



What's New at Chi Chi's March & April 2012

Donor Spotlight:

Johnny Ciao did not get his start in the culinary world like most chefs who go to culinary school or work in restaurants, but by working behind the scenes in the entertainment industry. He gives generously of his time doing benefits, golf tournaments and other appearances for ALS, March of Dimes, American Cancer Society, Chi Chi's Kids, CROC Alumni, The First Tee and many other organizations and schools in need. More recently Ciao has been traveling throughout the world filming an internet series, where he re-creates dishes indigenous to regions around the globe in his Euro-California style fashion. He also visits cool destinations, and cooks in the oddest of locations with celebrities and musicians. He'll be at Chi Chi 's once again on May 15 to cook with the students from 3-5 PM in the Bob James Education Center.



Johnny Ciao, Culinary Rocker, Chef and Jakub Cuomo



Chi Chi Students give a big cheer to Frank Chivas and Jim Coats for the new bus.

Chi Chi Board Member Frank Chivas is honored by Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce. John Timberlake and Brian Aungst of Bright House Networks presented Vice Chairman of the Board Frank Chivas with the Phillies All-Star Community Award at the Clearwater Chamber's 90th Annual Meeting. Frank recently secured a \$50,000 donation from retiring Pinellas County Sheriff Jim Coats, for a 30 passenger bus. The bus is used to transport students on field trips, summer camp and the after school program.

Introducing John Hayes, new Chi Chi Sports Complex PGA Teaching Professional

John Hayes, award winning PGA Teaching Pro, has learned to teach from the legendary PGA Hall of Famer, Manuel de la Torre, who helps the student understand the motion of the club and what must be done to produce good shots. John knows that the game of golf can make people's lives better through physical health, mental training and social relationships.

John comes to Chi Chi's from a very successful career as a Head Golf Professional and teacher at Forest Hills C.C. in St. Louis, Missouri which boasts one of the finest junior golf programs in the Midwest. John is married and has two sons attending college. See more about John and ask about lessons at www.johnhayesgolf.com



Enterprise Village is a great place to learn about business. Located in Largo, Enterprise Village is laid out in a big rectangle with its own town square, city hall, art museum, restaurant, bank and small businesses. In a simulation of a typical business, students run the businesses. They set the prices, purchase supplies, serve customers, earn a paycheck and learn how to spend their money wisely. Chi Chi Academy fifth graders published their own newspaper. Students created advertising, conducted interviews and wrote editorials. Meagan Smith wrote: "Chi Chi's is very interesting because it is built on a golf course. The founder is Chi Chi Rodriguez, the famous and funny pro golfer. This is the best school ever."



Meagan Smith and Courtney Demato assisted by Nolie Woodard, parent of Gavin Harris



Fourth through eighth grade Principal's List and Honor Roll students

Honor Roll a Tradition at Chi Chi's

Franciso Dosal, Sarah Tickin and Wesley Hutchison are making the grade. Since starting at Chi Chi's Francisco has made straight A's three times, Sarah four times and Wesley five times landing them on the Principal's List each time. Pictured on the left are all the Honor Roll students fourth through eighth grade. When asked what they like best about making the Honor Roll the response was "feeling smart, feeling good about yourself, feeling proud and of course the pancake breakfast served by the academy staff. The students all agreed, "Always do your best and have fun."

More real world learning for Chi Chi students through the shadow program. Students utilize basic educational skills in an occupational environment. There are three basic yet important goals to the program. First is for the students to have a caring, interested adult role model. The second is to show the student (and then let them perform) an aspect of the specific job so that they have an understanding of what the job is. The third goal is to reinforce the student's language and math skills wherever possible during the course of the shadow time. Staff members say the shadow program is a two way street and we all learn from the students as well as teach.



Carol Di Landro, Program Services and Shondra Porter

Upcoming Events:

The Johnny Ciao Blues Buffet
Saturday, May 19, 2012 6-10 PM
The Post Card Inn on St. Pete Beach
Proceeds benefit Chi Chi Kids

Birthday Bash
Sat. May 12, 2012 10AM-3 PM
Chi Chi Sports Complex
Free to the Public

Art in the Park
Sunday, June 3, 2012 5-8 PM
Raymond James Headquarters
A Fundraiser



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