



The Club Connection

NOVEMBER + DECEMBER 2019

A WORD FROM OUR CREATIVE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Hello patrons, parents, and participants of Boys & Girls Club of West Chester/ Liberty! As the new year approaches, we want to reflect on the amazing experiences we've had this past semester and charge ahead into 2020 with big, bold ideas that make our Club undeniably special.

As Creative Program Director, I get to experience the magic of youth imagination everyday first hand. In an effort to share a little bit of this magic with the world, I am proud to announce a new club project called The Patio.

A patio is a place where friends and family gather to share stories and be together, and this new website has the same purpose. The Patio features episodes of "ClubCast" , a talk-show podcast featuring segments produced and hosted by BGCWCL members. The site also displays a blog style feed and an art gallery full exclusively of member artwork. In the BGC national culture, there is a huge emphasis on incorporating youth voice into our daily programming. In my role, I want to provide youth with the ability to use their voice, whether by dance, by drawing, or by dialogue, and provide an audience for them to be heard. That's where The Patio comes in. Take a moment to check it out, and I guarantee you will be glad you did. Join us at www.bgcwclpatio.club.

Thank-you!

Caleb Redslob



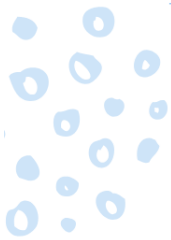
Our Activities

CATCH UP ON CLUB HAPPENINGS



REAL TALK

November's Parent Resource Night saw seven brave students tell about what it's like to be a youth today. They covered mental health, ADHD, drugs, and technology. Our next resource night will be January 16th from 5:30-7pm.



COMMUNITY



CONVERSATION

At the start of November, BGCWCL members, parents, and staff sat down with the Lakota School Board and discussed our relationship, students' needs, and how we can partner to best serve our community.



YOU'VE DONE A LOT OF GOOD

This month, you have sponsored 10 families for Thanksgiving, joined us for Giving Tuesday, supported us at Kendra Scott Gives Back, and joined us for the Olde West Chester Christmas walk! You've also been collecting and donating toys, hygiene items, and snack packs to our Holiday Market coming up. It's been a full few weeks and we are so thankful for your partnership!



FRIENDSGIVING

Torch Club served our members for a fun Feast!

THE BULLETIN

Torch Club | Intermediate Leadership Club

"The Wildfire" Torch Club has logged over sixty hours of service to the Club and community since its formation in October of this year. Whether it was hosting our National Fitness Competition and our Friendsgiving Feast, to representing our Club at our annual Steak and Burger dinner, or participating in a variety of service workshops benefitting community members such as deployed troops and senior citizens, members of this prestigious program performed with a smile! As membership increases and second semester fast approaches, I am thrilled to see the momentum of The Wildfire grow!



Kyle Pendleton, Torch Club Adviser

Academic Enrichment

The Learning Center has had a productive start to this school year and is looking forward to the next semester. From St. Xavier and Lakota East's "Inspiring Scientists", covering dissecting strawberry DNA to the basics of coding, to long-term Elementary STEM volunteers, Dean and Nancy Swartz, provoking thoughts about space, weather and archeology for starters. We can't wait to see what they bring next semester.

Another program, "Elementari.io" has grown in popularity which requires our club members to build a story through online software. They add graphics, backgrounds, sounds, animations and text all about the story they create. Next semester we'll be getting into the background of the animations sides and start block based coding. We also look forward to a reading program beginning January 6th and our tower garden in action teaching about hydroponics in the winter and starting our own garden in the spring, thanks to the help of local Master Gardeners Lynn and Robyn Glaser.



Andrew Lemcke, Academic Program Director

Spotlights

SHINING A LIGHT ON OUR COMMUNITY



Kohl's, located in Monroe, has not only partnered with our Club to collect holiday gift donations in addition to awarding the Club with a \$10,000 grant to continue to invest in great futures!



The Community Foundation of West Chester Liberty recently announced a grant of \$19,600 to support our Leadership Workforce Readiness Initiative focused on providing transportation for our high school members daily after school as well as for hands on experiences in our broader community. Once at the Club, our high school members have access to our four pillars of workforce programming: soft skills development, career exploration, employment readiness training, and work-based learning. Partnering with local businesses and thought leaders allows us increase access to workforce programming resources and services.



The Boys and Girls Club has benefited our family by providing a supportive inclusive environment fostering good character, citizenship, STEM and Art for our children. The program improves the lives of the families it serves and makes a positive impact in the community by developing well-rounded citizens with character and values.

Amy Green
BGCWCL parent





Upcoming

DON'T MISS A BEAT, OR AN EVENT

Teen Night

Friday,
Jan. 10th
5:30-7pm

D+D Fundraiser

Saturday,
Jan. 11th
TBA

Parent Resource Night

Thursday,
Jan. 16th
5-7pm



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STAY CONNECTED TO DAILY CLUB LIFE

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