

Director's Report 12-18-13

Youth Center

The Youth Center averaged 37 kids daily in November! The Youth Center Spaghetti Dinner was November 14 and raised approximately \$900 for the Youth Center. The Youth Center has also had a positive response to the mailing that went out community wide, receiving over \$500 in donations and some materials to be used for programming and snacks.

Seniors

The senior luncheon had 26 seniors in attendance in November with a presentation from the Alzheimers and Dementia Alliance on Brain Health. The stamping program is gaining in attendance with 4 seniors attending in December. Bingo in October had 4 seniors and none attending in November.

Park

The Holiday Lights in Ripley Park are up and running through January 1. There are 10 new sponsors this year and 4 new displays. The event is free with a suggested donation and the drop box at the gatehouse entrance. A timer was installed so the lights turn on automatically.

Aquatics

Part of the Wubit has been delivered to the pool. We hope to have it up and ready for use by January 1. Amanda and Lesli have been working hard to promote memberships and the overall pool through Facebook and promotions at the pool. The Blue Fins just completed their fall season and the winter season will begin January 13. Swim lesson registration is underway for the next session which begins in January.

CAP CARE

CAP CARE will offer a Winter Wonderland camp over the holiday break for families needing child care. Numbers continue to be consistent for CAP CARE, with 58 students registered for December.

Food Pantry and Resource Center

The Pantry continues to see steady use and on average we are seeing 30 families per Monday night. Many groups are thinking of the pantry during the Holiday season and several food drives are taking place around the community. Turkey basket assembly and pick up were held on Wednesday, November 20. 84 turkey baskets were given out to families. Hams for the Holiday basket were donated by the Cambridge Foundation. The date for assembly and pick up is December 19.

The December Community Café was hosted by Cambridge School District at the high school. 184 community members attended and many compliments were received regarding the remodeled school and the location of the event.

Youth Athletics

The girls' season is wrapping up; their league play ended December 7 with many Cambridge teams doing well overall in the league. The Fundamentals program has begun for grades 4k-3. We have 67 children participating. The boys' season is also beginning and currently has 78 boys grades 4-8 registered.

Other Programs

- Breakfast with Santa was held Sunday, December 8. We had record breaking attendance and served over 300 people. We shopped for 14 children from the Adopt-a-child program.
- The Winter/Spring brochure is at press and should be out by December 16.
- The Cambridge Wellness Collaborative has installed water bottle refill stations in both the middle school and high school. We also began a drink water campaign highlighting local people drinking water.
- We have re-launched our Twitter account and will be utilizing Twitter, Facebook and Instagram as means to connect with patrons. Our new website has also given patrons a way to connect through our comment forms on each page.
- Lesli and Bridgette continue to work with the CSD PE staff on a grant for improving the equipment in the weight room. The grant application will be submitted to the Cambridge Foundation by the December deadline.

Respectfully submitted:
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