

# The Club News

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## Summer Camp Play

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Story by: Chyna-Age 11

This summer fifth and sixth grade were practicing for two or more weeks to perform a play for the rest of the club. The story was about a girl named Alice that gets trapped under the spell of “Evil Witch Read-No More” and her friend, “Rabbit Needs To Get To The Library” With the help of animals along the way they get directions to the library and learn some great reading strategies. The play was funny and everyone enjoyed it.

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## Bake Sale Fundraiser

## Back To School

# CAR WASH/BAKE SALE

Story by: Chyna –Age 11

The Boys and Girls Club had a bake sale and car wash. In the bake sale there were rice crispy treats, cupcakes, cookies, chips, water, cheesecakes, brownies, and blueberry muffins. All together two hundred and fifty dollars was made. The parents from gear- up donated time and treats for the bake sale. The prices for the bake sale were twenty-five cents or three for a dollar for muffins, cookies, and chips, one or two dollars for brownies. Small rice crispy treats were twenty-five cents, or, depending on how big they are, they cost seventy-five cents. The bake sale was for gear- up high school students tutoring program. And if the students graduate, the students would receive a scholarship for college.

Story By Shinaqua– Age 9

Well, my summer is coming to an end. It’s time to start school! It’s also time to spend a lot of money on school supplies. Summer was fun but now it’s time to get an education and meet friends. I can’t wait to go back to school. I’ll be ready and happy. School is a way to show kids summer is over. But I think I’ll have fun in school as well.

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## What's Going On?



Story by Shiquina – Age 9

At the boys and girls club we go on field trips to a lot of fun places. We can earn club bucks to spend on prizes like cards or yoyos. We can also save our club bucks to buy a computer. To earn club bucks you can write 10 sentence stories, draw or paint a picture, we can also go to the computer lab, the game room or the art room to earn club bucks. Also we can go in the gym and play basketball or games. In the art room we can draw. In the computer lab we can go on fun websites or draw. In the game room we can play bumper pool, pool, air hockey, or color. That's what goes on in the boys and girls club.

## Moving To Freeport

Story by Shiquina—Age 9

Everything is packed and ready to go to Freeport to our new house. Friday was my last day of school at Talala. I told everybody that I was moving and got their phone number. The move was bad and everybody was annoyed. And to top it all off we lost the key to the U-Haul truck! I found the key but it took about an hour. Then we were about to go and forgot about our cat! So we had to drive to K-Mart to get a kennel. Then we were actually ready to go. It took about three hours to get to Freeport from Park Forest. We got everything in the house that night but nobody went to sleep until about 2:00 in the morning. We had to fold and find out who's stuff was who's. When we finished we did nothing but clean. That's what a move is like with no help.

## Trip To Navy Pier

Story by Shiquina - Age 9

A few weeks ago I went to Navy Pier. At Navy pier I went to the backyard. There if I took a picture it would show up on the big screen. Also I could go to a screen and stand there and marbles would come out from the screen but wouldn't fall. I think it is called shadow. Also I went to the forts which were at Navy Pier as well. There I was able to build a fort of chairs, mops dressers or anything you can find. Another thing I did at Navy Pier was go to play it safe. There I could be a firefighter. Then I went to a lot of other places too. That's what I did on the day I went to Navy Pier.

## Camp Activity

Written by Shiquina— Age 9

A place I like to go to is school and the pool. I like to go to the pool because that's how I cool off in a fun way on a hot day plus it gives me something to do. Another reason why I like to go to the pool is because I can learn how to swim with people I know. Also I like to go to the pool because I like to go down this huge slide. I like to go to school because I become smarter and meet new people. That's why I like the pool and school.

## Smoking Is A Mistake

Story by Chyna— Age 11

Smoking could be the biggest mistake of your life. They can destroy your appearance and your health. Cigarettes make your lips black and your breath smell like smoke. I assume the taste is horrible because of the smell. Smoking affects the lungs and the heart. Nicotine and tobacco are the main problem with cigarettes. Cigarettes turn your lungs black and yellow. Healthy lungs are supposed to be pink. Cigarettes cause cancer and cancer is something no one wants. Basically the

## The Haunted Center



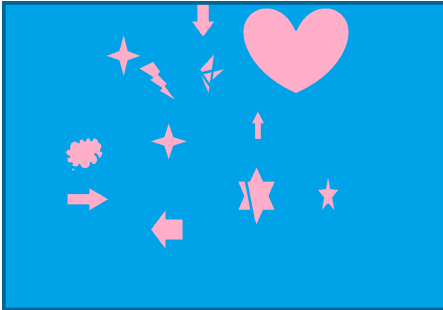
Story by: Dashayla—Age 12

One day the smart girls group had stayed overnight for a sleepover. Two of the girls had to go to the bathroom. The two girls returned to the room that everyone was in and they were both crying! "I saw a girl crying for her mommy and she was in ghost form though!" The two teachers and all of the students walked through the dark and scary hallways looking for the "Ghost" the two girls were talking about. They checked everywhere in the center gym, bathroom, hallways, and outside to find no sign of any ghost. Everyone returned to the room safe and sound. Until.....BOOM BOOM BOOM. "Ahhhhh" "Shh... Everyone settle down and be quiet, it'll go away very soon". After that the sound never returned. The ghost was still a mystery.

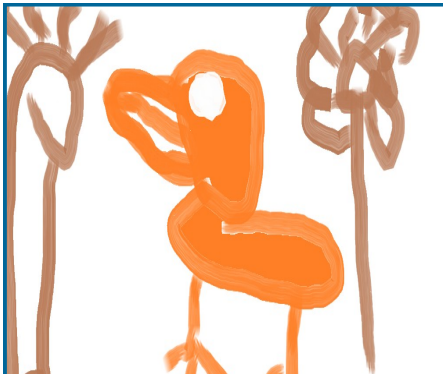
main idea of the story is that cigarettes will kill you in some of the most terrible ways and cigarettes are a really bad idea.



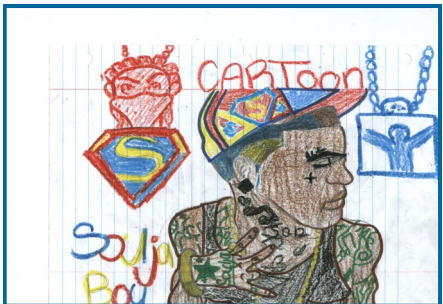
## Kids Artwork



Artwork by: Audrey—Age 6



Artwork by: Alonzo—Age 9



Artwork by: Terrell—Age 11



Artwork by: Audrey—Age 6

## Summer Camp



Story by: Leticia—Age 11

My favorite trip was the baseball game and Magic Waters because it was so cool. It was cool because of how the ball hit the fence and people thought it was going to go over the fence but it did not. My sister gave me her ice cream and it melted all over my hands and they got sticky and I had to miss half of the game to go wash off the ice cream. Magic Waters was really fun. Because when we got there I saw a little boy with a two seated float. I asked the little boy if I could have it and he said, "yes". So I took it and I and Jesceah went in the wave pool and we got into the tube. When I got in, the bell rang and I slipped out and some other people tried to get in and they pushed me out and I almost drowned. When the waves came and I got back in, the waves stopped and I and Jesceah went on the tornado and we dropped. So we went on the ride that goes out of the water park. We were screaming for our Mom's when it was over we went to the lazy river and we got out of our tubs. I started to swim in the laze river instead of floating, it was really fun even the jungle thing with the bucket pouring water out of it. Then we met up with me cousin Sabrina and Tyshean and we went back into the wave pool and we went all the way to the front. I could not swim at the 6 foot deep which is at the front. Then it was time to go and we went to the Radio Disney. They asked who's birthday was it and it was mine. The teacher said for us to get back under the tent and I went to buy a funnel cake and we left to go back to Freeport.

## Movie Review

### "Tangled"

Movie Review By Shiquina-Age 9

The movie Tangled is about a princes named Rapunzel with amazingly long hair that was kidnapped by a crazy witch who trapped her in a tower. Ever since Rapunzel was little she's been wanting to go see the lanterns she's been seeing in the sky. For some reason they always show on her birthday. But one day a man climbed up her tower trying to escape the police because he stole the crown Rapunzel was meant to wear. Rapunzel found the crown and tied the man up and wouldn't let him go until he took her to the lanterns.



Artwork by: Hannah—Age 13



Artwork by: Jameraqua—Age 12

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## Youth Of The Month



Youth Of The Month For Sept.

### Youth Of The Month Youth of the Month for Sept. Chyna

Members are nominated each month by agency staff who have determined that one special youth has demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities in the prior month.

The Youth of the month for September is Chyna . She's been writing and editing stories and putting them in the club newspaper. She works on the ClubNews and comes to the Boy's and Girl's club whenever she can. Chyna is also a part of the Torch Club and helps plan for club activities. She has been an active member since July 2011. If you see Chyna at the club or at school, give her a yell and say, congratulations!!

## Artwork From The Club



Jameraqua-Age 11

*jerlisa*  
*birthday*  
*party*



Artwork by:Jerlisa Age- 10



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