

November 2015

Lincoln Elementary

The Lincoln 21st Century CLC after school program is growing bigger and bigger! There were 80 students served in November with an average daily attendance of 55 students. They are growing their program participation by working collaboratively with the Lincoln Elementary teachers with referrals for tutoring and word of mouth with parents. The staff and families are reporting many positive benefits happening. Currently the LES 21st Century program is focusing on maximizing enrichment activities to encourage students to stay until the end of program through student surveys and a student advisory council. Additionally, they are looking forward to offering dinner to participating students after the New Year to increase later attendance.

Dayton High School

The month of November has been great for Dayton. We served 136 students this month either through homework help or one of our many enrichment programs. We are averaging about 31 students a day Monday through Thursday. We are working on ways to get more of the high school students involved in the program.

Homework help with the 6th graders has been a work in progress. We have been trying to figure out what is best for them when it comes to getting their work done. We have moved them into the Library at the High School where staff work with them more one on one. They had a science test this month so after school staff created a fun Jeopardy game to help prepare students for the test. The students chose to skip an enrichment activity in order to study more! It was great to be able to give them the option and see all of them choose to stay and study.

Dayton 21st CCLC students are still participating in Archery, where we have been shooting balloons on the target. In this game they can win prizes or win punishments. It is a fun game where they are working on aiming at different targets as well as taking a chance on balloons.

#ELEVATEyourGAME is still a big hit with the students. They are learning tons of basketball skills as well as skills needed off the court. One of the skills that staff focus on is encouragement. This has been something that the staff have been passionate about since starting this program. We want the students to encourage each other because this is something that the group has struggled with throughout the program. Each session always ends with students voting on which student improved the most and which student encouraged the most. These 2 students receive a Gatorade as a reward. We offer many other programs such as, book club, art club, magic club, and chess club. We also team up with Bellevue high school to offer joint programs to the students.

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Bellevue High School

Bellevue Beyond the Bell had a lot to be thankful for in the month of November! Just during November, 144 students have attended tutoring or program activities at least one time. The average daily attendance for tutoring and enrichment programs for the month was 36 students, which is the same as it was the previous month.

Art club experimented with water colors and also made Shrinky Dink holiday ornaments. Sewing finished up their shoulder bag projects. The Lego Robotics program, Tiger Bots, continues to work on programming and building their robots for the Avalanche Rescue mission competition in the spring. Self-defense continues to be a popular program allowing students to learn defensive moves to protect themselves while gaining a better understanding that fighting should be a last resort option.

The songwriting program continues to grow and incorporate new students into the fold. They have worked on several songs from some new students among the group. Students also love to play chess. Mike Donohue, a lead program staff member, presents a daily chess puzzle for students to complete if they've finished homework, and works with the students during the chess program to enhance their skills and techniques. The video production program has continued to work on their zombie film project idea, and recently worked on creating a stop motion film.

The 21CCLC Cooking Club, along with students from Dayton High School's 21st Century program, hosted another successful family dinner on December 2. The theme for the month of November was "Holiday Foods," and guests dined on easy baked ham, green bean casserole, and individual pumpkin pies. The next family dinner will be offered after the New Year on January 27. The theme for the next dinner is "Vegetarian/Vegan Foods." All are welcome to join in family dinners. The dinners are held in the Bellevue High School cafeteria with dinner being served at 6:15pm.

The students and staff of Bellevue Beyond the Bell would like to wish everyone a very happy holiday season and a wonderful New Year! 2016 is sure to bring some exciting new things to the program!