

Director's Report 10-23-13

Youth Center

The Youth Center averaged 32 kids in September. We have also had 55 NEW kids come to the youth center in the first month of school! Jody is working on a Youth Center awareness mailing to be sent out by the end of the month, also soliciting donations.

Seniors

The senior luncheon had 36 seniors in attendance in October, and we enjoyed a performance by an actress who played Queen Elizabeth I, which was sponsored by the Cambridge Library.

Park

The park will be receiving a donation of 4 Autumn Blaze Maple trees. The only cost incurred will be the cost of planting the trees, approx \$175/tree. Jody and Bridgette attended the Foundation Annual Meeting on October 15 and gave a brief presentation of park activity. Bob Cunningham is still working down at the park for the season.

Aquatics

Blue Fins swim season began at the beginning of October and we have 68 swimmers this session. The Blue Fins are looking to do some fundraising to purchase fans for spectators at the pool. The meets get warm and it would be helpful to have some additional air flow.

The second session of swim lessons begins next week with approximately 75-80 swimmers registered.

Additionally, Lesli is working to raise approximately \$3,200 for the purchase of the Wubit Sport System. She received matching funds from the Cambridge Foundation and would like to purchase the system for the winter.

CAP CARE

CAP CARE is teaming with the CES student council to put on a talent show on Friday, November 8. The talent show will be open to any CES student and the CAP CARE team is very excited about the performances. CAP CARE currently has 11 4k students during the day and 51 students before/after school daily.

The October Parents Night Out was successful with 16 kids on Friday, October 11. These are planned monthly for the duration of the year.

Food Pantry

Each open Monday continues to average 30 households per night. Food donations and Second Harvest deliveries continue to be abundant. Nancy is currently working on planning for Turkey Baskets; an anonymous donor has purchased 100 turkeys. Nancy is working to gather the fixings with donations from individuals. Turkey basket distribution will be Wednesday, Nov. 20 from 5 to 6:30 pm at the NMS. Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to contact Nancy or sign up online.

The October Community Café was hosted by St. Pius Church and the Knights of Columbus. 199 people were served dinner.

Adult Athletics

We have 5 teams for Fall Men's Basketball League; the season started on 10/9. There are also 4 teams for fall coed 4's indoor volleyball at NMS and that season begins on 10/23.

After 2 brochure cycles, yoga has returned to CAP! We currently are serving 10 participants on Monday and Wednesday nights at CES from 6:30-7:30pm. There is also an option for drop-in patrons.

Chad is currently working with an instructor to offer day time Zumba in Cambridge at NMS old gym.

Youth Athletics

Recreational soccer and flag football recently concluded. Overall the season was a success with no major injuries or program issues. Thank you notes and surveys will be sent out within the next week.

Lil Jays Girls Basketball is underway with 1 team in grades 4 - 8. Their season is set to start on Saturday October 26th. Host dates for Cambridge on 10/26 @ CHS, 11/23 @ CHS, and 12/7 at NMS old and new gym. Parent volunteers will assist in operations of concession stand with supplemented help from silver cord volunteers and a concessions stand supervisor. Anyone Interested in helping is asked to please contact Chad Holpfer, Recreation Supervisor at 608-423-8108.

Chad and Bridgette are working on gathering bids for the baseball grant that was awarded for dugout shade structures and netting at the Pony field. They have met with several contractors and vendors for bids. They hope to have district approval for the final project plans and begin construction soon. They have also been working with the district administration on planning for a donation of 10 Autumn Blaze Maples from Arington Tree Farm. The trees will be planted around NMS, near the baseball fields to provide shade for spectators.

Other Programs

Website training – Lesli, Jody, Amanda, Chad and Bridgette have spent about 8 hours in training with Paul Markgraff learning how to manage the new website. The training has been beneficial and the new site will allow us to be much more efficient.

Weight Room – Lesli and Bridgette have been meeting with the Physical Education team during their Wednesday morning work time to plan for new equipment and writing a collaborative grant.

Budgets – 2014 budget planning is underway. All team leaders have met with Bridgette to review budgets and answer questions. We will present our budgets internally to each other at an upcoming staff meeting, then present to the finance committee at the next meeting.

Wisconsin Park and Recreation Association (WPRA) – Lesli, Jody, Chad and Bridgette will attend the annual state conference in Green Bay November 6-8. Jody will be awarded the Parks Section Outstanding Young Professional of the Year award. CAP will also be receiving two Silver Star program awards for Whoville Wholebration and the Lake Ripley Ride.

Wellness Exp/Fun Run - The 7th annual Family Health & Wellness Expo went off with out a hitch this year. With over 20 vendors and 118 runners participating in the Fun Run, Westside Park was packed with community members. The bouncy house and face painting kept the kids entertained while parents were able to visit with the different vendors.

Audit – The audit site visit was held on September 24. Bridgette worked with the auditor to answer questions and gather data. A final report to the board will follow once the audit is completed.

Respectfully submitted:
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