thanks for baking with us, Toyota!



Players FunZone is always a Summer Camp favorite!

The Carroll County Historical Society came by and showed us how kids in the past played with toys!



MORE Summer Camp!

We were all jumping for joy at **Stratosphere Trampoline Park!**



Fireworks in a jar for the 4th of July!



All of our talented campers showed off their skills at the camp talent show!



Thank you for your generous food donation, **Viridian Energy!**



Field trip to **Buffalo Wild Wings!**



What a magical show at the **Carroll County Public Library!**

We loved playing "footgolf," the newest trend at **McDaniel College!**



We all had a blast at **Thunderhead Bowling!**



4-H came in and made paper helicopters with us!