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Umatilla Boys & Girls Club December report

December Daily average attendance: 47.10 Unduplicated members: 82

The club has been busy with the holidays. We were able to help 44 families with holiday gifts through community support and donations of toys. We collaborated with the Umatilla Women’s Club to provide lunch with Santa during the parade and festival.

Our members have been extremely successful academically. We had 35 youth participate in the 8th annual Holiday Art contest. Four members placed third or better and three received honorable mentions. Three of our youth were students of the month in their schools. We had one student who won the 4th & 5th grade writing contest for her school. Our members have demonstrated an increase in their spelling grades also. Our Wall of A’s is growing.

We had several other notable events for the month of December. PAWS Therapy volunteers were in this month and the members made Christmas tree ornaments with the dogs and their handlers. The ornaments were paw shaped and the children decorated them with stickers, ribbon, crayons, and glitter.

We were paid a visit from one of my former pre-k members, Private First Class Ryan K. Ryan is in the United States Army. Ryan shared with the kids about his job in artillery and told a couple of stories from his pre-k days. It was an honor and privilege to see him again. Ryan’s dad is a fallen officer who served in the Lake County Sheriff’s Office.

Our children were a part of our wonderful Boys & Girls Club Christmas party for 225 children that was sponsored by the Gamez Foundation. We took 32 children from our club to the Clermont Boys & Girls Club for Pizza, face painting, pictures, and presents. The children had a wonderful time at the facility meeting new people.

As we continue into the New Year we are grateful for our many partners that make this Boys & Girls Club possible and continue to have a positive impact on the futures of our youths.