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What's New At Chi Chi's

November/December 2012



Master Gardeners - Joan Robinson, Sally Duggan and Joyce Smith



Front row: Students Joshua Berryhill and Asaiya Shuler - Back row: Justin Fromme with volunteers Jeremy Swartz and Moses Leo Gekurman

Congratulations! Volunteers of the Year 2012

Over the past five years every Tuesday morning, Master Gardeners Sally Duggan, Joan Robinson and Joyce Smith meet eager 4th and 5th students to share the lessons of Mother Nature. Their lesson plans outside the classroom are not just about plants but also contain the seeds for connecting kids to the earth, their studies and to each other. Sally, Joan and Joyce believe learning for the students is supported through the wide scope of gardening: math and measurement, nature and science, harvesting and cooking, communication and patience, life at a basic and understandable level. Chi Chi will take great pride in recognizing this remarkable team of people as the volunteers of the year at the Chi Chi Charity Classic Sunday evening dinner affair on November 11th.

Sally concluded, "This has been one of the most rewarding projects I've ever been involved in."

Bright Futures Scholars volunteer for Boys & Girls Club at Chi Chi's

The Florida Department of Education requires community service hours for Bright Futures initial eligibility. Chi Chi's provide these future college students with an opportunity to mentor our students and they enjoy learning from one another. Great role models are always appreciated and we thank two special young people, Moses and Jeremy for sharing their knowledge and giving their time to help our students succeed.

Jeremy Swartz, 16, junior at Palm Harbor University, says he volunteers, "To enrich student lives and help them understand their schoolwork even more."

The First Tee golfers practice with new Snag equipment



The First Tee of Clearwater begins its first National School Program (NSP)

Congratulations Curlew Creek Elementary and Pat Malinski! Welcome to The First Tee Family! We are very excited to provide you with the opportunity to teach your students in a life-long sport through this progressive program.

This wonderful opportunity was made possible by The First Tee of Clearwater and the Florida Junior Golf Council. The program familiarizes students with the **Nine Core Values** of The First Tee program: honesty, integrity, sportsmanship, respect, confidence, responsibility, perseverance, courtesy and judgment. The grant funds provide equipment for the school and training for the P.E. teacher. Coach Tony Simpson then follows the progress as students are introduced to golf during a three week golf class. More NSP programs are planned in 2013.

Honor Students, front row: Emaja Washington, Natalie Bull, Sarah Ticktin, Tyler Eady, Jade Mayberry back row: Jakub Cuomo, Nicholas Cimillo, Ashley Grimes, Marcos Penabad, Courtney Demato



Intelligent, brained, bright, smart, sharp. Carrying on the 20-year Chi Chi tradition, first quarter honor students were served a celebration pancake breakfast by the staff with all the trimmings. It is a way to show our students the pride we take in their success and the importance teachers place on their academic efforts.

"I like honor roll breakfast, it's about the pancakes and knowing that I have good grades that will help me get into a good college." Sixth Grader Nicholas Cimillo



Janet Arnold, new Director of the Chi Chi Boys & Girls Club, shows after school student Julian Sevilla how to make a fog chamber.

Welcome Janet Arnold

We welcome Janet as the new Director to the Boys & Girls Club at Chi Chi's (BGCCC). She comes to us from BGC of Tampa Bay with over 12 years of experience.

The mission of the Boys & Girls Club is to enable young people to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens by providing daily access to a safe place, caring adult mentors, and high impact programs during critical non-school hours. This is a perfect fit with the Chi Chi Academy programs and what our students need after school to help them grow both academically and personally.

When asked to say something about her life Janet replied, "I have it all, dogs, cats, kids, husband and a job I really enjoy. I love kids and sports and I'm enjoying working at Chi Chi's."

Upcoming Events

Chi Chi Charity Classic 2012

Sunday, November 11
Monday, November 12

Chi Chi Rodriguez Academy Pro Am

Monday, March 11, 2013

Art Par-Tee

Sunday, June 2, 2013

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