

Finish the year strong

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LEADERSHIP CORNER

Remind your clubs that the deadline to submit entries for this year's [K-Kids awards and contests](#) is **11:59 p.m. ET, April 1**. Clubs that complete an Annual Achievement Report will be considered for a Distinguished Club or Honor Club award. Other awards include Distinguished Advisor, Distinguished Officer and the Single Service Project Award. Clubs also can participate in the photo, scrapbook, speech and video contests.

End-of-year advisor and member surveys open on April 1. Help Kiwanis International gather data about club activities and accomplishments and how K-Kids membership impacted students this year. Encourage your clubs to participate! Links to the surveys will be available on the [K-Kids advisor webpage](#).



END-OF-YEAR CHECKLIST

Finish the year efficiently! Here are recommendations and reminders for activities that can help students understand what they accomplished and learned — while preparing the club to start next year organized and ready to go:

- Submit your club's [Annual Achievement Report](#) and entries for [awards and contests](#) by April 1.
- Reflect on and evaluate the year — focus on lessons learned, community impact and what to do differently next year.
- Elect new officers.
- Send thank-you emails or cards to service partners and adults who helped the club.
- Celebrate the club's year and its outgoing officers, along with awards earned.
- Complete end-of-year [advisor and member surveys](#) by May 15.



IOWA K-KIDS HELP THE ENVIRONMENT

Missouri Valley Elementary K-Kids in Iowa, U.S., recycled 1,000 pounds of plastic bags to earn a buddy bench, teaching students the importance of caring for the Earth. The Builders Club took up a similar project, creating meaningful spaces for connection and reflection. This recycling challenge program is made possible by [NexTrex](#) for K-12 schools, civic organizations, houses of worship and university organizations.

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THREE P'S FOR MEANINGFUL REFLECTION

To incorporate reflection that adds meaning and deepens learning throughout members' service experience, use the three "P's":

- Preparation: What did students learn from club activities about a community need or issue it wants

to address?

- Processing: When students carried out the service project, how did they feel, what did they observe and how did they solve problems?
- Product: What were the results of the project for the community or organization — and how do members know this?

TWO SIMPLE WAYS TO EVALUATE

Ensure your club continues to improve the impact of its service projects. Use one or both simple evaluation activities found in the [K-Kids Member Guide](#) (pages 10-11):

- **Start-Stop-Do:** Use the worksheet to capture and discuss something new that members want to start, something members want to stop and something successful that the club will continue next year.
- **Share the results:** Have members create a collage, drawing, video or piece of writing that shows what they learned and how your club helped. Share it, display it, create a group presentation for an assembly or meeting and/or send it to a local media station.



We're growing our family one club at a time! Here are the newly chartered K-Kids clubs and the Kiwanis districts where they're located.

- P.A. Walsh STEAM Academy, Morgan Hill, California, U.S., California-Nevada-Hawaii District.
- Man-O-War Cay Primary School, Abaco, Bahamas, Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District.
- New Hope Preparatory, Kingston, Jamaica, Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District.
- St. Francis de Sales Catholic, Abaco, Bahamas, Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District.
- Bluewater Elementary, Niceville, Florida, U.S., Florida District.
- D.C. West Elementary School, Valley, Nebraska, U.S., Nebraska-Iowa District.
- Benjamin Franklin Elementary School, Buffalo, New York, U.S., New York District.
- PS 276, Brooklyn, New York, U.S., New York District.
- Escuela Valle del Sol, Valle del Sol, Panama, Panama Provisional District.
- Mountain Elementary School, Los Alamos, New Mexico, U.S., Southwest District.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

23: [Key Club's 100th Birthday!](#)

APRIL

1: [Awards and contests](#) entries due by 11:59 p.m. ET.

1: End-of-year [member and advisor surveys](#) open.

MAY

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