

## **Director's Report 11-20-13**

### **Youth Center**

The Youth Center averaged 28 kids per day in October. We held the Party Like a Rockstar Dance on October 5 and had just over 80 students in attendance. Jody has sent out a Youth Center awareness mailing soliciting donations from the community. The Youth Center has had a slight change in staffing; Chad Holpfer will no longer have regular hours at the Youth Center and therefore Karly Frey and Erin Peters will work everyday with Jody. This will save money in the Youth Center budget and allow Chad more time to work on his other job duties.

### **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. The November luncheon has 26 seniors registered to date.

### **Park**

The park received 4 Autumn Blaze Maple trees from the Arington Tree Farm. The only cost incurred was the cost of planting the trees. The Glow Throw event had light attendance this year, but also very cold weather. The Holiday Lights in Ripley Park will start November 30, and will be a free event this year. We will have a drop box at the gate house and will request donation.

### **Aquatics**

Middle school physical education classes (all grades) began the week of 11/11. They will be coming to the pool for 3 weeks, during all periods of the day.

The Spooktacular Swim Party was a success; approximately 75 children and parents enjoyed the pool party.

The elementary school will begin using the pool for late start Wednesdays from December through mid February.

The goal is to have the Wibit installed and ready for play by January. Additionally, we were able to get a discount on the purchase price at the WPRA conference.

### **CAP CARE**

CAP CARE has been assigned a new licensing specialist. She comes with over 20 years experience in the child care licensing field. Lesli has met with her once and is excited for the new challenges and opportunities she will bring to better our program. November CC enrollment is 60. Parents night out in November had 9 children registered.

Lesli has begun taking the Operations Management class as part of the Administrators Credential through UW-Platteville. This course will run until January when she will begin to take the Best Practices course. This will fulfill 5 out of the 6 courses needed to complete the credential. The continuing education credits help our Young Star rankings

as well as the overall program. Lesli received a teach scholarship from WI Early Childhood Association that covers 78% of the cost of the course.

### **Food Pantry and Resource Center**

The Pantry continues to see an increase in the number of families coming to shop. Our average has gone up from 30 families per night to 33 families. Recently, we had 37 families shop. We anticipate this trend to continue with the cut in Food Shares and given the holidays. Food donations are always needed, but Nancy will be making an effort to encourage more donations over the next several months as the shelves are pretty empty after Monday nights. Turkey basket assembly and pick up are scheduled for Wednesday, November 20. Hams for the Holiday basket will once again be donated by the Cambridge Foundation. Nancy is working to coordinate this date.

The November Community Café was hosted by Grace Lutheran Church and served 240 community members. December will be hosted by the Cambridge School District staff and BOE. It will be hosted in the new CHS commons area.

### **Adult Athletics/Fitness**

Chad has successfully secured an instructor to offer Zumba to adults on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 in the NMS old gym. Our goal is to target a different audience of participants that are not currently being served with daytime exercise programs.

Both adult volleyball and basketball are in the middle of their seasons with no issues and injuries. We have 4 teams participating in volleyball and 5 teams in basketball; we are hoping to increase participation numbers for the winter season.

### **Youth Athletics**

Girls' basketball has a few weeks left in their season with their last week of play on December 7. A total of 66 girls participated in grades 4-8. We host two pods yet for the girls, 11/23 and 12/7. The boys' basketball teams are already gearing up for early season practices. Their season games are set to start in January. Additionally, Basketball Fundamentals for grades K-3 will begin December 7.

Open gym has changed this year; we will be holding one open gym for all ages. In the past we offered two time slots – one for adults and one for youth. The adult one was poorly attended over the past several years and we were losing money on the program. Many parents already attend with their children, so this will hopefully be a great compromise. Open gym begins 11/17 from 3-5pm at CHS – both gymnasiums.

Little Ladies Running Club recently participated in the Madison College Turkey Trot 5k. Congrats to our girls for a job well done. Running club will resume in the spring with instructor, Michelle Cook returning after a season off.

### **Other Programs**

- Young Rembrandts continues to be a popular class for youth; current session has 17 registered.
- The First Friends preschool program has become a popular program and will expand beginning in January to two days a week. This two hour program, for three and four year old children, is taught by a certified teacher, Kristin Stockwell.
- We are busy gearing up for both Breakfast with Santa and Whoville. Due to the way the holidays fall, both of these events are scheduled for the same week, making it a very busy week!
- Lesli, Jody, Chad and Bridgette attended the Wisconsin Park and Recreation Conference in Green Bay. Jody received her award for Young Park Professional of the Year. Additionally, Bridgette received a 10 year service award and CAP received Silver Star awards for Whoville and the Lake Ripley Ride.
- We are currently working on producing the CAP winter/spring brochure, which should mail the week of December 16.
- Bridgette has been working with the auditor to wrap up the audit process. The Board will receive a formal audit presentation in the coming months.
- Bridgette, Jody, and Lesli participated in the CHS Reality Day.
- We have been very busy creating the new website! We launched it on November 13, but are still working on adding additional content and pictures.

Respectfully submitted:

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