Boys & Girls Club & 21st Century Newsletter

2026

Beyond the Bell

Boys & Girls Club of Bangor is proud to have been awarded a 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) grant to provide FREE after-school programming for 6th - 8th graders at James F. Doughty School!

Students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of engaging clubs and activities, receive homework support, enjoy a healthy snack, build new friendships, and develop new skills all in a safe, supportive environment!

Meet the 21st Century Team!

Grace Hamel
21st CCLC Director

Grace has been a part of the Boys & Girls Club movement for 8 years, serving in a variety of roles. She is excited for this new role with 21st Century at James F. Doughty, especially as a Doughty alumni! Her goal is to create a safe space for middle schoolers during out-of-school time.

Avery Myatt
21st CCLC Program Staff

Avery has been a part of the Boys & Girls Club movement for 4 years. She is a current student at the University of Maine studying Child Development! She has a passion for helping youth of all ages become the best version of themselves.

Learn about Quarter 1 Clubs!

Charm Club

Charm Club provides students with opportunities to explore creativity through hands-on craft projects, including bracelets, keychains, beaded accessories, and decorative pieces. Charm Club supports creative expression while reinforcing problem-solving, fine motor, planning, and mathematical skills through engaging, project-based activities.

Gaming Club

Gaming Club provides students with opportunities to engage in a variety of video, tabletop, card, and strategy games in a structured and collaborative environment. Gaming Club also provides opportunities for students to build positive peer relationships, practice sportsmanship, and develop social-emotional skills through shared gaming experiences.

Changemakers Club

Changemakers Club provides students with the chance to develop leadership skills through student-led service projects, fundraising initiatives, and activities that support the school and local community. Students participate in planning, organizing, and carrying out projects while learning about teamwork, communication, budgeting, goal-setting, problem-solving, and responsible decision-making.

Triple Play Club

Triple Play is a Boys & Girls Club of America program that provides students with opportunities to participate in activities that support healthy lifestyles. Activities encourage students to stay active, build healthy habits, and develop positive relationships with peers while creating time to learn and apply skills in an engaging, hands-on environment.

September Highlights!

Paddle for a Purpose Pickleball Tournament

Some teens from Changemakers Club joined in on the fun at the Boys & Girls Club annual Paddle for a Purpose pickleball tournament!

They worked hard at Club preparing for the event by making keychains and posters, setting prices, and getting everything ready to sell. They had a great day of sales, raising $100! Now they'll decide how they want to use the money they raised.

Internet Safety Family Night

This month we hosted our first educational Family Night of the year with the theme of Internet Safety! We partnered with G.E.A.R Parent Network to provide educational opportunities for all ages. Topics included:

- Be a Digital Detective (Youth K-5th grade)
- Your Digital Footprint (Teens 6th - 12th grade)
- Building Healthy Digital Habits (Parents & Caregivers)

Saturday Social - Fall Into Art

We enjoyed a fantastic fall evening at our first Saturday Social, a time for middle school teens to be together outside of normal programming, in a safe positive environment.

Our first theme was "Fall Into Art" and we enjoyed bracelet making, diamond art, and more!

Coming in October!

Trunk or Treat

Our annual Trunk or Treat is right around the corner and EVERYONE is welcome!!

Trunk or Treat is our biggest event of the year and it wouldn't be possible without the incredible volunteers and generous candy donations that help make it so special.

Want to join the fun? There are two easy ways to help:

- Decorate your trunk and pass out candy
- Make a candy donation

Whether you're ready to get creative with your trunk or simply want to help us fill our candy supply, we would love to have you be part of this year's event!

Interested in volunteering or making a candy donation? Sign up **HERE** or contact Grace at grace@bgcbangor.org for more information.

Lights on Afterschool

On Wednesday, October 21st, Boys & Girls Club of Bangor will hold a Jack O' Lantern Jubilee as part of Lights On Afterschool, a nationwide rally for afterschool programs. People across the country join these events to draw attention to the many ways afterschool programs have stepped up to support students, families, and communities.

Afterschool programs keep kids safe, inspire them to learn, and support working families. For more information about Lights On Afterschool or about afterschool programs in general, visit www.afterschoolalliance.org.

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