# What's New at Chi Chi's November 2018

Inaugural Fall Festival for Students and Families Offers a Fun and Informative Evening!



Designed as a family engagement night, the Festival included our first ever golf course hayride, cookout, refreshments and a "Cart 'n Treat". For the "Cart 'n Treat", our students were quizzed on academic questions in eight different subjects earning them sweet treats and allowing them to complete their passport for prizes. At the "Counselor Is In" table Bobbie Hill gave out free tote bags with information on how to help students at home, positive discipline, bullying prevention and more.

A huge shout out to our dedicated teachers , school counselor Bobbie Hill and volunteers including Academy Executive Committee members Scott Brown, Linda Damsky, Scott Tobe and members of GFWC North Pinellas Club for helping. Our warmest thanks go to Bay Food Brokerage, Inc., Bimbo Bakeries USA and Sahlen's Hot Dogs for providing the treats.



#### **Upcoming Events**

Chi Chi Charity Classic Sunday & Monday, November 11th & 12th Chi Chi Golf Club/Nielsen Music 'n Mistletoe - Holiday Event Wednesday, December 19th Cirque du Soleil's CRYSTAL - Amalie Arena



Mission: To assist at risk children by improving their self-esteem, character, work ethic, social adjustment, and academic performance using the golf course as a living classroom.

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## Lightning Street Team Teaches Students Street Hockey in late September

Each student participated in some fun and fast foot work hockey drills and then took home their own stick and ball along with an autographed photo of Jassen Cullimore. The team also donated an entire set of equipment to our Physical Education teacher for future classes at the Academy. And best of all, everyone received a voucher to a future Lightning game!

Thank you to the Street Team of Anthony, Megan, Cody, Jordan and retired Lightning player Jassen Cullimore for making the day fun and engaging!



Top Left: Carter with his autograph photo of Jassen Cullimore; Top Right: middle school students play a game of hockey after running drills; Bottom: elementary students pose with the Lightning Street Team and PE Coach Shultz



Top Left: Taylor, David, Elijah and Shenadai at the Sports Complex driving range; Top Right: Kayla shows off her swing on hole #1; Bottom: Hunter, Brandyn and Roman with Program Director Coach Karen

### The First Tee Life Skills Experience at the Academy

One of the many reasons the Chi Chi Academy is unique is the use of golf as a tool to learn. Twice a week, The First Tee Program Director Karen Wise, PGA works with Academy students during the Physical Education class. The First Tee programs are designed around teaching young people the game of golf, as well as helping them understand and ultimately develop The First Tee Nine Core Values: honesty, integrity, sportsmanship, respect, confidence, responsibility, perseverance, courtesy and judgment. The curriculum was developed by experts in the field of positive youth development through sports and is delivered by caring adults (coaches) who have been formally trained by The First Tee. Our students truly enjoy the experience of going on the golf course and visiting the Sports Complex driving range.

#### Did You Know...?

A child can have an IRA? If a child has income from working (earned income), they can contribute to an IRA. There is no minimum age requirement for establishing and contributing to an IRA.

Since most youngsters balk at the idea of saving for retirement, something far away...this is where parents, grandparents or others with the financial means can step in and gift the child the money to make an IRA contribution. The child's contribution is limited to the lesser of their earned income or \$5,500, the maximum contribution allowed for IRAs in 2018.