



**OLIVET
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF READING & BERKS COUNTY**



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WELCOME TO OUR

Monthly Newsletter

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COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

This month was filled with meaningful programs, celebrations, and community partnerships! Our devoted staff, talented volunteers, and supportive community helped create memorable experiences for our Club Kids. Recent highlights include:

- 35 Years of Girls in the Club speaker series
- Honoring Hispanic Heritage Month
- Flag football games
- Planting with Penn State Berks
- Halloween Teen Takeover at Blue Mountain Camp
- Family Game Night
- Halloween on Penn
- Helping Harvest Club Kid art show
- Charity Casino Night with Penske

November brings even more fun! Check out our calendar for details:



Planting with PSU Berks!



Hispanic Heritage Month



Teen Takeover at BMC

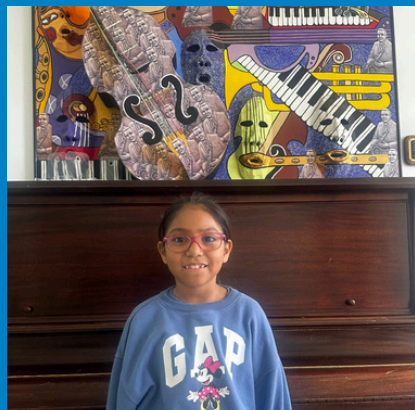
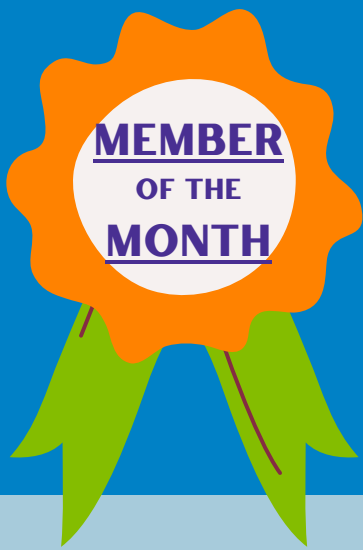


35 Years of Girls in the Clubs



In a month dedicated to goblins, ghosts, and ghouls, there's been nothing but good here at the Clubs. October is when our after school programming really ramps up, and it's been a treat to offer our Club Kids everything they need to learn, grow, and thrive. From flag football games, to family game nights, to dance classes, homework help, LEGO programs, teen takeovers, and so much more, we seem to have every sweet thing our members could ever want or need. But even still, my team and I are staying hungry and dreaming big! We have so many fun tricks up our sleeve that we can't wait to show off – we just need *you* and your ongoing support to make it all happen. Whether you're a volunteer, a donor, a community partner, or a cheerleader, you're changing our community by changing the lives of our Club Kids. *Thank you.*

– Rick Perez, CEO



ISABELLA ZACATELCO

Center for the Arts Club
Member
Time with Olivet: 2 years

Q&A WITH ISABELLA

Q: How do you like to spend a typical day at the Club?

A: I like to go to CFA and do classes. My favorite is dance.

Q: What is your favorite Olivet Memory?

A: I liked performing in Shrek the Musical, Jr. this summer!

Q: What is something you learned at the Club?

A: I learned how to cheer.

Q: Tell us about your hobbies! Do you get to do any of them at Olivet?

A: Yes, I get to have fun, do art classes and dance!

Q: What do you want to be when you grow up?

A: When I grow up, I want to be a teacher.

Q: What would you tell another kid who's thinking about becoming a Club member?

A: It's fun! You can do classes, too.

"Isabella is such a sweet and creative kid. Over time, she's really come out of her shell and become more confident, which has been amazing to see. She's grown so much this year, and it's been awesome to watch. During Summer Theater Camp, she lit up on stage and showed a side of herself that made everyone so proud. It was one of those moments you don't forget. Isabella shows our Club values every day through her kindness and respect for others. She's kind and treats everyone with fairness; she leads by example, even without realizing it, and makes our Club a brighter place. Her positive attitude and willingness to try new things inspire others to do the same. She's one of those members who can just make your day better with her energy and smile. She's thoughtful, talented, and fun to be around. We're proud of her and lucky to have her as part of our CFA family."
- Brianna Williams, CFA Site Director.

ISABELLA'S FAVORITE THINGS

Food: Pizza

Sport/Activity: Cheer

Book: Diary of a Wimpy Kid

School Subject: Art



STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH

ANA POLANCO

Site Director, PAL/Lauer's Park Elementary School

"I started working on August 15, 2023, at Clinton Street as a Youth Development Professional (YDP). I've always loved helping kids – they're amazing and full of energy. After a year of dedication and growth, I'm now proud to serve as a Site Coordinator for PAL. It's been nine months in this role, and I truly love it. Before that, I volunteered during Family Night events at Clinton Street, where I enjoyed spending time with the kids and their families. Those moments reminded me how important community and connection are. Working at Olivet is more than just a job – it's my passion. Every day brings new challenges, but when you love what you do and take pride in seeing the kids smile, there's no obstacle too big to overcome. When I walk into the school and see the kids' faces light up, or when families come together for bingo nights and other events, it reminds me why I do this work. My long-term goal is to help kids get the support they need to succeed, while giving parents more knowledge about safety – especially for walkers who may not go straight home after school. I also want to raise parent awareness and encourage more family time. One of my dreams is to host Family Fun Nights twice a month and create a Jr. Chefs program where parents and kids can cook and learn together." – Ms. Ana