

STARS CLUB Happenings

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Thank you to all of our volunteers for helping make Stars Club SHINE!

PLC Update!

Professional Learning Community

We are in our second year of Stars Club at North Beverly and the students, staff and volunteers have a lot to celebrate!

The focus of our work as a Professional Learning Community has been the development of Team SMART Goals. SMART Goals are student-centered goals that are Specific, Measureable, Attainable, Realistic and Timely and are designed to improve student learning. Most teams are comprised of grade level teammates, who have also collaborated with building specialists. Our teams set their SMART Goals in October and have been working towards meeting their goals all year.

In addition to our goals, we are exploring written language instruction (K-5) as well as opportunities to differentiate student math instruction. We continue to look at examples of student work, examples of our own work, share professional dilemmas as well as successes and we keep a consistent focus on what our next steps will be for enhancing teaching and learning across the grade levels and disciplines.

We have had several visitors from nearby schools who are interested in our work and looking to develop a similar model for their schools. This is the essence of Professional Learning Communities – making our practice public! Thank you to all who continue to support our work and help to sustain this important program!

Fondly, Mrs. Flewelling

Session I & II Round-up



Students have participated in 55 Clubs!

With new Clubs like Summer Camp, Japanese Culture, Zumba Dance, Artist Trading Cards, and Wiffle Ball - North Beverly kids were singing, trying new foods, exercising, creating and collaborating! We also had many enthusiastic Kindergarten parents who joined Stars Club as Leaders and assistants. Thank you!

Ever-popular Clubs like Play-Doh and LEGOs helped children work on fine motor skills while Book Buddies and American Girl Dolls Clubs promoted literacy. Many students were able to learn new kitchen techniques in Cooking and Exploring the North Shore encouraged kids to learn about the area we live in.

In the winter months, we have a very busy school building without the benefit of warm weather for outside Clubs. The addition of Board Games, Basketball, Science Fair Prep, and Woodworking Clubs are keeping our students busy and engaged while we wait for spring.

Thank you to all of our volunteers, donors and community members for their active participation! Special thanks to PTO for funding this program.



A couple of great student shots that might appear in our Yearbook!



Please join us for Stars Club! Session III Starts 4/9

We are already planning for Session III:

If you are able to share your time and talents in Stars Club, please contact Mrs. Flewelling:
jflewelling@beverlyschools.org

We are always looking for people to assist Club leaders or substitute from time to time. Additionally, you can volunteer as a guest presenter or help out help out once or twice in your child's Club.

Volunteering in Stars Clubs helps make our school the best it can be!

Yearbook Club - New this Year!

In Session II, parents Kelly O'Connor and Lori Bellew are leading the Yearbook Club. Armed with a PTO-purchased camera, students have been visiting and documenting Stars Club meetings! Not only do we have photographers in our midst, but these Club members are learning how to edit, create layouts, and produce this annual keepsake. What a cool Club! We look forward to seeing their work in the 2009-2010 North Beverly Elementary yearbook.

5th Grade Leadership Stars!

Sessions I & II have benefitted greatly from our 5th Grade Leaders assisting in Clubs. 5th Graders also help Mary Morency in the Child Care Club which enables parents with school-age and younger children to participate in Stars Club while their little ones are cared for in the Kindergarten classroom.

Science Fair Prep Clubs



The second Annual North Beverly Science Fair is scheduled for May 6th. Thank you to Amy & Mike Donovan and Mike Cristoforo for leading Science Fair Prep Clubs in Session II. Students are learning how to take a project from idea stage to presentation.



Mai & Tola MacInnis creating floral arrangements.



Ryan Hebenstreit picking out just the right piece in LEGO Club.



Gabby Frasca enjoying PlayDoh Club.

SPECIAL THANKS TO: Community members and businesses! Authentic Martial Arts, Joe Boccia/Camp Mitchman (Summer Camp), David Bookbinder (Digital Photography), Endicott College, parent Captain Peter O'Connor & the Beverly Fire Department, Panera Bread, Brett Schetzslle (Wiffle Ball), Stop & Shop (Cooking), parent Glenn Scott for his photos of Session I and our PTO for their continued support.