

Greetings from the Boys & Girls Club at Washington Elementary!

We're excited to share the launch of our monthly newsletter designed to keep you and your school staff up to date on the great things happening at our Clubs.

Each month will feature:

Youth of the Month – celebrating student character and leadership.

Program Highlight – showcasing what makes our Clubs unique.

Our Washington Club in Action – a quick look at what our Club Kids do afterschool.

Upcoming Events – important dates, organization assessments, and engagement opportunities with our kids and families.

How can we help your students succeed – our key contact information so you can easily reach our team and share your ideas.

As your partners in supporting students' success, we want to make sure you're always connected to the programs, opportunities, and celebrations that make a difference in the lives of the youth we serve.

P.S. Don't keep this good news to yourself — please forward it to your staff so they can stay up to date, too!

BGCRRV YOUTH OF THE MONTH – JANUARY

Youth of the Month is a Club-driven experience that aims to recognize and honor Club members who exemplify strong character and leadership. To achieve this recognition, the Club member will have consistently demonstrated growth and/or skill in the following areas: Character, Leadership, Responsibility, and Group Participation. Our Washington Youth of the Month for January are:

- Grant Klein – Group 1
- Claire Argall – Group 2
- Landon Honrath – Group 3

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT – POWER HOUR

Power Hour is a structured block of time dedicated to supporting academic success through homework help, quiet reading, and engaging educational activities such as math games, crosswords, and chess. During Power Hour, youth receive staff-supported time to build learning skills, complete assignments, and participate in extended learning in a positive and encouraging environment.

OUR WASHINGTON CLUB IN ACTION

Clubs provide youth with experiences that build essential social-emotional and subject-specific skills in each of BGCA's four priority outcome areas. In January, our Washington Club had the following experiences:

- Health & Wellbeing: 1,446 experiences with Emote Control; Healthy Habits; Huddle Time; Sports, Rec & Fitness
- Character & Leadership: 82 experiences with Leadership & Service
- Academic Success: 732 experiences with High Yield; Power Hour
- Life & Workforce Readiness: 123 with STEAM

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

February 17th- April 3rd BGC youth ages 9 and up will participate in the 2026 NYOI Member Survey. The NYOI (National Youth Outcomes Initiative) Member Survey is a standardized youth survey that tracks progress in key areas: academic success, character/leadership, healthy lifestyles, and overall club experience. This survey helps our organization understand young people's experiences, improve program quality, and demonstrate impact to funders and partners.

HOW CAN WE HELP YOUR STUDENTS SUCCEED?

Each day at BGC, students participate in Power Hour (reading, homework help, educational games). If you have specific ideas of what students could use extra practice on, please reach out. We can individualize targeted practices by student, grade, subject, etc.

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