



# MY CLUB NEWSLETTER

## ALMERIA EDITION

MARCH 2018

### A TIP FROM CLUB C.E.O. TERRIE:

**“MAKE SMART CHOICES. THINK BEFORE YOU ACT. KNOW THE CONSEQUENCES OF YOUR ACTIONS.”**

#### GETTING TO KNOW STAFF CONNIE

By: Emily D. & Vanessa R.

Staff Connie is the longest working staff at the Boys & Girls Club. She has been with the BGCF after-school program for the last 16 years. Connie began working here in 2001, doing volunteer work with her high school friend. Before becoming a staff, she thought of being a teacher. Now, she helps throughout the entire Boys & Girl Club and can be seen behind the front desk and around the Games Room, her favorite place to be. Connie lives with her 16-year-old chow-mix Lita and has one older brother. She was born and raised in Fontana, went to Randall Pepper Elementary, Sequoia Middle School and Fontana High School. Connie is very optimistic, her family and friends are extremely supportive, and she always strives to do good and achieve better. Connie is a huge sports fanatic! Her favorite teams are the Dodgers, Lakers and the Vikings. Make sure you say HELLO to Connie when you see her at the Club.



Staff Connie

#### WELCOME TRAVIS

By: Vanessa & Emily D.

Boys & Girls Club's newest Staff Travis runs the Athletics program, coaching the kids to try to get them to succeed in sports and life. In Travis' words "It's a great experience and productive opportunity." Boys & Girls Club Leagues covers baseball, basketball, football, soccer, and dodgeball and its purpose is about being active and healthy. Travis loves sports and is a fan of being athletic and healthy. We asked Travis why he enjoys the Athletics program and he replied with "I enjoy working with the kids, coaching, and I enjoy Athletics.

Even though Travis coaches us in basketball, his favorite sport is snowboarding. Travis' favorite basketball player is Russel Westbrook, the point guard for the Oklahoma City Thunder. Travis likes him is because he is an energetic player. Travis said that he has played in both basketball and football competitive leagues. Travis is interested in sports because he likes spreading the positivity of sportsmanship. Also, we asked Travis if he would ever become a competitive coach, in which he replied, "Why not?" Travis' favorite sports teams are the Chicago Bulls and Philadelphia Eagles. Travis has played five sports which are basketball, baseball, football, soccer, snowboarding and likes fishing. Travis has two older sisters and in addition to working at the Boys & Girls Club, he also works in audio engineering and production.



Staff Travis

#### Comic By: Ava



Scared for life

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB WEEK APRIL 9—13! IT'S GOING TO BE A GREAT WEEK!**

**PANDA EXPRESS FUNDRAISER FRIDAY, MARCH 30—GRAB A FLYER FOR MORE INFO**

#### THE PLANETEERS

By: Bethany & Kayla

Staff Crystal runs The Planeteers Club. The students work in the garden, choosing fruits, vegetables and how different plants to grow. The Club also works on composting and recycling. The Planeteers Club is meant to help the students learn how to cook at home, help more with the environment, and understand the importance of the Earth. But how can the students share this with the community? Well, there are plenty of ways. Some ways are going to community gardens, food banks, or just share recipes that they've learned with neighbors, friends, or your family.

This club is a fantastic way for the students to make friends because the students work and cooperate with their peers. The Planeteers has also been stated to help self-sustaining gardening and caring for the environment. The students will learn other skills such as knowing which plants are drought tolerant and which plants will grow well in our local environment. Overall, if you are looking for a place to learn about plants, make delicious food, and create new friends, the Planeteers is the place to go.



## THAT'S SEW CRAFTY!

By: Mia & Melisa

We've interviewed Staff Crystal with questions about the That's Sew Crafty Club

### What made Crystal want to take charge of That's Sew Crafty?

*Crystal loves sewing and customizing costumes when she's outside of work. (Wow! Who knew?)*

### What are the basic activities that you teach the students?

*The basics of sewing is just to learn different techniques.*

### Are most students results good or bad during a lesson?

*Everyone is awesome and always excited to start their lesson.*

### Do the students enjoy sewing as much as Crystal?

*Yes, the students love sewing as much as she does. (We love it too...)*

### Why does Crystal enjoy sewing?

*Crystal enjoys sewing because she goes to holiday events with amazing creative costumes.*

### How do students react to the activities they participate in?

*The students all participate and get excited to start doing their crafts. (Yup that's right we all love sewing.)*

### Are the sewing projects safe for the students?

*As long as they are careful with their needles they are pretty much safe. (I still accidentally poke myself a few times.)*

### Do students earn wow tickets for participating?

*A lot of students earn wow tickets. (Wow really..... I never got one.)*

### What goals do you have set for the students?

*For them to just learn how to sew and be able to make everything.*

### Do you expect the students to learn a lot about sewing?

*Yes, absolutely! We are going to make 8 different projects.*



## LIBERATION THROUGH LYRICISM

By: Haivyn

The Liberation Through Lyricism Club is about music and helps kids create their own music. Staff Brittany created and runs this club program. 'Genius' is a YouTube channel where people ask questions about artists, and they explain their music. You-Tubers can watch and listen to different musical artists and genres of music. They express their feelings, moods, and the way they feel about a person or a situation that they are going through. The Liberation Through Music Club is a smart club that inspires kids to make their own music.

## PASSPORT TO MANHOOD

By: Enrique & Ambro

Passport to Manhood is a program for young men and takes place in T-15 with Staff Travis. This club addresses self-esteem and middle school issues relatable to young men, as well as identifying the transitions that boys go through during life. Travis has said, "Passport to Manhood also helps with our Almeria boys to be aware of yourself and to respect parents, peers, community and elders."

## SNACK BAR SPECIAL—FRIDAY, APRIL 6TH—HOT CHEETOS & CHEESE

## OLYMPIC SPORTS IN SCHOOLS: ARCHERY

By: Eric & Riley

Almeria Middle, for couple of years now, has been part of a program adding Olympic sports as intermural sports in schools. Archery requires a lot of skills like precision, math and physics. About 40 Almeria kids try out for the school's archery team in early October. Only 16 kids are chosen to stay. The top ten scoring kids will go to compete against other schools in their area. Depending on the schools ranking in the district they will go on to compete in state and possibly nationals.

When competing scoring plays a huge roll. When shooting there are usually six ends with three shots each. An archer goes against an opponent from a different team with the same ranking. After each end the archer with the highest score earns two set points. If the archers tie they each earn one set point. The archery with the most set points at the end of the match, wins.

We interviewed an archer who is part of the Almeria team, who also helped write this article.... Riley!

### Question #1: How long have you been in archery?

"I've been in archery since early October of 2017; but I've only competed for the school's team once."

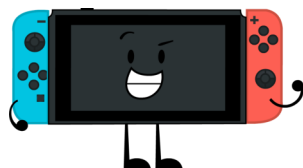
### Question #2: How does the school do during competition?

"We are usually pretty confident in ourselves. We have fun playing this sport; you win some loss some. Sometimes nerves get the better of us though."

### Question #3: What accomplishments is the team aiming for?

"We are aiming to go to State in which we compete against other Southern Californian schools at the Olympic center in L.A. After we are hoping to go compete in Nationals."

Archery has been a sport played for centuries, and with new competitors entering most days, archery is sure to be a sport living forever!



## EVER HEARD OF EARTHBOUND?

By: Emely & Joshua Z.

Hey Smash Bros. gamers, did you know Ness was in the Nintendo game Earthbound? For people who don't know Earthbound, it was a video game created by Shigesato Itoi. Itoi was born November 10, 1948, he was a video game designer and actor. Earthbound takes place several years ago after the events of Mother. The game Earthbound (known as Mother 2 in Japan) was about a party of four players traveling the world to defeat the evil alien force, Giygas. Sooner or later the game had a length development span for five years. It involved the Japanese luminaries, which were Shigesato, future Nintendo president, and Keiichi Suzuki. Starting in 1999, Ness became a featured game character in the series Super Smash Bros.

**The Story** Ness' story begins when he meets a bee from the future. The bee warns him that an evil alien force (named Giygas) was planning to take over the world. Ness went to his neighbor's house, his neighbor was Pokey, to tell him what had happened. The bee died at his neighbor's house, but before doing so the bee said to find three others to help him defeat Giygas. So, Ness had gathered three friends to help him out. Soon after, they had met an inhumane scientist who helped them go to the past. They looked and found Giygas and the fought began. Even with their sheer power, they could not defeat him alone. So, one of the girls, named Paula, had used a move called pray, which brought all of the people on Earth to give them more power. This power boost helped Ness and his friends defeat Giygas and so the Earth was saved, ending the game.

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