

Youth and Family Services Committee

Report: Fall 2009

VISTA Worker

- Has arrived and is settling in
- Working on the afterschool program, food backpack program, other community events, and local food distributions

Afterschool Program aka Aftershock

- Running everyday from the end of school to 6:00pm
- Approximately 30 children attending, varies by day
- In the process of implementing a more efficient curriculum
 - Start with a homework hour and then move onto a themed activity according to the day. Activities include arts and crafts, science experiments, board games, computer time, and interactive games to improve social skills.
 - Hip Hop Dance class set up for Thur. afternoons
- In the process of searching for more funding
 - More supplies are needed for the different activities
 - Want to be able to offer scholarships to children from families that need the service but cannot afford it

Food Backpack Program

- 21 students participating at Beaver Creek
- Children are identified by the Food Backpack Council
 - Identifying factors include being a part of the reduced/free breakfast and lunch program, always asking for seconds, disheveled appearance, family history
- Food is supplied from a \$1250.00 grant from the Arizona Partnership to End Childhood Hunger and also from the Central Arizona Food Bank
 - Approximately 10 items are sent home for each child, with 4 items being more meal oriented
 - Items include soup, mac n' cheese, chili, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, granola bars, fruit cups, fruit snacks, oatmeal, raisins, cookies, etc
- Additional funding is being sought so that the program can expand
- Dr. Daniel Bright Elementary in Cottonwood is participating with 14 children and Clarkdale/Jerome Elementary is participating with 20 children

Food Bank Distribution

- Monthly out of Beaver Creek School gym on Saturday mornings from 7:45 to 9:45 am
- Next distribution on Sat. Nov, 7th
- Amount served
 - June: 49 families, 173 individuals
 - July: 53 families, 197 individuals
 - August: 49 families, 183 individuals
 - September: 46 families, 154 individuals
 - October: 43 families, 148 individuals

Food Box Distribution

- Monthly out of Beaver Creek School on Wednesday afternoons from 2:30 to 4:30pm
- Next distribution on Tue. Nov 10th (because that Wed. is a holiday)
- \$15.00 for one box of dry goods, one box of dairy and vegetables, and 5lbs of meat
- Approximately 40 boxes sold a month
- 100 boxes ordered for November, boxes will include a turkey
 - Beaver Creek will distribute 40 boxes
 - Kiwanis bought 60 boxes to distribute closer to Thanksgiving to needy families

Bountiful Baskets

- Bi-weekly distribution out of Beaver Creek School on Saturday Mornings from 7:30 -8:00am
- There is a one-time \$3.00 charge for first time customers and the rest is donation only
- Baskets contain seasonal fruits and vegetables

PTO

- Meets on the first Monday of the month at 5:00pm in the Beaver Creek School library
- Organizing Book Sale (Nov. 5th - 15th), Fiesta Fundraiser (orders due Nov. 9th), and Snack Shack for basketball games
- This years proceeds are going to new projectors for the classrooms

Kiwanis Activities

- Spaghetti dinner fundraiser from September was very successful and proceeds are going to Aftershock at Beaver Creek School
- Fall Yard Sale in October also a big success, proceeds destination yet to be determined
- Upcoming events include the Thanksgiving food boxes, Holiday Fest, and organizing Christmas gift boxes for children in need in other countries through the Operation Christmas Child program

K-Kids

- Working on school garden beautification

Builders Club

- Organized a Halloween dance for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders which went very well
- Putting together boxes for Operation Christmas Child

Key Club

- Received official charter
- 5 members attended a Leadership Conference in Prescott for the Southwest District
- Putting together boxes for Operation Christmas Child
- Organizing a game night/social night for Friday Nov. 20th 6:30 – 9:30pm
 - Open to 7th grade and up
 - Video games, ping pong, darts, lounge area
 - \$1.00 admission fee, food for sale
 - Kids attending will sign a consent form

H1N1/Flu at school and vaccinations

- Everyone at school has received regular flu shot
- H1N1 vaccines given to approximately 200 children and staff
 - Offering nasal mist to majority
 - Only those with special restrictions or needs get the shot
 - Some parents would not sign permission slip for their child to receive the nasal mist because of
- Beaver Creek has a 20% absentee rate

Meeting Times?

- Trying to figure out a date and time that works best for the most people
- Currently on the first Friday of each month at 9:00am
- Attendance has gone down and less will get done if there aren't members from the different organizations

**NEXT MEETING FRIDAY NOVEMBER 6, 2009
9:00AM AT BEAVER CREEK SCHOOL**