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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS

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A NOTE FROM OUR CEO

Due to your generosity, one of our growth initiatives is coming to fruition: We are now serving Maize Intermediate and Maize South Intermediate Schools. Both sites serve fifth- and sixth-grade students five days a week. This initiative was an undertaking that would not have been possible without your commitment and dedication to our mission.

Throughout this newsletter, you will see a few highlights of our activities from this spring, which include community relationships, physical activity, and academics.

As we prepare for a summer filled with arts, educational field trips, and career development, we are reminded that it wouldn't be possible without you. I am grateful for your transformational contributions to our mission.

Junnae Campbell, CEO

CLUB HIGHLIGHTS



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

BUILDING HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

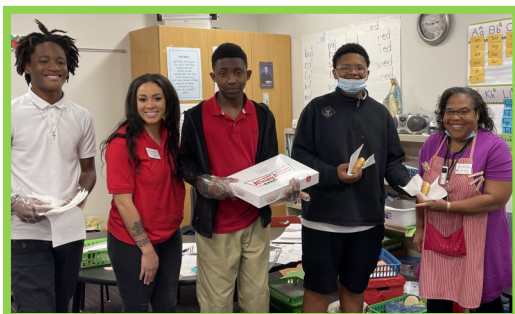


Pictured above is Star Wars Day at Maize Intermediate. Members competed in one-on-one duels and encouraged one another by incorporating strategy and patience during this fun, physical activity. The force was strong at Maize Intermediate on May 4th.

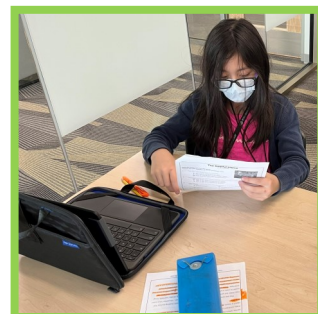


Pictured above is Chicken N Pickle Day at Opportunity & Oaklawn. Chicken N Pickle's staff taught our youth the basics of pickleball. Members learned how to use their hand-eye coordination and balance to find their paddle's "sweet spot."

BUILDING CHARACTER & ACADEMIC SUCCESS



Pictured above is Teacher Appreciation Week at Chautauqua. Members shared their gratitude as they recognized the Holy Savior Catholic Academy's educators and staff.



Pictured above is a Maize South Intermediate member focusing on homework before enjoying academic enrichment activities.

YOUTH VOICE

WE ARE FAMILY

D'Everiona credits the Boys & Girls Clubs for her most recent accomplishment—graduating from West High School! A Club member since the age of seven, and now a proud Club alumna, D'Everiona shared the following about her Club experience.

"The Club has taught me to really push and try, we are a family. I could've been a high school dropout but Mrs. Connie and the staff encouraged me to keep going. If I didn't have any of them here, I wouldn't be graduating. And I thank them for that."



Pictured above D'Everiona and Mrs. Connie.

Mrs. Connie said the following about D'Everiona's graduation, "I am so proud of D'Everiona for graduating from high school. I never doubted her ability to be more than she thought she could be. I know she will keep doing great things because she is an intelligent girl."

D'Everiona plans on attending cosmetology school at Eric Fisher Academy this fall. Her advice to new and current members is, "Listen to the staff. Don't really talk back or anything. Because they know what they are talking about, and they are just trying to help you stay safe."



BECAUSE YOU CARED



93% of Club members reported that adults at the Club believe that I will be successful.



70% of our members reported having an increase in self-esteem.



82% of Club members believe they can make a difference in their community.



Volunteer Spotlight

Cox Communications' passionate volunteers gave their time and talent to clean, organize, and paint our Opportunity Drive location. This helped us prepare for the summer. We are incredibly thankful for our meaningful partnership with Cox!



THEY NEED YOU!

Donate to: keep them safe; minimize their summer learning loss; reduce their hunger; create opportunities for fun and long-lasting connections.

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