

NEWSLETTER

Thanks to you



Dear K-Kids club advisor,

Thanks to you, K-Kids members are learning how to be caring leaders who welcome the differences in others and believe in giving back to the community. Lessons learned through participation in K-Kids club activities and service projects influence the way each club member perceives him or herself.

You're helping these young leaders understand that anything is possible and that they can make their school, community and world a better place. Thank you for what you do every day to support your K-Kids members.

We appreciate you!

End of the school year reflection

The school year is coming to a close and there are things you can do to ensure K-Kids club members end the year on a positive note, as well as look forward to participating in club activities again next year. Try this fun activity.

Reflection exercise

Ask everyone, including Kiwanis advisors, to sit on the floor in a big circle. Select an object, like a ball or stuffed animal to pass from person to person. Explain that everyone should remain quiet until the stuffed animal is in hand. When a club member holds the stuffed animal, he or she can share thoughts about a favorite K-Kids project and something learned as a result of participating. Everyone should have an opportunity to share.



Kiwanis-family clubs partner with Nickelodeon



Key Clubs, Builders Clubs and K-Kids clubs across the globe are teaming up with Nickelodeon to get out and play. On Sept. 24, 2011, the Kiwanis family will join thousands of other organizations in Nick's 8th Annual Worldwide Day of Play. For three hours, all of Nick's networks and websites go black in an effort to encourage children to get out and play. As you plan your calendars for next year, please save this date and begin thinking about how your club can participate.

For now, you can [register](#) your club and access many more resources to help with your events. Be on the lookout for a postcard in the mail in the next few weeks and share the news with your club. Questions? Contact Elizabeth Warren at [800-549-2647](tel:800-549-2647) or via [email](#).

K-Kids 2010-11 contest winners

K-Kids members can practice their art, speaking and writing skills by participating in K-Kids contests. Contest entries are due April 1, to the Kiwanis K-Kids district administrator who provides support to the K-Kids clubs within your district. The district administrator sends first place district winners from each category to Kiwanis International for judging. Contest categories include: Art, Speech, Essay, Scrapbook and Club Single Service. K-Kids members can also be nominated to receive the Kiwanis International Foundation Leadership Award. All of the contest details and the 2010-11 contest winners are posted [online](#).



Learn more about how Kiwanis makes an impact. Visit [Kiwanis Center Stage!](#)

Read a book online, donate a book



Here's a great summer service project for K-Kids members. Ask them to visit the following website with their parents, WeGiveBooks.org.

When you read a book online, an actual book is donated to the campaign of your choice. The book campaigns are listed online. What a fun and easy way to give back to the community, while improving reading skills. It's a win, win!

K-Kids members moving on to middle school

There may be several members within your club who are moving on to middle school. Encourage these students to move on to [Builders Club](#) at the junior high/middle school. If there isn't a Builders Club, provide information about how the students can start a club.

Passing it forward during the summer months

Provide club members with suggested activities they can conduct during the summer months to continue passing it forward. Here are some fun suggestions.



Donate to a worthy cause. Conduct research online to identify a charity you're interested in supporting. Organize a garage sale and use part of the earnings to send a donation.



Organize a summer help club. Recruit kids in the neighborhood to help. Identify the needs in the community and plan a service project to help. Use resources on www.kkids.org.

Volunteer at the library. Contact your local library and volunteer to read to young children. Ask if you can help collect and put library books back on the shelves.



Help your neighbors. If a neighbor needs help with planting flowers, sweeping the driveway or raking leaves, step in and help.

Plant an herb garden for your family. Go online and learn about how to plant and harvest herbs to use in cooking. This will help with the family budget. Herbs are expensive to purchase from the store.



Teach your family about recycling. Go online and learn more about the best way to recycle. Create a poster to educate family members. Start recycling.



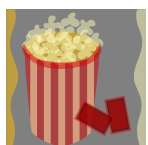
Involve your family in community service. Ask your parents to participate in a service project with you. Volunteer to serve meals at a soup kitchen as a family. Spend time as a family sorting through household items. Collect items the family doesn't need and give them to charity. Check-out www.thevolunteerfamily.org.

Learn something from older generations. Interview an older adult about what life was like long ago. You may be surprised what you learn.



Start a book club over the summer. Provide students with a list of books that provide inspiration about living a life of good character. A great place to start looking for books is the public library.

Use the "Power of Nice" book to help others feel good. Download and print the "Power of Nice" book from the Kiwanis Kids website. Use the suggestions in this book to share positive energy with others.



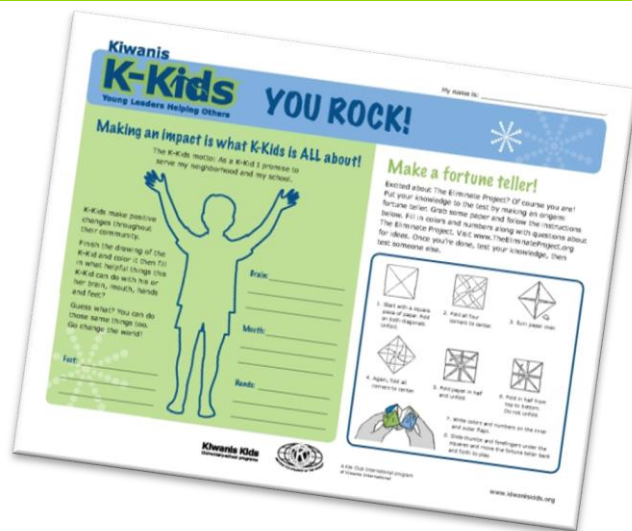
Encourage K-Kids members to watch movies that teach lessons about good character. Use this resource to find just the right list of movies to suggest. Review the [Teach with Movies list](#). Also, utilize the [Truly Moving Pictures curriculum](#) free of charge.

Print this resource page and distribute to K-Kids members.

The Eliminate Project

With [The Eliminate Project](#), Kiwanis International and UNICEF have joined forces to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus. This deadly disease steals the lives of nearly 60,000 innocent babies and a significant number of women each year. The effects of the disease are excruciating—tiny newborns suffer repeated, painful convulsions and extreme sensitivity to light and touch. [Learn more](#). Share information with K-Kids and invite them to educate others about The Eliminate Project by using suggestions on the [K-Kids placemat](#).

Interested in learning more? Then sign up for [The Eliminate Project e-mail newsletter](#), and become a fan of [The Eliminate Project Facebook page](#).



Learning from Truly Moving Pictures



Kiwanis International is pleased to partner with Heartland Truly Moving Pictures. After all, Kiwanis members are dedicated to making a difference one child and one community at a time. And Heartland believes that one film can make a difference in the world. In each case, it all begins with one person taking action. That's why Heartland offers educational programs and resources that help engage youth in service and character development activities based on themes in Heartland Truly Moving Picture Award-winning films.

Through the transformative power of film, Heartland strives to positively impact people's lives. Adult mentors, advisors and/or teachers can utilize the specially prepared curriculum guides to have a meaningful conversation and discussion with club members. [Here's how](#).

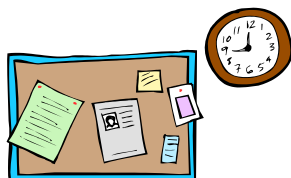
Newly improved resources unveiled in 2011-12



K-Kids website. The new website will be up and running before the 2011-12 school year. Check out www.kiwaniskids.org, where you'll find information about K-Kids and other Kiwanis elementary school programs.



K-Kids member handbook. The K-Kids program kit will include a robust member handbook with helpful information and fun activities.



Posters and more. The K-Kids program kit will include a colorful call to action cafeteria poster. Hang the poster in the cafeteria to encourage all students to help out with service projects. Download cafeteria table tents to share information about upcoming K-Kids projects. Everyone will want to help the K-Kids club with service and fundraising projects. Kiwanis staff is here. Remember if you have a question, a Kiwanis staff member is always here to help. Contact the kiwanishelpline@kiwanis.org with questions or give us a call at 1-800-KIWANIS, ext. 411.

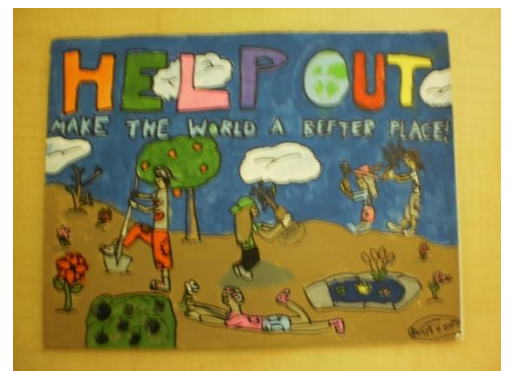
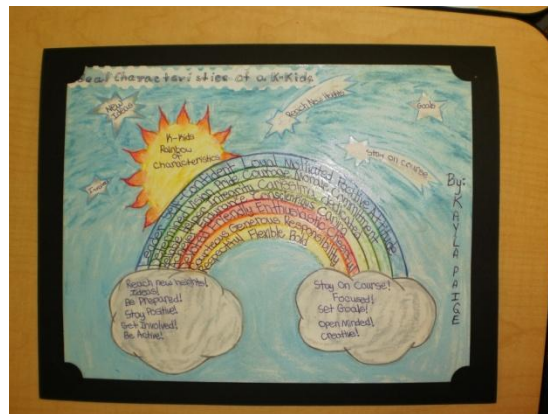
Stay in the loop

The K-Kids Advisory E-newsletter is posted online every two months. Helpful information is highlighted to help make your year easier. An email notification with a link to the newsletter is emailed to all K-Kids club advisors. Be on the lookout for this. Older issues of the E-newsletter are posted online. The Kiwanis Kids Facebook page is another great way to stay informed. Follow K-Kids at www.facebook.com/kiwaniskids.



[School House Rock](#) is now available on YouTube. K-Kids can watch these videos and learn about grammar, math, economics and more.

K-Kids art contest entries



Join us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/kiwaniskids to see more contest entries.

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