Changes Abound at BB

After two years at BB, I am leaving to open a 4th program at Wedgewood Apartments.

Mr. Jason is taking over as Program Coordinator. Mr. Jason has been with BB since the beginning, December 2007. Before that, he worked at COSI for many years. He brings many skills to the position that will only enhance the program.

I have loved my time at BB working in partnership with community stakeholders, parents, schools, and most importantly, the students. Although, I will not be at BB daily, I am forever a part of the BB family!

Will neon,
Mrs. Alby

BB Staff/Volunteers

We are very fortunate at BB to have caring qualified adults working with our students. Greg Lanham was an AmeriVista member at BB last year and now is a CSCC tutor.

Through our collaboration with Columbus Housing Partnership, we also have Jen Kennedy and Shawn Nelson, AmeriCorps members, as well as, Jenny Fehr, an AmeriVista member, helping out. They also tutor older brothers and sisters that are in high school.

Mrs. Shalk, a TESOL teacher from PSI and Mrs. Weiand, a TESOL teacher from RA, also work at BB. Mr. Matan, a Bantu elder, is our parent liaison.

Special Dates and Notes to Remember

📅 Last day of Program before Winter Break: Wednesday, December 16th.
📅 Friday, December 18th: Last day of school before winter break.
📅 CONTINUE READING OVER BREAK AND PRACTICE MATH FACTS!
📅 Monday, January 4th: Return to school and afterschool program!
📅 Monday, January 18th: Program and school closed for MLK day!

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Fall Harvest Party at MLK Jr Park

BB Super Star Students
Bending Brook partnered with the Urbancrest Community Investment Corporation (UCIC) and the YMCA this summer to have an expanded vegetable garden. BB kids came every Tuesday to help weed the garden. Big Mama and Ms. Sharon always brought homemade goodies to share.

We celebrated the garden with a fall harvest party at the end of October. Over 150 community members came out to the celebration.

There were tricks and treats for all. The homegrown tomatoes were showcased in a delicious salsa! Big Mama made some yummy johnny marzetti and garlic bread. Ms Lisa, the student’s bus driver, gave out masks, hats, and bags. Ms. Jen also helped with homemade costumes. After eating cheese fingers, popcorn hands, and some candy, all community members helped clean up the park. It was a great event all around!

BB Super Star Students

Congratulations for making good choices all month long!

**SEPTEMBER: a CBJ hockey game**
Omar Abdikadir
Farkalan Abdillahi
Abdi Abdullahi
Maryan Daud
Noor Hassan
Mohamed Hussein
Omar Hussein
Yasin Idris
Higle Mire
Farhiya Mohamed
Fartun Mohamed
Hawo Mohamed

**OCTOBER: day at COSI**
Farkalan Abdillahi
Mohamed Abdullahi
Hawa Ahmed
Kusa Daud
Noor Hassan
Fartun Hussein
Farhiya Hussein
Mohamed Hussein
Yasin Idris
Farhiya Mohamed
Fartun Mohamed
Hawo Mohamed
Maganey Mohamed

**NOVEMBER: ice skating**
Farkalan Abdillahi
Mohamed Abdullahi
Hassan Aden
Noor Hassan
Mohamed Hussein
Omar Hussein
Yasin Idris
Higle Mire
Farhiya Mohamed
Fartun Mohamed
Hawo Mohamed
Luley Mohamed

Hamdi Muya
Maryan Omar
Omar Osman
Hamdi Muya
Fatuma Omar
Halima Osman

Maganey Mohamed
Fatuma Omar
Maryan Omar
Halima Osman
Omar Osman