

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Red River Valley - Monthly Newsletter March 2026

BGCRRV YOUTH OF THE MONTH – FEBRUARY

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 Ed Clapp Youth of the Month for February are:

- Group 1: Huntley Halland
- Group 2: Owen Maier
- Group 3: Ryder Palmer
- Group 4: Jack Garty

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT – GENIUS HOUR

Genius Hour provides students with dedicated time and space to explore their own passions through hands-on, creative activities. This program encourages the real-world application of 21st-century skills, including collaboration, critical thinking, communication, and creativity. During Genius Hour, youth can explore seven areas of interest: Creative Arts, Reading, Construction, Games, STEM, Dramatic Play, and Relaxation.

21st CENTURY LEARNING CENTER GOALS:

- 21st CCLC students will show increases in student engagement and exhibit positive behavioral changes.
- 21st CCLC program will increase the number of students who meet expected learning gains each year.
- 21st CCLC programs will reduce disparities in school engagement, behavioral, and academic outcomes for selected subgroups.
- 21st CCLC programs will increase parent and community engagement.
- 21st CCLC programs will increase the number of students who are choice ready.

OUR ED CLAPP 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 February, our Ed Clapp Club had the following experiences:

- Health & Wellbeing: **2,739** experiences with Emote Control; Healthy Habits; Huddle Time; Sports, Rec & Fitness
- Character & Leadership: **0** experiences with Leadership & Service
- Academic Success: **1,625** experiences with High Yield; Power Hour
- Life & Workforce Readiness: **272** with STEAM

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

This spring at Ed Clapp, we have partnered with volunteers from Wells Fargo to facilitate a "Money Basics" program. Money Basics is a children's book series designed to introduce K–2 students to foundational financial literacy concepts such as saving, spending, and borrowing. Led by volunteers from Wells Fargo Bank, these interactive reading and learning sessions are every other Thursday from 3:00 to 4:00 PM.

Summer Club program registration opened for returning families on March 17th and new families on March 24th. Summer program begins on Monday, June 8th. **School Year Club** program registration opens for returning families at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, April 14th, 2026. New families can register at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, April 21st, 2026. Please see our website for additional information.

Save the Date: Join us on Thursday, April 23rd (12:00-1:30) for our Great Futures Luncheon. We will be celebrating and supporting the teens of The CLUB Teen Center. Please contact Sara at saragranger@bgcrrv.org for more information.

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