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**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
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YOUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



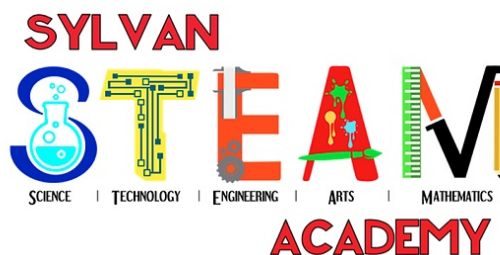
Letter from our Board Chair

It's that time of year when leaves fall and the weather turns cool. With the change in seasons brings a renewed energy and gratitude for all that we have to be grateful for. At the **Boys & Girls Clubs of Stanislaus County**, we give thanks to the many supporters that allow us to provide youth in our community with a safe and fun place where they can play and learn.

In this newsletter we talk to members about what they are grateful for and we are happy to hear that they have many positive things to say about our

Club Spotlight

This month we feature our Sylvan Club where the emphasis is on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics. Located on the **Sylvan STEAM Academy** campus our members are receiving a 21st century education preparing them for a future where data estimates that in 2019 there will be 1.2 million STEAM related jobs unfilled. Kids participate in an integrated approach to learning that encourages students to think more broadly about real world problems and is a great policy for the future of education.



CLUB KID SPOTLIGHT

Clubs. We strive to create a learning environment that is engaging and interactive where we help members develop life and leadership skills that will help them grow into productive, caring, responsible adults.

We look forward to the new season and hope that it brings you joy and many more things for you to be grateful for.

Sincerely,

Janine McClanahan
Board Chair, BGC Stanislaus

CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

The Haunted Museum returned for it's 6th year with record breaking attendance. Over 1600 kids and their families attended the spooky event. Guests enjoyed a guided tour through the historic **McHenry Museum** where they experienced some of their favorite Halloween characters, played games, and made crafts. There was also music, face painting, lots of candy and the **Central Valley Furies - CVF** made a special appearance to entertain the crowds as they waited. Thank you to our presenting sponsor, **F&M Bank**, for their support of this special event that brings out the community and raises awareness around the important work our Clubs do for local youth.



Jordan Stephens has been a Boys & Girls Club member for 6 years and has participated in many programs including *Passport to Manhood*, volleyball, basketball and dance. His favorite activity is *Triple Play* because he loves sports and he hopes one day to become a gymnast. He would also like to become a Jr. Staff member to help the younger kids. Jordan is very considerate and is always the first person to ask to help. He is also active during the school day with several clubs on campus including art, technology and chess. In this newsletter we celebrate Jordan for all of his accomplishments. With hard work, we know he can realize his dreams.

See pictures here!



Jordan hard at work giving it his best.



With November the season for giving thanks we spoke to some of our members for their thoughts on what they

are grateful for. **Charity**, 8 years old, shares, "I am grateful for God, Jesus, my family, the staff at the Boys & Girls Club and the people that donate. I am also grateful that my little brother is a member of the Club too. We have made lots of friends and lots of memories."



As part of their commitment to giving back to the community and also support local non-profits, Buffalo Wild Wings hosted their annual fundraising campaign where a percentage of sales benefit our Clubs. There was lots of fun including raffle prizes, games and a spicy wing competition. We are grateful for

Lucia, 12 years, says, "I am thankful for my family, friends and the Boys & Girls Club because I get help with my homework and



this corporate partnership that raises important funds to support our mission of serving those kids that need us most.



Kids having a great time enjoying delicious wings and refreshing drinks compliments of Buffalo Wild Wings Vintage Fair location.

have lots of fun."



For **Abigail**, age 11, she says, "I am most thankful for my friends, family and life. I am grateful for

the Club because they give me supper so I don't go home hungry."

Ariel, age 11, adds, "I am grateful for the Club because of how it is run and for the staff that help me



become a better person. I am also grateful for food, education, a place to live and my parents. The Club is a second home to me and I am grateful for that."

Upcoming Events

Up with People is returning to Modesto from **March 18 - 25, 2019** to support Boys and Girls Clubs of Stanislaus County and **YOU** can get involved. **Up with People** is building a more hopeful, trusting and peaceful world by empowering young people to be positive agents of change through action and the international and powerful language of music. Participants from 20 countries are traveling



To learn more about our

to Modesto for a week of impact. They will empower the community through host family stays, cultural exchange and 1,000+ hours of community service reaching 2,500+ youth! **Up with People's** time in Modesto culminates at The Gallo Center for the Arts on Friday, **March 22nd at 7PM** with a two-hour professionally produced show that inspires audience members to think about what they will do to keep hope alive. Thanks to **Fuzio Universal Bistro**, 100% of proceeds will benefit Boys and Girls Clubs of Stanislaus County. **Buy your tickets here.**



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