

Sept 21, 2020

Dear Club Parents & Guardians,

Thank you for your support as the 2020-21 school year began! We know everyone – teachers, parents, kids, and our staff – is working tirelessly under incredibly unique circumstances to make sure that this school year is as successful as possible.

Now that the school year is in motion and we have ironed out many of the kinks and bumps associated with the early days of the academic year, we want to explain how the Clubs plan to support your child(ren) with their remote learning needs and how you can best help prepare your child.

At each of our seven locations across Thurston County, we will focus on supporting remote learning in the morning hours. This includes helping Club kids log on to live classes, work on homework, and of course providing mentorship from Club staff.

**How Families Can Help** - Please provide Club staff with accurate school schedules and school account login details for your child/ teen. Each day, Club members should bring their backpack, school-issued device, device charger, and any specific school supplies needed for their classes.

After lunch each day, traditional Club activities begin at most Clubs. In addition to focusing on academic success, the Clubs strive to provide activities that emphasize healthy lifestyles and good character. To do this, youth choose from a range of activities to enjoy in the Art Room, Gym, Games Room, and Teen Center. Although supporting the academic success of Club members is vital to our mission, we believe it is equally important to offer youth a range of activities to benefit their overall social and emotional wellbeing.

Finally, several people have asked us to extend our hours of operation and we want to explain why the **current hours represent the extent of what we can offer at this time**. On March 18 when schools unexpectedly moved to online learning due to COVID-19, our Clubs transitioned to providing full-day programs. To serve families, we expanded most Club and staff hours to meet the need



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for programs 8 hours each day (instead of the normal 4.5 hours). However, the reality of this shift was a dramatic financial impact on our organization whose budget did not anticipate the added expense of extended hours. As you know, we work hard to keep fees as low as possible and provide scholarships to those who need them. The reality for the Clubs at this time is to remain open for only 8 hours each day.

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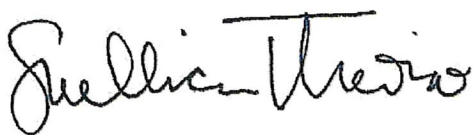
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We appreciate your understanding and support as we continue to serve your family.

Sincerely,



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