## What's New at Chi Chi's May & June 2012



L-R Life Skills teacher, Mike Mancini with students Christian Artiaga and Prem Kantipudi

Chi Chi Team Spotlight: Since 2000 Mike Mancini has been a Life Skills Director/Teacher at Chi Chi's. In 2007 he teamed up with the Boys and Girls Club as an instructor for the curriculum's important Power Hour and other recreational activities. Power Hour gives students the proper tools to complete their homework often making a huge difference in their grades. Mike speaks passionately about the efforts he and others are making in also teaching skills that carry students into high school and through life. His work is more than helping with homework; he sees himself as being a sounding board and counselor to children wanting to talk about issues involving both school and life outside of school.

"I understand the importance of being consistent and listening to them". Mike Mancini, Life Skills Director and Teacher

No more chalk board for fourth graders! Mrs. VanderKlok recently received a \$2,074 SmartBoard grant for her classroom. Combining the simplicity of a white board with the power of a computer, the SmartBoard gives her access to creative, compelling lessons that utilize the latest technology. One beneficial feature is the IPad hooks up to the SmartBoard and a student can work individually at their desk on the IPad but the results are shared with the entire class on the SmartBoard.

"The ability to engage our youngest students through a variety of mediums--images, video, sound clips, and internet content--is an exciting learning tool." Lori VanderKlok, fourth grade teacher



Mrs. VanderKlok with her fourth graders, excited for a turn at the SmartBoard.



Tournament Winners 1st Place Gross pictured with Jan Stephenson, center and L to R John Hague, Jeff Julien, Jim Greisch, and Brent Kreigshauser.

## Chi Chi Invitational, Monday, March 12, 2012 Hosted by LPGA's Jan Stephenson Feather Sound Golf Club & Resort

Many thanks to Co-Chairs, Mark Carron, Fred Whaley and Committee Members, Scott Curtis, Robert Enck, Tom Harrington, Ross Hays, David Patchen, James Poulter, David Rood, Scott Stolz and Jim York. This team worked hard raising \$163,950 for the Academy educational programs. That's a whopping 23% of the annual program funds needed. Amazingly only 11 cents was spent for every dollar earned and income was up 4%. Congratulations to tournament winners and to Jeff Julien who also went home with the prize for the putting contest.

The First Tee of Clearwater Summer Camp: Get set for The First Tee's ten week summer camp beginning June 11th and ending on August 17th. We offer both half or full day sessions. The full day is in partnership with the Boys & Girls Club now headquartered in the Bob James Education Center at Chi Chi's. Learn more on our website at www.chichi.org or pick up a brochure in the Pro Shop. For camp questions and information, please contact Tony Simpson at (727) 726-8829 x 238 or tony@chichi.org.

"Instructions will focus on introduction to the game and having fun. Participants will be instructed and groups formed based on skill level and age."

Tony Simpson, The First Tee Junior Golf Coach



Bimbo Bakeries "Buddy Day" The Bimbo Bakeries Operations Team escort Academy students to the Transitions Championship. Thumbs up to a great day!



Tom James left with local Pop Culture Icon Artist David O'Keef displaying David's caricature of Chi Chi and his sword.



Camper learning to hit it out of the "rough"

Making it a tradition: Bimbo Bakeries escorted Chi Chi students to the Transitions Championship at Innisbrook for the second year. Scott Tobe, Academy Executive Committee member and seven of the Bimbo Bakeries Operations Team held a "Buddy Day" with 15 students. Per Scott they talked about "The First Tee " nine core values and about who Bimbo Bakeries is and what they do. Bimbo makes Thomas-English Muffins, Arnold-Bread and Entenmann's-Cakes. The students shared what they like best about school.

"It was a rewarding day for our team and part of what we want to do in our partnership and giving back to the community." Scott Tobe, Bimbo Bakeries

Art in the Park Sunday, June 3rd at Raymond James Headquarters in St. Petersburg: Tom Harrington and Phil Powell, co-chairs of the event invite you to tour the private art collection of Tom and Mary James, enjoy the delicious cuisine of Baystar Restaurant Group and fine wines from Premier Beverage. Participate in a lively auction and have the opportunity to meet nine top local artists who are participating in the event with their creations. Individual tickets are \$100 and sponsorships begin at \$1,000. All proceeds benefit the Academy's annual educational program fund. For more information contact Nancy Agnew at 727-726-8829 x 209 or nancy@chichi,org.

## **Upcoming Events:**

For sponsorship information, information on events, or to make a contribution, contact Nancy Agnew at (727) 726-8829 x 209 or nancy@chichi.org.

Birthday Bash Saturday, May 12, 2012 Chi Chi Sports Complex Johnny Ciao Blues Buffet Saturday, May 19, 2012 St. Pete Beach Info: www.johnnyciao.com Art in the Park Sunday, June 3, 2012 Raymond James HQ Chi Chi Charity Classic Sunday, November 11, 2012 Monday, November 12, 2012 Chi Chi Golf Club



