

JORDAN BOY AND GIRLS CLUB News & Notes

Children-Helping-Children Campaign

SCHEDULE UPDATES: For the school vacation days, the Club schedule is as follows:

Thursday, Dec 23: Club OPEN 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Friday, Dec 24: CLUB CLOSED; Monday-Thursday, Dec 27-30: Club OPEN 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Friday, Dec. 31: CLUB CLOSED. We hope everyone enjoys the holidays with friends and family!

FAMILY EVENTS: The Science Night was fantastic fun for all who attended. Here are the upcoming Family Programs at the Club: The Parent/Member Homework Hour several evenings each week at 7:30 p.m. (see Party for more info). The next Family Swim is scheduled for this Friday, December 3. The trip to the Polar Express experience at the Marshfield Boys & Girls Club is filled- thank you to all the parents who replied via email. Be sure that your email is current with the Club so that you will receive all the news and event updates throughout the year. **DROP & SHOP NIGHT:** Need a night out to get ready for the holidays? Sign up with Patty for Keystone's Shop & Drop Night, which will take place on Friday, December 17. **Teen Center is Helping the Homeless this Winter:** Save your extra hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, and socks for collection at the Club. The Teen Center will be collecting these items (new or very gently used) to send to the Pine Street Inn Homeless Shelter in Boston. Sorry, we are not collecting clothing or other items.

Torch Club is also helping out those in need, with their campaign to collect small crayons, craft projects, and similar items to donate to Children's Hospital for their "Fun Kits for Fun Kids" project. See Party for more details.

ARE YOU A TEEN OR DO YOU KNOW A TEEN WHO IS THINKING ABOUT ATTENDING COLLEGE? Don't miss this **FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP: THIS MONTH**, all Chelsea and surrounding neighborhood teens and parents are welcome to attend a Financial Aid on Wednesday December 15, at 4:30 p.m. at the Club. The program will be led by ACCESS, a non-profit agency that can help you complete the Federal Student Aid form, find out about scholarships, and get all the answers you need to make college affordable. It would be helpful to know in advance how many may be interested, so if you can call Bill, the Teen Education Director to let him know or for any other questions, that would be appreciated. You can also just show up that day, but it does help for us to be able to set up the space needed if you do know you are attending to call Bill at 617-884-9435 x 5483.

Swim Team Update: The Jordan Club's Devil Rays are working harder than ever, as they compete in the Northeast New England Area Program Council against other Boys & Girls Club teams. No meet this week, but next Saturday we are competing at host Watertown and Lawrence. And our first home meet will take place Saturday, December 18th against Arlington Club! Any parents or swim team alumni interested in volunteering to help out that day, give Trav a call today. If you are interested in joining the team, see Traverse, the Aquatics Director, at the Jordan Club. The season continues through March. We also remind all Club members that the pool is open every afternoon for open swim and lessons, so be sure to bring your bathing suit and towel every day!

The Jordan Boys & Girls Club announces the launch of a community-wide children-helping-children campaign on December 13.

Spearheaded by the torch club-a character and leadership program for Boys & girls club members -the Linking Hearts and Hands campaign will strengthen Torch club members' knowledge of the needs of children-locally, nationally, and globally.

The Jordan boys & Girls club, located at 30 Willow street, is one of the many clubs nationally that are initiating children-helping children projects.

Staples Inc., which has made a multiple-year commitment to support the growth and expansion of the Torch club program through its private charitable arm, Staples Foundation for Learning Inc., is supporting the Linking Hearts and Hands Torch Club national Service Project in Clubs across the world.

"It's important to teach all citizens-particularly young people-the importance of children helping children in need," said the Jordan Boys & Girls club of Chelsea. "We chose to make Fun Kits for patients at the Boston Children's Hospital as the focus of our campaign, not only because our efforts will help children in locally, but also because this type of activity can involve everyone in the community."

To kick off its children-helping children kindness effort, the torch club will create kits that will include puzzles, coloring sheets, crayons, and

other fun thing to donate to

young patients at the Boston Children's Hospital. Members of the torch club, will make posters and announcements to get donations for these kits

and also to get the community involved. Torch club members will also contact media, make coloring books, get volunteers to help with project, make kits, and deliver kits to the hospital. Included in all the kits will be a letter to the patients from our members. Kits will be made at the club on December 10th and delivered to the hospital on December 13th.

The Jordan Boys & Girls Torch Club members are asking for donations of new crayons, coloring books, markers, and other crafts.

The donations will be a part of the project "Fun Kits For Fun Kids", which will be donated to the Children's Hospital in Boston, Ma. Donations are due by December 10th.

Any questions? Please contact Patty, Nicolette, or Meghan. Thank you for your support!

