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

YOUTH OF THE MONTH

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 September were:

Group 1: Bentley Pollock
Group 2: Logan Kennedy
Group 3: Tobias Ernst

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT – CALM CORNERS:

A Calm Corner is a space within the program that is designated to support the social emotional development of children. It provides a safe and quiet space away from the rest of the youth where your child can take a break when they are feeling overwhelmed, upset, or need time to self-regulate. The use of the Calm Corner is a proactive strategy that promotes emotional awareness, independence, and positive behavior. It is not used as a form of punishment, but rather as a supportive resource that empowers children to manage their emotions in a constructive and respectful manner. Staff members guide children in understanding when and how to use the space appropriately, reinforcing the importance of self-care and emotional resilience within a nurturing classroom environment.

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 September, our Ed Clapp Club had the following experiences:

- Health & Wellbeing: 2,070 experiences with Emote Control; Healthy Habits; Huddle Time; Sports, Rec & Fitness
- Character & Leadership: 268 experiences with Leadership & Service; Youth of the Month
- Academic Success: 1,196 experiences with High Yield; Power Hour
- Life & Workforce Readiness: 414 experiences with STEAM; Career Launch: Kids

NEWS & UPCOMING EVENTS

On October 15, we held our fall Create & Connect family engagement event! We had 21 families with a total of 31 people attend. Our open-house–style event ran from 4:00–6:00 p.m. and offered our families the opportunity to participate in a hands-on painting activity with their kids, learn more about the academic supports we offer, and time to connect with Club staff.

Waterford Early Learning:
Beginning in November, youth in grades K-2 attending our Ed Clapp afterschool program will be participating in Waterford Early Learning, an adaptive digital learning program that provides personalized instruction in reading, math, and science. Waterford Early Learning adjusts content based on each child's skill level and learning progress, allowing youth to receive targeted support where they need it most. Research shows that youth who use Waterford Early Learning consistently demonstrate stronger academic growth than those who do not participate. Waterford Early Learning will be implemented for 15 minutes daily during Power Hour as a supplemental learning tool to reinforce classroom instruction, support skill development, and provide individualized learning opportunities for students.

Volunteer with us!
The work we do is critical for the success of the youth in our community, and we could not do it without our committed volunteers. Our Clubs have a diverse set of volunteer opportunities that vary by site and age group. With a variety of

volunteer opportunities available, you can assist with our day-to-day activities, engage in a specific program of interest, or bring your own special skill or talent to share with our Club Kids!
If you are interested in volunteering with our Clubs, please fill out the **Volunteer Interest Form** located on our website.

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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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.