

PROJECT EFFORT

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CLUB TIDBITS

Project Effort Visits the Harlem Globetrotters

The Harlem Globetrotters were in town a couple of weeks ago doing their thing. Behind the back passes, jammin' the rock, and hilarious antics were all seen and enjoyed by club members Travonda Terry, Racquel Barnett, Dale Kiser, Rayshawn Page, and Mark Dorsett. A great moment was having the club members meet the players.



Club member Travonda Terry with Globetrotter Wun Versher.

Warner Foundation Sponsors Career Night for Youth Leader Corps

The youth Leader Corps is having its first "Career Night." The event will be held at the Health and Human Performance Building on May 23 at 6:30. Representatives from various vocational and professional areas will be in attendance. They will provide information about the requirements for entering a particular career track along with job opportunities and benefits. Community college, university, auto repair business, hair salon, law enforcement, military, law, teaching, website technology, day care, and music production people will be present for questions and dialogue about job opportunities with Youth Leader Corps members and family members.

Youth Leaders Teach Responsibility Values to Preschoolers

We're proud to report a new program our Youth Leaders are running. Because it is so important to get an early start teaching responsibility values to young children, we followed up on our Youth Leaders' interest in working with preschoolers. With the help of United Child Development Program's Head Start, about twenty-five 3- and 4-year olds came every week to the Youth Leader Corps Sport Club. Club members taught the little ones basic motor skills along with being responsible for self and others. Derek Swann, Kelvin Cole, Jasmine McNeill, Lateesah Washington, and Otis McCollum headed up the teaching team. In addition to the new preschool program, the Youth Leader Corps continued to provide top-flight instruction to twenty-five 9- and 10-year olds. Heading this dynamic

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team of leaders was: Kevin Bennett, Kenya Gray, Aaron Harris, Dale Kiser, Secoyha Strickland, and Anthony Triplin. Shronda Ford was a great organizer and helped with administrative duties.



Youth Leader Jasmine McNeill works with two of her youngsters

Quotes from Youth Leaders

When asked, “What makes them feel they have been successful as a leader of kids?” Some of the Youth Leader Corps members said:

Letting the kids have fun. I also want them to learn to work together and have some free time out of their day
-Derek Swann

I am here to work with others and teach kids. I want to learn to communicate better with kids.
-Kenya Gray

When everyone is doing everything right. My plan [for the lesson] is good when the kids come and I can get right to the lesson.

-Rayshawn Page

I am here to teach and be the best at it. I want the kids to learn its all right to volunteer and help others—to be a team player—pass the rock!

-Jasmine McNeill

When kids are happy with themselves and have a smile on their face.

-Anthony Triplin

When the kids were learning and were happy—when they trusted me.

-Lateesah Washington

The children should be able to get along with each other. I feel the youth should not be limited.

-Secoyha Strickland

Family Night

Over 40 Project Effort family members came out to Hampton School January 23 for our 13th Family Night! What a success! They were treated to a scrumptious meal, plus their kids taught them all about Project Effort and the club goals. Here are the five goals: 1) respect and self control, 2) participation

and effort, 3) self-direction 4) caring for others, 5) using the goals outside the gym. After that, all the club members ran mini basketball sessions and taught their parents the basics of basketball, like dribbling and passing, plus the responsibility goals. We had a great speaker, too—Kathleen Jeffries who is the coordinator of the Youth Development program at Hampton. She has been an important part of Project Effort over the years. We all look forward to many more Family Nights.



Nachad Davis and family members at family night

New Program Finishes at Jackson Middle School

A new Project Effort sport clubs started at Jackson Middle School. Supported by a grant from the Weaver Foundation, the club consisted of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students is up and running at the school site.

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The club had a great start with hard work and plenty of sweat coming from Shareall Hill, Candice Melton, Kim Winfield, Tristian Dilday, Rayshawn Huff, Quindara McCray, Ngoan Ka, Shaquanna Sawyer, Kim Sanders, and Keyon Noble. During the first half of the semester club members did some all world stuff in basketball and really showed how to try hard and not give up, and to help others get better at shooting the "rock."

During the second half, they learned about the Tae Kwon Do form of martial arts. Controlling one's anger, staying focused, and respecting one's opponent were learned during the club experiences.



Ngoan Ka demonstrates her awesome kick

SPECIAL HAPPENINGS WITH CLUB MEMBERS

Middle School Club Member Alex Franklin Wins Science Award!

Did you ever wonder what makes race cars go faster? Does technology have a role in speeding those "babies" up? Well, Alex Franklin took on the challenge of figuring out what it takes to make a race car accelerate faster. His study was entered into the Lincoln School Science Fair competition. Guess what? He won first place!! By winning the school contest he was eligible for district wide competition. Way to go Alex!!!

Birthdays for Spring Semester

What a great day it was when the following club members came into the world:

Elementary Club Members:

Elliott Gwynn: Jan. 24

Adrian Wallington: Feb. 8

Candace Bennett: March 21

Brittany Carelock: March 17

Middle School Club Members:

Travonda Terry: Jan. 9

Raquel Barnett: Jan. 18

Middle School Club Members Birthdays(Cont.):

Rayshawn Page: Feb. 21

Alex Franklin: Jan. 22

Ngoan Ka: April 18

Kim Winfield: Jan. 11

Tristian Dilday: May 15

Rayshawn Huff: June 9

Quindara McCray: Feb. 6

Shaquanna Sawyer: April 1

Kim Sanders: April 25

New Staff Members

New staff members joined Project Effort this year. They are: Kyle Radaker, Jill Gaukstern, Byron Lawrence, Mike Hicks, Amy Cawley, Tom Lipscomb, and Tom Tessitore. Thanks for all your help this year!!

A THOUGHT TO REFLECT UPON

There are two great moments in a person's life: the first is when you were born; the second is when you discover why you were born.

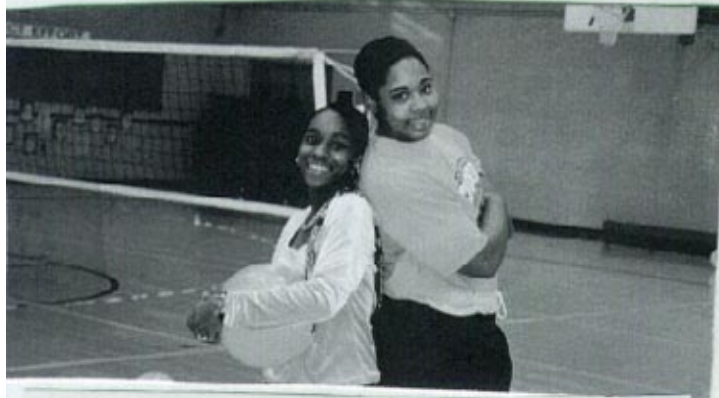
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Rayshawn Huff and Keyon Noble work on Kicks and punches--Mike King looks on



Mark Dorsett and Globetrotter



Whitney Carson and Leader Melinda Goodson taking A break from volleyball



Otis McCollum, Tiffany Wilson, Whitney Carson And Tom Martinek Doin' their thing with African American dance



Jackson Middle School Sports Club