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#### HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

The NBGC Staff & Leaders, our Program Committee, Parent Club, Alumni and Board of Directors wish our members and families a

HAPPY THANKSGIVING. We would also like to commend the coaches and players for the fine job and hard work they've put in since camps started this summer. We have seen a lot of exciting football and soccer and appreciate your team spirit, enthusiasm and sportsmanship. Thanks to the many parents who've been supportive, lining the fields to cheer for their sons and daughters.

Many thanks go out to the volunteers who are working to make this day a success, from the alumni officials to the parents and friends who are helping with the refreshments. Thanks to Greg Czajkowski of the Chicago Park District for use of the fields, to the NBGC Parents Club Concession for all they did every Saturday, to event sponsors The Weigelt Family, The Duckmann Family and Jack Sharkey & Friends, to the Alumni Volunteer Officials and to Samantha Prodromos, Jennifer Ramirez, Angelina Hutto and the Cheerleaders. Have a great holiday!

## **Holiday Tree Sale**

Saturday, December 6th

**Frasier Firs** 

Wreaths - Roping

All Proceeds Benefit the NBGC Youth!



Sponsored by the NBGC Parents Club

#### THANKSGIVING DAY SPONSORED BY THE WEIGELTS THE DUCKMANNS JACK SHARKEY & FRIENDS

NBGC is very thankful for the continued support of The Weigelt Family, who is co-sponsoring the Turkey Bowl Classics in the memory of their late parents and longtime NBGC friends, Johnnie & Brenda Weigelt. Mr. Weigelt ran one of the largest catering businesses in the area, at Damen & Byron, and helped start the tradition of hot chocolate on Thanksgiving. We thank them for their generous support.

We also thank Wayne and Virginia Duckmann for co-sponsoring the event. Wayne and Virginia coached in the 1990's when their children, Wayne and Christine, were active members. They also own a local silk screening company, Ultimate Sports Apparel, and have been printing NBGC clothing for over 30 years. And we welcome NBC/NBGC Alums Ernie Chowanec, Dick Schuster, Ernie Sardilli, Dennis Sharkey, Bill Sharkey, Phil Haley,

Tim Fahey, and Jack Sharkey. This group played here in the 1950's and brought the coffee, hot chocolate and doughnuts. Also a big THANK YOU to Kuppie's Bakery in Villa Park, home of the best doughnuts in northern Illinois, and All on the Road Catering for the hot chocolate and coffee!



#### NBGC HOLIDAY HAM SALE

Pick Up & Payment Friday, December 19th from 1pm-6pm

Hams are available in 2 sizes: Small (6-9 lbs) or Large (14-18lbs)

Price:

\$3.75 per lb. with Spice Kits available for \$2.00 All Hams are fully cooked, smoked, defatted and spiral cut!

#### TO PLACE YOUR ORDER:

Fill Out Order Form and Return by Saturday, December 6th Call Bonnie (773) 463-4161x113 email events@nbgc.org

> CASH, CHECK, VISA AND MASTERCARD ACCEPTED



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## 5th Annual Holiday Party Saturday December 13th

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7:00-10:00pm

O'Donovan's Private Upstairs Lounge 2100 W. Irving Park Road

\$35.00 per person Includes Appetizers, Drinks and a Great Time! (21 and Over)

To make reservations Contact events@nbgc.org or stop in the office and fill out the reservation form.

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Kids take over the Clubhouse!

## PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Saturday, December 13th 6PM-MIDNIGHT

\$25 per child \$10 each additional sibling Register with Maria@NBGC.org

Drop the kids off at the Clubhouse and enjoy an Adult mini vacation! But don't go far because at the stroke of Midnight your child will turn into a pumpkin if they are not picked up! Pumpkin Recycling costs \$1 million!

Founded By Robert Buehler and Richard Valentin in 1931 for Carl Buehler



#### Kids Club says "THANKS!"

As we prepare for Thanksgiving and prepare to spend time with family and friends the NBGC Kids Club would like to take the time to express how thankful we truly are. The afterschool kids club program is truly and extension of our families. We laugh, play, learn and even at times have cried together, mainly tears from laughing way too hard at something that to anyone else may not be that funny. Those are the kind of relationships that we are always thankful for and that leave a lasting impact on us. We are thankful for the amazing stories from Colin Sieling and Ashley West that vary from fiction, fact, humor and overall entertaining. We can never forget the athletic challenges that are presented to us by Martin and Owen O'Toole, Jonathan Perez, Chris Roszak, Ajrian Velazquez-Wright, Ramon Rosario, TJ McDonagh, Jocelyn and Yasmina Chammas, Dorothy and Jacob Bingham they always come out on top and we promise we are not letting them win. The way these kids play it is so easy to imagine them all playing in the big leagues when they're older. We wouldn't be able to get our building decorated for different holidays if it wasn't for Sofia Artz, Monserrat Carmona, Jaslene Chammas, Leah Hasselberger, Maia Clair, Cerela Marin, Peyton Marrero, Carina Julio, Lucy and Owen Paskiewicz, Jocelyn Santana and Anthony Velazquez-Wright not only helping decorate but contributing to making the decorations. We love and appreciate their creativity and willingness to help put our program's products on display. Although games and crafts are fun we all appreciate the free refreshers we get from helping Eduard Balog, Andrew Beaudet, Messiah Crump, Nathan Documento, Charlie Galvin, Isabelle Galvin, Julian Gonzalez, Aaron Hyman, Faris and Yanis Julio, Gracie and Mari Koseki, Jesus Rodriguez, Dylan Rose, Emily Rue, Isadora Smith-Ritchie and Henry Timm with homework. It is real fun to see how much you remember and at the same time how much you have forgotten. Ha ha ha ha. Without the kid from the Kids Club after school program we wouldn't laugh as hard as we do. We wouldn't be able to bring smiles to others by sharing stories or drawings the kids share with us. More importantly we wouldn't have to look forward to being a kid at 3:00pm Monday-Friday. Thank you to all of our members for enriching our lives and for keeping us young and smiling!

## <u>Memories Last a lifetime</u>

By: Shakila Reynolds Samy Prodromos, Sandy Devura and Heidy Torres

Coonley afterschool program serves close to 125+ youth and is led by Shakila Reynolds and the Afterschool program assistants are Sandy Devura, Heidy Torres, Samy Prodromos and a host of leaders, staff and volunteers. A new addition to this year's daily schedule is stretches after snack time. Each day a different youth or staff is in charge of running an activity for 10 minutes. While we are excited about the new projects, we also have had to say goodbye to one of our favorite activities. Due to new regulatory guidelines we can no longer cook at Coonley.

For the last two years we have been conducting a cooking class over at Coonley. We have made many interesting and unusual dishes. From Cevaps from Serbia to spring rolls from Thailand to Jambalaya from Louisiana we have tried to enlighten and enrich the kids' taste palates While many of the kids loved to cook, the upper grade girls seemed to especially enjoy it. Lyla Stern, Janiya Marcano, Erica Ries, and Mary Baker were some of the regular cooks to the program. Luckily we have been able to move the cooking class over to the club during days off.

It is always a pleasure to see how creative the Coonley afterschool students are. For Halloween this year we had little people cutouts and patterned paper. The kids were told to create a costume and paste it on the body. Those were the only boundaries they were given, the ideas that they came up with were quite interesting; Ryan Aguilera created a lumberjack with a plaid shirt and overalls and Niko Wahl made a candy man with an explosion of colorful clothes and a lollipop cane. Besides the arts and crafts, the students' favorite pastime seems to be Legos, with every age group interested in participating. Our most enthusiastic Lego builders are Mete Taskiran, Kiran Sagbohan, and Daniel Baratka.

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#### **Coonley Continued**

There is a great sense of big brother/sister comradery between the younger group and the 4<sup>th</sup> and up group. Coming in as a kindergartener is always a little scary and stressful; this was made a lot easier by Ava Yanez, Kathleen Carroll, Emmanuel Patino, Augusta Clusen-Moses and Cristian Gonzalez. There is never anyone who is left alone. Everyone is very helpful and has bonded well with each other. The older kids are always lending a helping hand with our youngest group.

As the time to remember who and what we are grateful for approaches, we would like to remind each and every one of you that it is you: the parents and patrons of NBGC, that make us thankful. We couldn't have an NBGC without all of you. The following students wish you all a very safe and joyous Thanksgiving: Mazlin, Cimfel, Ava Crowley, George Flaherty, Oren Galster, Georgia Haidos, Ryan Karadakov, Mia Machmouchi, Teddy O'Donnell, Fabian Ore, Franco Pena-Lepe, Eleonora Puma ,Alex Ritchie ,Henry Sacramento, Sydney Sicner, Daniela Sosa, Sasha Vartan, Claire Wittekind, Nolan Bahn, Smith Beeson, Ella Crumbliss, Fredrick Dino, Matthew Flaherty, Avra Fox-Raman, Graham Grossman, Maggie Hays, Lukas Koenig, Jo-Jo Locatelli, Luke Marzuki, Jesus Oliveros , Julian Rodriguez, Izaiah Schneider, Alexandra Sellis, Ellyanna Stearn, Abby Weinraub, Antonio Yanez, Sophia Zambrano, Daniel Baratka, Henry Belton, Dermot Carroll, Evan Fout, Leah Gwinner, Dylan Kaczocha-Paddy, Brydon Keller, Nicholas Laslo, Gigi Magoulias, Marcus Magoulias, Elise Mikell, Bruno Pena-Lepe, Ayden Rodriguez, Jayden Rosales, Augie Ruf, Kiran Sagbohan, Ashely Snyder, Rachel Snyder, Mete Taskiran, Angel Torres, Luca Tozzi, Santiago Vera, Sabina Austin, Betsy Avila, Angie Bill, Antonio Bombe, Audrey Burmeister, Eliie Ceraso, Dulce Gomez, Logan Hayes, Nayeli Herrada, Luci Kearns, Alexander Korn, Trey Morawski, Damon Nesbitt, Axel Ranvik, Aidan Salazar, Audrey Suchara, Ben Vondrasek, Ryan Aguliera, Robbie Austin, Sam Baker, Kathleen Carroll, Augusta Clusen-Moses, Amisha Dalal, Lucy Dear, Griffin Bonnin-Jones, Dominic Hamad, Jade Hamad, Tyler Hayes, Libby Jayes, Caden Hellrung, Dillion Hittesdorf, Tanya Klebanovych, Alex Laslo, Evan McPheron, Max Magoulias, Saoirse Molloy, Melanie Morales, Holly Murphy, Emmanuel Patino, Allen Rosales, Claire Schwenke, Jackson Sepulveda, Dale Sink, Julia Stuenkel, Luna Suarez, Niko Wahl, Fabian Wilmot, Ayanna Woodson, Ava Yanez, Mary Baker, Robert Basiewicz, Cristian Gonzalez, Stella Kochan, Janiya Marcano, Griffin Reter, Erica Ries, Quin Siska, Addison Taylor, Colette Therieau, Brian Tomasello, Oscar Verlarde, Michael Vondrasek and Aoife Walsh, the youth at Coonley would like to say "Thank you" for all of your help and support!



#### NBGC CLOSED

#### FRIDAY & SATURDAY

NBGC will be closed for the Holiday Weekend on Fri. Nov. 28th and Sat. Nov. 29th. The Clubhouse will reopen on Mon. Dec. 1st with the Afterschool Program and Pre-Season Basketball.

#### **NBGC Mission Statement**

The Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club is a non-profit independent organization founded in 1931 dedicated to youth development. Our mission is to enhance the well-being and develop the potential of our members, their families and the community.

#### Vision

To build better men and women. We believe these qualities build better men and women who carry these values into their adult lives.

#### Value

We value a relevant, multi-faceted, year round program where "everyone plays" in a safe and supportive environment that promotes: Honesty ~ Self reliance ~ Sportsmanship ~ Teamwork ~ Leadership and Lasting friendships

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## Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club Hall of Fame Members

To be selected as a candidate for the Hall of Fame is based on the following criteria: Nominee must epitomize the Club's mantra: "For Better Men and Women". Nominee must demonstrate Leadership, Sportsmanship and Volunteer Service. Candidate must be nominated via an essay about why the candidate should receive "Hall of Fame" status.

#### The Barrett Family 2014

- The Dad, Jack, was a past Board of Directors president, chaired the Family Fest and Dad's Club President
- The Mom, Giz,was the Mothers Club president, ran the kitchen at the Family Fest and helped run the annual Rummage Sale.
- Their 4 sons, John, Jim, Mike and Larry all played at the Club in the 60's and 70's and there daughter Peggy was a cheerleader.
- John started the Aces softball team in 1969 that is still playing today with
- When John passed away in 2008, his friends have funded an annual scholarship in his name.

#### Father Ray Baumhart 2011

- NBC Member of the Bulldogs & Owls 1935-1940, Leader 1938-1940, Asst. Director 1941-1943.
- President of Loyola University 1970-1993.
- Personal Consultant to Francis Cardinal George, Archbishop of Chicago 1994-2000.

#### Rich Brandon 2011

- Lead the organization as Program Director then Executive Director from
- Best known for his creative programs like the Paul Bunyan Events, Pie Ted & Juanita Loosevelt 2013 Eating Contests, Father & Son / Mother & Son Nights and the Wheelman

#### Robert Buehler 2011

- Founded the organization in 1931 to honor his father, Carl Buehler.
- The Family Business, Victor Adding Machine, subsidized the organization for over 40 years ensuring that "Everyone Plays".
- His vision of a Club run by kids for kids is still thriving at NBGC today.

#### Ray Donner 2014

- NBC member on the Leathernecks in the 40's.
- Edited and published a book on World War II correspondence by Club alumni in the service
- Helped run the Club in the late 50's
- Served on the Board of Directors for many years

#### Mary Dwyer 2014

- Married an alum Jerry who played in the 40's
- Her 3 sons played at the Club in the 60's and 70's
- Past Mothers Club president and Board of Directors secretary
- Started the annual Rummage Sale
- Helped run the annual Mother's Club Spring Social

#### Gloria Goerner 2012

- Full Time "Staff" Volunteer responsible for the organization's accounting and database for over 20 years.
- Member of the Family Fest Committee and lifelong volunteer for all fund-
- Major supporter, babysitter, driver and cheerleader for NBC / NBGC \* members beginning with little brother, Paul Sr. and continuing with numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews.

#### Paul Sr. & Jean Goerner 2012

- Paul, NBC Member in the early 1940's. Leader in the 1950's.
- Paul & Jean served on the Board of Directors, Family Fest and Haunted
- Paul & Jean are considered lifelong mentors to many NBC/NBGC Alums for their hard-work and dedication to the organization.
- The Goerner Family is a 3rd Generation NBC / NBGC Family.

#### Bob Hoellen 2011

- NBC Member in the 1960's of the Spiders.
- Honors his father, John Hoellen's memory with his work through the Hoellen Family Foundation and Conrad Sulzer Family Foundation.
- The Hoellen & Sulzer Family Foundations continue to support the NBGC and many other local charitable organizations.

#### Arp Horvath 2014

- Very active member on the Scorpions in the 60's
- Youth leader in the 70's
- Current Alumni president
- Runs the Ham and Bacon Booth at the Family Fest.
- Generous annual contributor

#### Jim Kartheiser 2011

- NBC Member of the Scorpions beginning in 1959, became a Leader and then Staff Member.
- Served on the Board of Directors from the mid 1980's to present.
- Chaired the NBGC Family Fest from the early 1990's to present.
- Chaired the 2011 Capital Campaign and helped raise much needed Clubhouse renovation funds.

#### Ed Kelly 2014

- Supported NBC/NBGC programs for many years as 47th Ward Commit-
- Superintendent of the Chicago Park District
- Started the Ed Kelly Sports Programs in 1976, supporting many of our sports programs

- Joined the Dad's & Mom's Clubs in 1964 supporting all fundraisers and
- Ted served on the Board of Directors for 15 years.
- Ted received permission and personally installed the gate between the Fest & Park.
- Instrumental in creating the legendary NBGC Haunted House.
- Together they ran the Ham & Bacon Booth at the Family Fest for over 35 vears.

#### The John "Bud" Lunkes Family

- All five Lunkes boys were members in the 1950's, 1960's & 1970's.
- John served on the Board of Directors for many years as well as his
- The Family Business, Illinois Battery has donated over 3,000 square feet of space for storage of equipment from the early 1970's until just recent-

#### **Bob Mergens 2013**

- NBC Member of the Raiders 1938-1947, became a Leader.
- Member of the Forum & Finance Committee and volunteered for countless fundraisers over the years.
- Remains an active member of the Alumni Association.

#### Jerry & Gloria Ottesen 2013

- Since the 1970's, both served as officers in the Mom's & Dad's Clubs and supported all fundraisers and events.
- Jerry & Gloria served on the Board of Directors, Family Fest & Haunted House Committees.
- Together they have chaired the NBGC Family Fest Kitchen and have fed great food made with love to everyone in the neighborhood.

#### Rich Paschall 2012

- NBC Member of the Tarantulas in the 1960's, became a Leader and then Staff Member.
- Served as NBC Executive Director for a short time in the 1970's
- As Alumni President started the Friday Night Football Games that were played by over 100 NBC Alums for over 20 years.

#### **Jack Pittges 2012**

- NBC Member of the Daggers in the 1940's, became a Leader and then Staff Member.
- Official for the WFL, USFL, NFL Europe and Chief of the Chicago Bears chain crew for many years.
- Taught hundreds of NBC Leaders how to officiate the sports played at the Clubhouse.

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### Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club Hall of Fame Members

#### Elma Stone 2012

- NBC Executive Assistant 1950's-1970's
- Great recruiter of volunteers for all events.
- Known for her fantastic memory, she could recall all the members names, their teams, siblings, addresses and phone numbers without

#### Gene Schulter 2011

- NBC Member in the 1950's
- Served the 47th Ward as Alderman from 1975-2011
- Instrumental in obtaining City of Chicago funding for our Afterschool & Athletic Programs since 1998 and \$200,000.00 in funds to help kick of our 2011 Capital Campaign.

#### Ralph Stahl 2011

- NBC Member of the Bluebirds & Raiders 1939-1945.
- Active member of the Fathers Club, Forum, Alumni Club and Board of Directors where he served as President for two terms.
- Coached his sons, Glenn & Jim's teams in all sports as well as the NBC Junior Olympics Track Team and Daily News Relay.
- The Stahl Family is a 3rd Generation NBC / NBGC Family.

#### Fred Stoesser 2014

- NBC member in the 40's on the Leathernecks and Navy teams
- Was a leader in the 40's and 50's
- Acted as Director of the Club in 1954
- Served on the Forum and Alumni Committee.

#### Cas Urban 2013

- Founded the NBC Choir in the 1950's
- Represented the organization throughout the Community leading over 100 boys dressed in red robes as they sang at local businesses, senior homes, schools, fairs, and on WGN television.

#### Richard Valentin 2011

- Co-Founded the organization in 1931.
- Lead the organization from 1931 1977
- Spearheaded the community effort to raise funds for the new building, completed in 1958.

#### Herb Veith 2014

- Coached his 3 sons, Steve, Bill and Paul's football teams in the 60's and 70's
- Served on the Board of Directors for many years.
- Sponsored the Karate Club for over 15 years
- Volunteered at the Family Fest, Track Meets, and Pancake Breakfasts.

#### Don Wilhelm 2013

- NBC Member in the 1930's and a Staff member in 1946.
- Served as Chairman of the Forum for 12 years and on the Board of Directors for 15 years.
- Served as the liaison between Victor Adding Machine (NBC Founding Family) and NBC from 1947 until the late 1970's.





Hey fans, what an AWESOME fall season we've had this year! **NBGC** all you The Cheerleaders have been hard at work keeping up the SPIRIT. The squad was led by Head Coach Samy

Prodromos and assisted by Jennifer Ramirez and Angelina Hutto. New title of Junior Coach was given to Katie Lavin. Captains for the squad were Ryan Foley and Rosalinda Palacios and co-captains were Addison Hurley and Keila Pizano. It was a particularly large squad this year with a variety of ages; this did not deter coach Samy from making everyone's experience a great one. Head Coach Samy comments on the squad, "Having girls return from previous seasons made it easier because they could bring the one girl who didn't get the cheer to the side and help them out. There was a lot more of that this season, than I've seen in previous seasons, which makes the squad that much stronger." Eager to help out the most were Ashley West, Addison Hurley, Rosalinda Palacios,

Ryan Foley, and Katie Lavin. Every one of the girls brought different skills and talents to the squad, in particular Ava Yanez and Jocelyn Santana grew more confident in their cartwheel abilities. On a less serious note, a few girls kept the squad laughing which made practices much more entertaining, these girls were Reese Gwinn, Ally Lichtenstein and Jaylah Williams. Keeping up with tumbling from last season, a few girls were anxious and unsure they'd be able to keep up with the rest of the squad. They soon learned to work past that anxiety and ended up doing extremely well. Most improved this season were Alexis Morales, Madeline Rich, Angie Borchert, Zoe Bustos, Angelina Yoshimura and Anaiz Chorne. Stunting was more prominent in this season then years prior as most of the girls were more eager to get in to the stunts. Our top flyers were Niah Bish, Lilah Rosenfeld, and Riley Clary showing the rest of the girls how to stay straight and keep a smile on. The squad was a lot closer this year with plenty of best friend pairings, which seemed to get the rest of the squad closer. These pairings were Allie Morrisey and Ella Breen, Sofia Bush and Taylor Murphy, Anna Gelb and Emma Nadel, and Keila Pizano and Mya Huerta. Coach Samy's final thoughts on the squad were, "I had a lot of fun working with this group of girls this season. They kept me on my toes and pushed me to better my teaching abilities. They inspired new ideas for the squad and overall it was a lot of fun." The Cheerleaders want to wish everyone good luck at Turkey Bowl and wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.



Ham Sale Begins Nov. 10th Nov. 28th & 29th NBGC Closed Dec. 6th Holiday Tree Sale Dec. 6th All Ham Orders are Due Dec. 6th Tribe League Party 5-9pm Dec 6th Basketball Regular Season Dec. 13th 5th Annual Holiday Party at O'Donovan's Private Lounge Dec. 13th Parent's Night Out (Kids takeover the Clubhouse!) Dec. 16th Ham Sale Pick Up Dec. 22nd-Jan. 2nd Winter Break Camp Dec. 22nd-Jan. 2nd Basketball 3 on 3 Tournament & Achievement Contests Dec. 24th-25th **NBGC Closed** Dec. 31st-Jan. 1st NBGC Closed Jan. 2nd-Feb 2nd Floor Hockey, Volleyball & **Cubbies Program Registration** 

Registration

**Summer Camp Registration** 

### Thank You to Our Volunteers!

There are many things to be grateful for this time of year. One of the greatest resources for the Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club is the many people who throughout the year volunteer their time, energy and skill to make the organization a true success. Consider the many fundraisers the NBGC holds to support the programs for the youth. We have the Family Fest, Golf Outing, Bears Bash, Hot Dog Sales, Ham Sales, Holiday Tree Sale, Scholarship Fundraiser and others. How do these events happen? It is all thanks to our volunteers. They are a dedicated group of alumni, parents, neighbors, friends, teens and youth all brought together by one common thread - the Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club. To all who have volunteered on an event, preparing mailings, cleaning, running errands, or anything else that has helped the organization succeed--WE THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE CLUB A BETTER PLACE!

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving Day!!

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Kathi Jensen, League Director Senior at Northeastern University Kathi@nbgc.org

## SENIOR SOCCER FIELD 1 8:00 AM



#### WILDCATS - PUMAS - ALIENS

All season long, the Senior girls have been working towards this day, the final day to show off all their skills as an individual and also as a team. With so much built up anticipation, everyone is excited for the last game of the season and it makes it even more special that it is held on Thanksgiving Day! The 3 teams in the Senior league will be teaming up to make 2 teams. The teams will consist of the 2014 Senior league soccer champs, the Aliens. Playing against the champs, coming in a close second, are the Wildcats. The Pumas are going to be divided evenly and pair up with both the Aliens and Wildcats. Two great teams will faceoff one last time for the season with the help of some great players, which will definitely be a game to watch! You can catch this game on Thanksgiving Day at 8:00am on field 1.

The Senior Aliens have been led by their ever inspiring team captains, Joanna Flores and Avery Panol. Coaching the girls to victory this year was Erik Pantoja and Leo Brito. The starting lineup will be Avery Panol in the goal, Ella Bates and Elyssa Palumbo as the midfielders, Ashley Contreras and Rosie Brito as the defense, and Joanna Flores and Adriana Pantoja as the forwards. The Aliens have worked out of the 2-2-2 formation because they believe in having equal amounts of protection as well as strikers. Their most successful style of play has been to kick and run, usually the defenders blast the ball down field and the strikers chase and maintain possession. Adriana Pantoja and Joanna Flores have been the Aliens' best strikers with their power and determination; they are a force to be reckoned with. Ella Bates and Rosie Brito have been amazing as the Aliens midfields/defenders. They are both very persistent, powerful, and demonstrate great control. Elyssa Palumbo has been a great asset as a midfielder, she always fights for the ball and has quick feet, which helps her steal and maintain ball possession. Ashley Contreras has a powerful kick that can reach her opponent's goal very easily. She has taken some great long distance shots and set up a lot of good opportunities for her teammates all throughout the season. Avery Panol is the main goalie for the Aliens and done a great job for them the entire season. She has not allowed many goals to get by her. She is always very alert and willing to do anything to stop the ball from passing her. Offensively, they are good at maintaining possession of the ball and being persistent. Defensively, they are quick to build walls, guard their opponents, and utilize teammates. Each player has shown an improvement in one area or another, the coaches have challenged them and made them work hard during their practices all season long to become the players they have today. The Aliens team has shown dedication from the beginning of the season and they plan to use that momentum in their last game of the season to bring home the "W". The Wildcats were their toughest opponent because they have many skilled players that never quit when pursuing the ball. The Wildcats have challenged the Aliens for every pass, possession, and goal. Coach Erik says that he is proud of the girls for always giving 150% out on the field. The Aliens are going into the Turkey Bowl with confidence since they have been focusing on new strategies that, "work like a charm", says Coach Erik.

The Wildcats are led by Coach Sigi Martinez with help from the captains Kathy Martinez and Kelly Martinez. The starting lineup for the Wildcats will be Addison Taylor in the net, Aoife Walsh and Chariza Palacios as the midfielders, Kelly Martinez and Shannon Bailey as the defenders, Kathy Martinez and Desiree Rodriguez as the strikers, and Sarai Valencia coming in as the goalie for the second half. For the majority of the season the Wildcats used the 2-1-2 formation, with a very offensive minded team. Coach Sigi recalls that once the team started to get comfortable with the system, they became better as a team. Their style of play was scoring a lot of goals on counter attacks and they were also very comfortable rotating the ball. Kathy Martinez was the best scoring striker this season, not only did she score during most games, but always rushed back to help on defense. Desiree Rodriguez was one of the best strikers as she stepped up and scored for the team during the most critical times. Not only did she contribute by scoring, she also played an important role on the defensive end. Aoife Walsh was one of the best midfielders; she demonstrated great control of the ball with great technique. She is a great defender but also an outstanding playmaker. Chariza Palacios was also a great midfielder; she is the most colorful player and never gives up. Her style of play is very dynamic, which helps the team on both ends of the field. Kelly Martinez is a synonym for discipline and courage, not only was she the most consistent, but also the voice of command. Her style of play and key elements to her success was her ability to read the games well and the timing to anticipate each play. Shannon Bailey is a versatile player, but her best performance has been as a defender. She has demonstrated great discipline and great teamwork. Her style of play is good timing, but she has also shown great ability with her feet and her great sense of precision with the ball. Addison Taylor has been a consistent goalie for the Wildcats; she has been reliable and proven her dedication to protecting the net by constantly throwing her body in front of the ball. She has had numerous saves throughout the season and also demonstrates great communication during the game with her defenders. "Sarai Valencia has shown the most improvement this season, it has been great to see her show us what she is capable of on the field", says Coach Sigi. The Wildcats believe that their toughest opponent was actually both the Pumas and Aliens because they are strong and very competitive teams. The Wildcats believe they will win the Turkey Bowl since they have been the most consistent team this season in terms of numbers. Coach Sigi says, "We have the most solid defensively and the most productive offensively. Most importantly I want my girls to have fun on the field".

The Pumas were led by the very enthusiastic Coach Manny Mercado. Helping out the coach were the captains, Yasmina Chammas and Hailey Mercado. The Pumas have used the 2-1-2 formation all season long because their main focus was on defense. Their most successful style of play this season was gaining possession of the ball. Also, they were great with the give & go as well as working in a triangle formation as they traveled down the field. Yasmina Chammas was a great striker as she was always quick on her feet and always slashing her way through her opponents. Sarah Ruiz was also a great contribution to the Pumas offense as she used her power to take many shots on goal throughout the season. Laura Arroyo was a great midfielder as she demonstrated speed and the ability to reach the ball before anyone else. Jadelyn Salazar was a powerful midfielder for the Pumas with her big kicks and her tendency to follow the ball after it's been kicked. Offensively, the Pumas had an outstanding passing game and amazing ball control. Defensively, they were great at getting to the ball first to kick it away from their net. Most improved for the Pumas was Hailey Mercado because she has gained more awareness in the goal and when playing as a striker. Elaina Marchenko did an excellent job in the goal all season and really stepped up for her team with the most saves for any goalie in the league. Zoya Marchenko also displayed great improvement as she has been a great defender for the Pumas, with every powerful kick she sends the ball down the field and sets up the offense with another chance to score on net. She has become a great playmaker and hustles to the ball every time. All of the Pumas have made improvements because of their hard work and dedication to learn the game. The Wildcats were the Pumas toughest opponents because they are great at passing and also have great speed. As Coach Manny reflects on the season he says, "They (The Pumas) have personality. They work hard and they're funny. On Monday we lost 2-1, but the girls played hard from the start of the game to the end". The Pumas will be split up and combine with both of the other teams. Playing for the Aliens will be: Laura Arroyo, Jadelyn Salazar, and Sarah Ruiz. Playing with the Wildcats will be: Hailey Mercado and Yasmina Chammas.

The Turkey Bowl is always a highly anticipated game, but with this specific matchup it is sure to be a nail biter. All of these players have worked hard all season, practicing each week to better themselves and their teamwork. Finally, they are closing out the season and they are hoping to do it with a bang. Good luck to each team and let's leave it all out on the soccer field on Thanksgiving Day!

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## JUNIOR SOCCER FIELD 1 9:00 AM

#### ANGELS & PUMAS VS HURRICANES & TWISTERS

This has been a great season for everyone, I enjoyed working with all of the girls and I hope they had fun playing all season long. All of the girls have improved their skills from the beginning of the season and I am proud of what they have accomplished. One game will be played this Turkey Bowl for all four teams: the Angels and Pumas (known as the Pangels) will team up against the Hurricanes and Twisters (known as the Hurricaners).

The Pangels had a great season lead by their coaches! The Angels have two coaches: Leo Brito and Erik Pantoja. Leo took on the role of coordinating the offensive part of the team while Erik took the defensive part and together they made awesome coaches. The Angels captains are Andrea Alvarez and Eliza McHale; together they led their team to many victories throughout the season. The Pumas are lead by Pete Korellis as coach and Zoe Hanson and Gabriella Yoshimura as captains. The Pangels plan to take the field as follows: Giselle Moreno in goal, Andrea Alvarez and Eliza McHale as midfielders, Star Perez and Sofia Medina as forwards, and Zoe Hanson and Jenna Palumbo as defenders. They will have Jackie Castillo and Sarah Lopez as subs. Both the Angels and Pumas have a great passing game that they used all season long, and they will use it on Thanksgiving Day to get past the Hurricaners defense to score. Leading the way for their offense will be Andrea Alvarez and Giselle Moreno. Both of these girls have an on target kick and can score from anywhere on the field! The Pangels amazing defense will make it extremely hard for them to be scored on. Throughout the season, Zoe Hanson and Jenna Palumbo did a great job of always clearing the ball away from their goalie and getting it to an open teammate down the field. All of the girls on these teams have improved greatly over the season from being more aggressive to having better ball handling skills. Giselle Moreno improved at goalie with her power punts and amazing saves. Jenna Palumbo became a great defender who was nervous at the beginning of the season but by the end wasn't scared of anyone. Zoe Hanson was also a shy player at the beginning of the season, but soon she would attack the ball wherever it was on the field. Madeline Landry also improved at goalie during the season and even got a shutout during the season! Mia Panol is the Pumas best striker due to her speed and accuracy that is complimented by Zosima Clark's relentless hustle. When these two teams get together on Thanksgiving Day, they will work great together as they compliment each other extremely well! Their communication and enthusiasm between each other will be able to be heard across all the fields and everyone will know how supportive they are of each other. The Pangels expect to beat the Hurricaners on Thanksgiving Day with their great power shots and communication skills. Playing great for the Angles all season long was Andrea Alvarez, Giselle Moreno, Sara Lopez, Sofia Medina, Star Perez, Eliza McHale, Jackie Castillo, Danery Hernandez and Jenna Palumbo. Playing great throughout the season for the Pumas was Zosima Clark, Lily Flynn, Zoe Hanson, Alair Korellis, Madeline Landry, Mia Panol, Madeline Sullivan, and Gabriella Yoshimura.

The Hurricaners also had a great season that was lead by their awesome coaches! Hans Nelson led the Hurricanes and brought his love of soccer into the girls, which showed while they were on the field. Dave Zalesky brought his enthusiasm and great attitude, which the girls fed off of, as he led the Twisters. On Thanksgiving Day, these two teams will work great together since all of them always hustle to the ball and have great instincts on where to put the ball. The defense of the Hurricaners will be hard to get past as they have a great mix of girls that are awesome at this position. Julia Krahn will bring her powerful kicks that are always put in the right spot and Angelina Serment will bring her great decision making skills on whether to pass the ball up field or to take it there herself. The Hurricaners also have a great group of girls playing offense and that has showed all season long. Harper Nelson has great passing skills and can always get the ball to her teammate no matter who is in front of her! Zoey Mulderink will also be a great asset to the Hurricanes. She is able to control the ball with little effort to get past any defender in her way in order to take a shot on the opponent's goal. Addison Stoner and Jocelyn Chammas will work great with Maddie Bates as they too can hustle to the ball and get it to the net with what seems like little effort on their part. The Hurricaners have 2 awesome goalies working for them: Riley Gaietto and Claudia Poelhmann. These two girls have been awesome all season long at blocking shots and getting the ball out to their teammates. Although all of the girls have improved this season, Melanie Tapia and Kahla Erdbeer have improved most for the Hurricanes. They both had little experience in soccer before this season but by the end, they were able to control the ball with both of their feet and could kick the ball further than before. Sarah Zalesky has become a great defender for the Twisters and loves to play that position. At the beginning of the season she really didn't understand where to put the ball, but now she always gets it to the right place! The Hurricaners expect to beat the Pangels on Thanksgiving Day with their speed, ball handling skills, communication skills, breakaway efforts, and aggressiveness. Playing great for the Hurricanes all season long was Madeline Bates, Monica Camacho, Kahla Erdbeer, Zoey Mulderink, Harper Nelson, Claudia Poehlmann, Angelina Serment, and Melanie Tapia. Playing hard for the Twisters all season was Jocelyn Chammas, Riley Gaietto, Julia Krahn, Zarina Naqvi, Ayanna Reeves-Woodson, Addison Stoner, and Sarah Zalesky.

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## PEBBLE SOCCER FIELD 1 10:00 AM



Ending the soccer season for the 2014 year will definitely be a promising match-up and something to look back upon. This past season there were many changes- from the field dimensions being that of the Junior and Senior league, all the way to how well these girls improved within a span of two months. On Thanksgiving Day the Pebble Wildcats will take on their rivals, the Aliens for the first game. The second game of the day will be a great game between the Angels and Hurricanes. The pebble season has most definitely come a long way compared to the first game; and the coaches should be proud of that aspect for themselves, along with other things they have accomplished. The girls have most definitely learned what it takes to be a great teammate as the season progressed, and I was lucky enough to witness that. Overall, all of the girls have grown tremendously with their soccer, sportsmanship, and defense/offense skills.

#### **WILDCATS VS ALIENS**

Now to move onto the Wildcats, the team that went undefeated this season! This team was excellently led by coaches Juan Gonzalez and Kate Martin, two phenomenal coaches. The strategy which was taken in for the team for the practices and on the field was always second to none the best! Just from reffing I could see how well the girls all worked together. The girls truly had fun, and had an awesome bond with one another. A lot of times we say that the girls improved greatly compared to the beginning of the season, but even at the beginning the girls executed having possession of the ball tremendously well. Juan and Kate were truly impressed with the successful passes the team made, the ball control, and the give and go down the field helped them throughout the season. Although how I am describing the team may seem like there was no need for improvement throughout the season, there definitely was. Always being enthusiastic to play the goalie position was Izzy Hrubec. Izzy made great saves during the season when she played goalie. There was never a moment where Izzy wasn't prepared to dive for the ball to make a save that could possibly ruin their winning streak. Going along with having a great goalie, there needs to be a great defense team. That defense duo would be Georgia Gutierrez and Elise Wolf. Both of these girls were extremely aggressive to attack the ball and change the direction of it every time it crossed the midfield line. These girls were not afraid to approach the offender and get ready to receive a pass once the ball would be stolen. Making the environment the best it could be was because Maggie Taylor would always have a smile on her face as she played throughout all the positions. On top of Maggie always being enthusiastic, she would always follow her shot on goals, so if they missed she would be right there to score a goal. Sofia Bush definitely had numerous amounts of saves because of her accurate passes. Whenever Sofia took possession of the ball and made a pass, someone on the other end would be there to receive it. Now, if just by any chance she passed the ball too hard and someone could not receive it, Elena Gonzalez would be there to make the best throw-ins I have seen in this league! Elena has great form when it comes to planting her feet, all the way to giving her all through the motion of throwing the ball. As the season went on, Elena improved how far she could throw the ball in, and can probably throw farther than Coach Gonzalez AND Martin! Having great shots on goal were both Cecilia Barlow and Taylor Murphy. The ball control of these girls and their accurate shooting improved over the span of the past 2 months to. Having great instincts on where to throw the ball in, where to pass, where to be to receive a pass, or where the ball may go was Lilly Cohen and Jocelyn Serment. These two definitely had a sixth sense of knowing where the ball was throughout the entire game. The girls would attack after it, and make sure their team had possession of it. Having full of energy, never complaining about the position they were place in, and being able to get up and down the field effortlessly was Elizabeth Martin and Molly McDonagh. Both girls were awesome team players and came to every game with awesome sportsmanship! Speaking with Coach Kate Martin, she told me what her favorite memory was during the season. During every game the team would have a pep talk and overview their plans for the game. One day, the team came together and spoke of their kick-off plan if they were to receive it; the one midfielder would make a slight pass to the other midfielder was would quickly send a pass to the striker who would cut down the field and go to the wing to attempt a make a goal. The plan was executed perfectly within the first 10 seconds of the game, helping the Wildcats win that game. Overall, the Wildcats believe they should win on Thanksgiving Day because of their attendance, dedicated practice, and the daily effort the girls put in each and every day. Playing greatly for the Wildcats were: Cecilia Barlow, Sofia Bush, Lilly Cohen, Elena Gonzalez, Georgia Gutierrez, Izzy Hrubec, Elizabeth Martin, Molly McDonagh, Taylor Murphy, Jocelyn Serment, Maggie Taylor, and Elise Wolf. May the odds ever be in your favor!

Aliens were led by head coach, Liam Stein. Helping Liam out was Marc Glovsky and Paul Azzarello. Playing in the formation of 2-2-2, the Aliens found that this helped their team effectively get passes across the field to an open teammate. The forte of the Aliens was definitely their defense! Who helped greatly at the defensive position throughout the season were Cerela Marin and Hannah Landry. Both girls would stop the ball every time it came near their goal. Players like Alani Perez and Dorothy Bingham had tremendous ball skills, possession, and power kicks. When these girls played the midfielder position, disaster was due to come. With these girls being to run around the entire field, they would as well help Cerela and Hannah quickly advance the ball to the other side of the field so they could potentially score. Another great defender for the Aliens was definitely Emma Glovsky. When Emma played defense, no one would ever be able to pass her up at that midfield line, and if they did, they would be tailgated until the ball got out of their territory. Playing great at the goalie position was Emily Rue. Her height always gave her an advantage if a team would try and lift the ball into the net. On the flipside, Katie Stein, Grace Watson, and Pia Azzarello knew exactly how to execute the striker position. These girls would truly pressure the defense, show their excellent foot work skills, advance to the goal when possession is gained, and overall just weren't afraid to mix things up. Moreover, always know where the ball can be very tricky, but Ivy Mejia showed her mastery in just that. It seemed as if wherever the ball was, Ivy would quickly trail or be just right there. Truly improving compared to the beginning of the season were Emily Wojdyla and Riley O'Halleran-Harder. Emily quickly became one of the most significant contributors on both offense and defense. Her passing skills were second to none; and her energy was just truly uplifting for the whole team to witness. For Riley, she shined in the goalie position and learned how to aggressive, and if the ball ever came into the goal box she was right there to attack the ball. Playing great for this team overall were: Alani Perez, Dorothy Bingham, Cerela Marin, Katie Stein, Pia Azzarello, Grace Watson, Emma Glovksy, Ivy Mejia, Hannah Landry, Riley O'Halleran-Harder, Emily Wojdyla, and Emily Rue.

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### PEBBLE SOCCER FIELD 1 11:00 AM

#### **HURRICANES VS ANGELS**

Hurricanes were led by many great coaches. Taking the spotlight for the head coaching position was Dan Sullivan and Ryan Johnson; assisting the two head coaches were Ross and Lisa Mishkin. Throughout the season the girls had practices which were extremely fundamental to their learning, and these coaches made the environment the best they could. Captains, Theresa Cunningham and Mia Johnson helped lead the team on the field when the coaches would give pep talks to the girls on the sidelines. These two girls showed numerous amounts of teamwork and skill to help the team in all different shapes and forms. Theresa Cunningham's forte when it came down to playing was the goalie position. Theresa's athleticism truly shined during this season for soccer as she made herself available for any position that she was shifted to play, and how she combated those positions. No one else in the league showed the dedication and admiration for the goalie position as much as Theresa did; which her goalie save percentage would show. Playing best in the striker position were the two sisters- Mia Johnson (captain) and Madison Johnson. Mia being the leading scorer, she had the strongest leg on the team to make quick-fast and effective goals every opportunity that she could. One goal that was made during the season was lifted off the ground into the top side of the net, which was awesome, according to the coaches! Playing well all around was Brigitte Cueva and Ella Foeller. Both girls have tremendously improved compared to the beginning of the season. Both Brigitte and Ella were always were the ball was at and always went after every single ball that came their way. Sarah Portnoy and Blythe Mishkin played great together, considering how close of friends they are. These two would make great passes to one another, no matter if they were on: defense, offense, or playing midfield together. When it came down to aggression and getting to where the ball was at, Sydney Gaietto and Eva Kennedy would hustle up and down the field to gain possession of the ball any chance they would have. Jaslene Chammas was the most skilled when it came to footwork, possession, and overall for the team. Every game Jaslene would come out to do her absolute best and help lead her team to victory. Playing well on defense throughout the season was Kacie Stoner. Kacie would prevent a lot of goals from going into the net for her team. With the defensive skills of Kacie, she as well had help from Kelsey Sullivan. Kelsey throughout the season helped the team stay positive no matter what the circumstance would be; cold weather, hot weather, snowy weather, or rainy. Overall, the team found that their best style of play would have to be the "kick and run" strategy. When the girls were aggressive on the counter attack, almost all of the goals would be scored then. The girls always loved finding out who their partner was, since they perfected the 2-2-2 formation. Great season Hurricanes! Playing well for the Hurricanes were: Jaslene Chammas, Brigitte Cueva, Theresa Cunningham, Ella Foeller, Sydney Gaietto, Madison Johnson, Mia Johsnon, Eva Kennedy, Blythe Mishkin, Sarah Portnoy, Kacie Stoner, and Kelsey Sullivan.

The next team on the list is the Angels! The Angels were led head coaches: Daniel Rivas and Erik Petersen; assisting the team was Rob Wilson. Mainly this team found that their favorite formation would be 2-2-2. Having this formation kept the team spread out and helped everyone get open for a pass. Going along with their formation, they felt the style of gaining possession and making a pass truly helped them get open as well to make any type of pass they could. Perfecting the striker position would have to go to Isaly Melendez and Adyson Mueller. Both girls were fast and provided a ton of hustle to receive the ball, advance it to a player or swiftly attempt to make a goal. On the other side of the field would always be Lily Wooten who would love to play as the goalie, who has improved greatly over the entire season. Assisting the goalie on defense was Alyssa Damery, Madelyn Petersen, and Evangeline Lopez. These girls provided the best defense and always got in the way of the opponent to get the ball soaring out of their end. Playing great in the midfield the whole season was definitely Illiana Perez and Isabella Martinez. Both girls had great footwork that would always psych out the other players on the field. At the NBGC we are always looking forward to improve, and players such as: Sofia Donoso, Paige Gilbert, and Maggie Ryan improved greatly no matter what position it was. Striker Chorisse Wilson showed how well the position could be as she constantly took goals on the net. Overall, the coaches favorite memory would be that they always had a smile on their face throughout the season and had great fun overall. Even though we had cruddy weather on some game days, there was never a complaint from the girls. Playing well the entire season for the Angels was: Illiana Perez, Isaly Melendez, Adyson Mueller, Madelyn Petersen, Alyssa Damery, Fiona O'Grady, Chorisse Wilson, Evangeline Lopez, Lily Wooten, Isabella Martinez, Paige Gilbert, and Sofia Donoso.

Overall, all of the teams have played very well and have made all of the coaches, parents, and myself proud. Head Coach of the Aliens, Liam Stein said his favorite memory of the season was when we had our muddiest and cruddiest weather. The girls got their "fierce" on and played despite the weather. The girls this day gave their absolute all; and it wasn't only for the Aliens, but all of the teams. Everyone was a true warrior that day and showed that nothing can stop them, and their teamwork was shown beyond all measures with great spirit. With this in mind, it leads me back to the motto of the Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club, "For Better Men and Woman". This season has opened my eyes to the reality that every day was an opportunity to teach these girls the most that I could! While I worked with these girls, I was granted the opportunity to give these girls a chance in the future to look back on all of this and enjoy and reminisce all of the fun they had! I would like to thank all of the coaches, parents, spectators, volunteers, and leaders (Dalia Arroyo) that have been there the entire season! It would not be the same without you! Although I moved from the Daisy League to Pebble within only one year, it was a great move, and I loved being able to teach these girls all that I know. Hope to see you girls in the near future! Gobble up some turkey! (:

#### Turkey Bowl Volunteers Make a Difference

One great aspects of our traditional Thanksgiving celebration is the Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club alumni participation. Many former Leaders and Staff come out to help officiate games, serve refreshments and announce the games. Many others come out as spectators to watch the games and relive their childhood glory. Those listed below have volunteered to maintain the tradition f this great event. We could not do this without them. Thank you to:

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## DAISY SOCCER FIELD 1 12:00 PM

#### ANGELS & ALIENS VS HURRICANES & WILDCATS

This Thanksgiving Day will close the 2014 soccer season for the Daisy girls. These kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade girls have worked extremely hard all season; since their very first game to their last of the season. This season brought the girls together both as a team and a league. Together they have helped each other improve their skills, but overall have fun in every single game they played against each other. This year the Angels and Aliens will combine to make the Angiens and the Hurricanes and Wildcats will combine to make the Wildcanes.

The Angels and Aliens both have had an amazing season, which makes them a great matchup for the Turkey Bowl game! The Angels were led by Steve Kilander (Coach Kilander) and assistant coach Aaron Larkin, who always reminded the girls that spreading out was the key to excellent passes. With their help, the girls have shown great improvement on their defensive skills. The Aliens were led by Erik Pantoja and Ariana Pantoja, who were always encouraging the girls to take the shot and trust their kicks. Both teams used a 2-3-2 formation, which allowed them the chance to have all their players spread out and have enough players to help out on both sides of the field. The Aliens had a great offense that consisted of Ariana Pantoja, Bridget Taylor and Bridget Fitzgerald. The girls continuously worked together to make great passes to each other, and take advantage scoring a goal! As Erik Pantoja, describes Ariana Pantoja had a powerful and direct style of shooting and Bridget Fitzgerald had a quick and precise shooting style. The Angels have had one of the strongest defenses in the league which for them was led by Savanah Spencer, Scarlett Spencer and Brielle Heitz. The girls have grown exceptionally throughout the season. At the beginning of the season they feared the ball, now as soon as the ball is on their side of the field they are quick on attacking it, and sending it down the other side of the field. For the Angels, the Spencer sisters have taken the spotlight for the best defensive players of their team. According to Coach Kilander, "Both Savanah and Scarlett have done an incredible job for their first year playing soccer/ learning the position of goalie and defense. These girls are future star athletes with a 'winning attitude' that is just fun to be around". The Angels and Aliens make a great match-up for this coming game, seeing that they have the skill and power on both sides of the field. Not only did the Aliens have a strong offense they also had a strong defense. Their strongest defensive players consisted of Luciana Wilson, and Maddy Snyder, who also played with a broken wrist for a few games! While on defense the girls would always do an outstanding job dribbling the ball down the sides of the field, while keeping it inbounds! The Angels also had many great strikers throughout the season, two of them being Bailey Kilander and Sloan Larkin. In any given game you would always see Bailey and Sloan owning the fields as they would dribble through the opposing team's defense, and help each other take many shots on the goal! Last but certainly not least we have to take a moment to recognize both teams amazing goalies! Although not many players always want to play goalie, but this wasn't the case for the Angels at the beginning of the game or half you could always hear the girls yell, "ME, ME, I want to be goalie!!" The Spencer sisters



along with Campbell Larkin and Hayden Larkin made up the team of goalies for the Angels. As for the Aliens they had girls like Tilly Paulson and Emily Ryan that would give the word goalie a deeper meaning, as they always tried their hardest to stop the ball from crossing the goal line! Expecting to play for the Angels and Aliens; Brielle Heitz, Bailey Kilander, Campbell Larkin, Hayden Larkin, Sloan Larkin, Savanah Spencer, Scarlett Spencer, Ariana Pantoja, Tilly Paulson, Bridget Fitzgerald, Bridget Taylor, Luciana Wilson, Maddy Snyder, and Emily Ryan.

The Wildcats and Hurricanes will be a tough opponent for the Angels and Aliens, because both teams have had a strong defense and offense! The Wildcats have been led by Juan Gonzalez and Karl Anderson, who always encouraged the girls to dribble and shoot every time they had the chance. The Hurricanes have been led by Aaron Grecius and Greta Grecius who taught the girls that it isn't always about winning but learning and having fun. Throughout the entire season all the girls on both teams showed off how much they could grow, as they all improved their soccer skills greatly. Throughout the season the Hurricanes always had a great defense that at most times was hard for other team to get through. Leading their strong defensive wall

was Ellyanna Stearn, and Ella Crumbliss. Both girls would always assist their goalie by taking the goal kicks allowing their goalie to have a little extra time to make better saves! Although their team didn't just stop at great defensive players they also had extraordinary goalies which were Veronica Motawi, Eliza Mishkin and Katie McGarry, they were always quick on their feet to stop an incoming ball! Although Katie McGarry was the smallest of team, and the league she proved herself to be one of the top dogs, as she grew into a great dribbler and even better goalie. By the end of the season she no longer feared the ball! The Wildcats started the season with a strong offense led by Gabriella Gonzalez, Jane Mangan, and Hollis Anderson, leaving a strong impression on most teams. Coach Gonzalez says that Gabriella started off as a very strong defensive player but as the season progressed she began to grow into a strong defensive player. Not only has she grown throughout the season as Hollis Anderson greatly improved her dribbling skills and changing directions and Jane Mangan got better in dribbling and attacking the ball. Not to mention that Anabella Kraman learned the importance of field awareness, as she would use different angles to get to the ball quicker. Coach Aaron looks back into the season and describes his feelings as, "The girls love to play soccer and love to have fun! It was great to see them singing our team song, while running drills, and at the end of games!" Watching the girls sing their team song at the end of every game made every girl feel like a part of something bigger than just a team! Not only did the Wildcats have a powerful defense they also had a great defensive team made up of their defensive players and goalie, Brooke Gentzen, Sophie Buino, and Sophia Gonzalez. While on defense you could always find Brooke and Sophie chasing the ball, ready to clear it out onto the other side of the field. Coach Gonzalez describes Sophia Gonzalez's first year playing soccer as, "Being the youngest of the bunch was our most enthusiastic player and our toughest goalie. Her awareness on the field improved as the year progressed and it was very hard to get a shot past her. On the sidelines what we enjoyed the most was her sound effects and her color commentary during the game. Her highlight had to be the one goal she scored in which she danced around the ball confusing the defense and then started towards the opponents goal, side stepping a couple of defenders and scoring." The Hurricanes strong offense mainly consisted of Simone Grecius and Brynn Walter, both girls never gave up! They always worked together and tried their hardest to take shots on the goal. Throughout the season the girls played strong and always showed their best sportsmanship at the end of every game. Expecting to be playing for the Hurricanes and Wildcats; Simone Grecius, Eliza Mishkin, Brynn Walter, Ellyana Stearn, Ella Crumbliss, Katie McGarry, Veronica Motawi, Gabriella Gonzalez, Jane Mangan, Hollis Anderson, Anabella Kraman, Brooke Gentzen, Sophia Gonzalez and Sophie Buino.

With all the great players and their improvements throughout the season, it is sure going to be a fun game to watch! These 4 teams will come together to make 2 outstanding teams to work on their teamwork and sportsmanship. The Angels & Aliens (Angiens) will face off against the Hurricanes & Wildcats (Wildcanes) at 12:00pm on Thanksgiving afternoon on field 1. Good luck to both teams and thank you for a great season!

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## TRIBE TACKLE FOOTBALL FIELD 2 8:00 AM



The time has come once again for the NBGC football and soccer players to take the field for the last time of the season, on the morning of Thanksgiving! An exciting Tribe League match-up between the Cougars & Eagles will kick off the action with an early 8:00am start time on field 2. These two teams have been involved in very competitive games all season long with both teams playing very good football. The Eagles won the first two meetings during the season, but dropped the season finale by just one point as the Cougars came through in the clutch to win their final game of their season and jump to the top of the standings to end the season in first place. Some great football will definitely be seen as these teams meet for the final time of the year, each looking to prove that they are the best in the league as they battle for the right to be called the 2014 Turkey Bowl Champs.

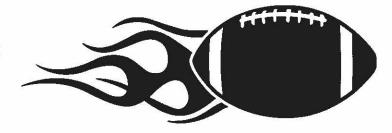
#### COUGARS vs EAGLES

Almost all of the Cougars from last season returned as they were determined to come back and play strong football on their way to winning to the championship. They are led once again by coaches Alan Velez, Freddy Feliciano, and Sam Banks. The Cougars run most of their offense out of a shotgun formation, occasionally throwing in the "Pistol" and "I-Stack" formations. The Cougars do most of their damage on the ground; however, they do like to change it up and go to the air utilizing the talent of all of their players. The running game features a threeheaded monster, with all three runners showcasing a different style. Jaylin Feliciano earned the nickname "Beast Mode" by his teammates after a long season of running through opposing tacklers no matter their size, showing no fear. Saveer Giles is a quick, shifty runner out of the backfield that can squeeze through small openings and make defenders miss in the open field. The last head of the monster is Jovanni Duarte, One of the fastest players in the league who is very tough to bring down once he gets going, and also has the ability to "cut through butter like a hot knife," displaying his amazing slashing ability. The Cougars get everyone involved on their offense, especially when they turn to the passing attack. Jacob Ramos is a double threat as he has both caught and threw for a touchdown this season. He is dangerous whether he is taking the snap in the backfield or out wide on the line. Alban Dauti made the most of his carries out of the backfield throughout the season as well as his opportunities as a wide receiver in the passing game where he got to show off his good hands. Following touchdowns, the Cougars have converted a couple of two-point conversions off the leg of "the crushanator," Alan Velez. The lineman on both sides of the ball, offense and defense, are referred to as the "glue of the team" by their coaches, saying that they are "a perfect formula for success." Alex Figueroa, Bennett Shure, and Isaiah Cruz are the three anchors of their powerful line on both sides of the ball. The strength of the offense and all of the success that their runners have had all season can all be attributed to the hard work of the big O-line. Syed Naqvi & Alan Velez are two important players on the defense for the Cougars playing the safety positions. They are two unusually big guys for the safety position, but they are both ball-hawks as they have combined for a number of interceptions throughout the season and are very dangerous when they get the ball in their hands. The toughest opponent for the Cougars this season is their Turkey Bowl opponent, the Eagles. The Cougars went 1-2 against them during the season, having a lot trouble stopping the passing game despite their two talented safeties. The favorite memory of the year for coach Alan Velez was coming back to beat the Eagles in their last match-up to end the season as champs, a memory that the team would agree is their favorite. The Cougars believe they are going to win on Thanksgiving Day because they have heart and are on a "mission to leave as Champions!"

The Eagles started the season off strong as they were rolling through opponents and winning games with ease on their way to quickly grabbing 1st place in the standings and holding it until the final week. Coaches Erik Perez & Louis Chorne lead the Eagles along with great leadership from captains Eddy Perez & Luis Mazon. The Eagles run their offense out of 3 formations: "Ace, Double Gun, and I-Formation." Their most successful plays on offense this season were the QB sweep, single & double reverse, and the pitch-pass when they turn to their passing attack. The rushing game of Eagles features several different backs that have all had a great season and look to finish strong in the Turkey Bowl. Eric Chorne is a newcomer to this Eagles team but showed early on that he is an asset for the offense as he knows how to hit a hole hard and get through it using his quick acceleration to pick up positive yards. David Wilson just might be the fastest player in the league and when he gets room to run on the outside nobody is going to catch him. Myon Dalton is a big runner that also has a lot of speed and always takes extra hits trying to keep the play alive for his team and gain more yards. QB Eddy Perez is a very smart runner they can not only make defenders miss tackles, but he also has the ability to change the play when getting to the line of scrimmage after looking at how the defense gets lined up. Now onto the Eagles passing game which has been as good as just about any Tribe team the past few years. Myon Dalton has showed all season long how strong his arm is throwing deep ball after deep ball to the speedy receiver David Wilson. Those two have connected in every game and most of the time it resulted in a very exciting and impressive touchdown. Eddy Perez handles the short passes with very accurate throws to Eric Prieto, Eric Chorne, and Blake Heitz. All three of those receivers have been reliable targets all season long in the short passing game. Jovany Torres is the return man for the Eagles on kickoffs, running the ball well and always giving the offense great starting field position. The O-line has been great all season for the Eagles, providing plenty of time for the QBs in the backfield to complete passes. Jonathan Ancheta & Victor Perez used their size as an advantage throughout the season making it very difficult for defensive lineman to get by them. Brandon West showed the most improvement on the line in the coaches' eyes after coming into this season with little experience he is now one of their most reliable guys up front. On the defensive side, Luis Mazon has had a great season breaking through blocks and causing a lot of problems for opposing offenses playing very well against the run and rushing the passer. Eric Prieto is a pure pass rusher that will do whatever he can to get into the backfield and put pressure on the QB. The most memorable moment for Coach Erik Perez this season came midway through the season, after a touchdown. He was thinking of the play to call for the extra point attempt, but when he looked at his team nobody came over to get the play call. When the coach called some of his players over, they replied: "we got this, we already have our play," showing great leadership on the field and converting on the attempt. The Eagles expect to win on Thanksgiving because they have played good, consistent football all season long and suffered their only lost in the final week. They are all dedicated to leave the field as NBGC Turkey Bowl Champions.

#### TRIBE PLAYERS

DON'T FORGET TO TURN IN YOUR HELMETS AND SHOULDER PADS BEFORE YOU LEAVE ON THANKSGIVING DAY



## TRIBE TACKLE FOOTBALL FIELD 2 9:15 AM

#### LOCUST vs SPARTANS

The Locusts will face off against the Spartans in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tribe League match-up on Thanksgiving Day, kicking off at 9:15 on field 2. Both of these teams have had to battle through injuries throughout the season, each losing a few players along the way but still playing strong football all the way down to the last week of the season. The Locusts held the upper hand of the games played between these two squads, winning the first 2 match-ups, until the last week of the season when Spartans showed up to play and ended their season playing their best football on their way to picking up their first win. Both of these teams will have players joining them from the early game to fill up both sides and play a good, competitive game of 11-on-11.

The Locusts had a very strong season picking up several wins, a tie against the Eagles, and some very good football games against the two teams in the opener. Tony Staniszewski, Brian Polich, and Jim Bailey are the three coaches leading the team along with captains Ian Bish & William Polich. The Locusts run their offense out of the "Power Left" formation where they feature several different runners and plays that have perfected in practice. They have been very successful running the ball right up the gut behind William Polich all season long as they are able to generate a strong push forward and quickly pick up positive yards. The other play that has had a lot of success on is the "Down Out Pass," a play where the tight end slips behind the linebackers and cuts to the sideline for a quick hit pass play. Jared Staniszewski & Ian Bish have been the usual receivers for those plays as they have executed that play perfectly all season long. Both of those receivers have displayed their ability to run a perfect route and bring the ball in, most of the time in scoring situations. Tyler Lester is a strong runner out of the backfield for the Locusts that shows off his great strength with every carry. He is a fast and powerful runner that can make great cuts to find the open running lane and just throw tacklers off of him as he keeps his legs moving. Ethan Breen is the speed back for the Locusts that is also not afraid to go full speed into big piles as he always fights for the extra yards. Elias Serrano had a strong season running the ball as well, until his season was cut short due to injury. Ki Smiley handles all of the throwing duties in the passing game, showing all season long how accurate his arm is hitting with a great completion percentage. Damian Leal & Tyler Lester handle the kickoffs and punts which have been very impressive throughout the year. Damian has had a great season for the Locusts in every phase of the game, giving it all he's got on every single play of every game. He is a superb blocker of the O-line that can use his speed to get out ahead of the ball carrier and make a lead block. On the defensive side, he flies across the field sideline to sideline making very good form tackles. It was very difficult for any team to get past Damian and opposing teams often tried to stay away from him as much as they could. Unfortunately for him and the Locusts, he suffered an injury last week that will keep him sidelined for the Turkey Bowl and his presence will surely be missed. Max Brown made an impact immediately after joining the team on both sides of the ball. He is very hard to block as he will just run right through the O-line to track down the ball. Devin Polich & Noel Ontanon have showed their versatility throughout the season as they have been used at just about every position trying to help fill in the gaps for the team and help them play their best. All of the coaches are very proud of how their team has progressed from last season up until the final week. Instead of expecting to win their turkey Bowl match-up, the Locusts just want to show up and continue to play strong football as they look to improve to 3-1 against the Spartans.

The Spartans have battled through adversity all season long, hanging in there no matter what came up, and they were finally rewarded in their last game of the season by picking up the win in a very close contest. Now the Spartans look to keep that momentum rolling into the Turkey Bowl as they have another meeting with the Locusts where they will try and end the season series at 2-2 with a win on thanksgiving. Coach Rich Triphahn leads the Spartans squad alongside captains John Walsh, Cristian Mercado, and Jonathan Rodas. The Spartans run most of their offense out of a shotgun formation with either 1 or 2 running backs. The most successful plays for the Spartans offense this season have been simple runs through the middle and surprisingly on broken plays when their speedy runners have turned nothing into something gaining positive yards. Jonathan Rodas is the fastest runner on the team that has the ability to slip away from tacklers. He had an impressive game to end his season scoring multiple touchdowns, but unfortunately will not be present for the Turkey Bowl. John Walsh is another very talented runner for the Spartans that is very determined to get up field and pick up positive yards. Anthony Davalos also steps in when needed to help out by taking on some carries and pushing ahead through tacklers. William Stewart doubles as a receiver and a running back, displaying a good set of hands and the ability to catch the ball coming out of the backfield. The Spartans offensive line greatly improved since the start of the season and they were the key to picking up the win last week. Cristian Mercado had a strong start up front for the Spartans splitting the duties as a center and a guard. He played great in both of those positions and battled through injuries for as long as he could, really displaying his toughness, until he suffered an unfortunate injury that sidelined him for the remainder of the season. Gabriel Krahn, Andrew Sanchez, and Jonathan Gualipa have really stepped up and played excellent, especially down the stretch of the season as they have been providing their runners with plenty of space to run through up the middle. Defensively, Evan Pietrusiewicz & Fabian Garcia have shown great improvement throughout the season in practices and games as they have turned into two of the better tacklers on the team. Both of them are fearless when it comes to attacking ball carriers now as they always manage to at least get a hold the runner and slow them down even if they cannot make the tackle. Anthony Davalos, Fabian Garcia, and Evan Pietrusiewicz helped keep the team moving through some challenges that they were faced with this season by showing up for all practices, while William Stewart, Gabriel Krahn, Jonathan Guallpa, Andrew Sanchez, and Jonathan Rodas provided a different type of support for the team being the funny guys on the field, keeping everyone's spirits high and light-hearted. John Walsh did a great job stepping into the Captain role, taking leadership of the team and running plays on his own without the help of a coach when on the field. The Spartans believe they can win on thanksgiving because they are coming off an impressive win against the locusts in their last game and they believe they can do it again as long as everyone can come together as a team and play another great football game.

#### TRIBE LEAGUE PARTY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6th 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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To show appreciation for all of the hard work and dedication of the Tribe League players for coming together and helping out any team in need of players throughout the season, all Tribe League football players are invited to come out to an end of the season party that will be held at the NBGC clubhouse on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-9:00pm. Basketball tournaments will be held in the small gym along with game room tournaments of bumper pool, foosball, ping pong, and air hockey. Did I Mention Pizza & Prizes??? Prizes will be awarded for the winners of the above tournaments and pizza will be provided for all players! All that we ask is for players with a last name that starts with A-G to bring soda, H-R to bring snacks/chips, and S-Z to bring deserts. We hope to see everyone come out to bring the season to an end the right way... with a party!

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## DISCOVERY FLAG FOOTBALL FIELD 2 10:30 AM

#### **BOBCATS VS SPARTANS**

For our first game of the 2014 Turkey Bowl, we have the Spartans VS the Bobcats. Both teams have improved greatly throughout the season, and are looking forward to one last game against each other. The Spartans are led by head coaches **Brett Williams** and **Aaron Ruengpinyophun**. Leading the Bobcats are coaches **John Zacher**, **Kurt Martin**, and **James Stoner**. These amazing coaches are the reason that we have had such an amazing season. All of these coaches have led their respective teams to success all throughout the season.

On offense the Spartans have run plays out of the single back formation. Their favorite play to run has been a QB Sweep and a QB Bootleg, which Owen Ruengpinyophun and Richard Baron took control of at the quarterback position. Richard Baron was the only player in the league to complete a pass, which was to Blake Grush. Elijah Williams and Lucas Custodio led the Spartans as running backs, gaining many great yards. The Spartans offensive line is an intense group of kids. On the left side of the line Blake Grush and AJ Williams protected the QB, while on the right side Dominic and Roco McGee were able to lead the team with blocks. Playing at center was Richard Baron who would also switch out and play QB. Edwardo Carranza and Kevin Murphy would take on the receiver and tight end roles all throughout the season. When they were not going out for pass plays these two boys would be the lead blockers for the quarterback and the running backs. When asked how they would win on thanksgiving, assistant coach Aaron Ruengpinyophun said in a statement "We've got a few tricks up our sleeves".

The Bobcats' offense was amazing this season. They had many amazing runs, and ran many great plays, that combined for countless yards. The Bobcats' offense worked out of the I formation and the single back formation. Their favorite play has been a sweep to the right or left side and a QB bootleg. Steven Rene and Charlie "Jace" Logan-Reynolds were the masters at running these plays. At Quarterback we had Joe Zacher and Fredrick Dino. The running backs for the Bobcats were Antonio Yanez, Steven Rene and Charlie "Jace" Logan-Reynolds. All of these boys had an amazing season gaining hundreds of yards during their games this season. The Bobcats strong offensive line made it hard for the defense to get though. JJ Stoner was at center making many great blocks with the help of his line mates: Quinn Sullivan and Owen Russell. All of these boys are the reason that the bobcats had such an amazing run game during the season. Their countless blocks are what helped their running backs. On the outside of the line we had the duo of Smith Beeson and Theo Chapman, and these two tackles would also switch out and take on the role of tight ends. When they would not go out for a pass, they would help out on the line to make sure that their quarterback would have enough time in the pocket to make a play.

The Spartans always play a strong defense that makes it hard for any team to get through them. Their defensive strengths have been "stuffing the middle gaps" and "stacking the ends". Elijah Williams and Lucas Custodio both had amazing flag pulls in every game this season. They would always be there for their team when they needed to make a huge stop on defense these boys would always be at the door. Playing linebackers were Blake Grush, Al Williams and Owen Ruengpinyophun. The Spartans had a defensive line to fear, playing on the line would be Edwardo Carranza, Owen Ruengpinyophun, and Dominic and Rocco McGee

The Bobcats' defense is similarly outstanding; they are led by defensive linemen Smith Beeson, Quinn Sullivan and Owen Russell. These boys have been really great on the line because of their skill to read the offense and predict where the runner will be. They have gotten help from their line backers Joe Zachar, Steven Rene, and Charlie "Jace" Logan-Reynolds. All of these players have showed great skill in chasing down players to get the flags. With the speed of Antonio Yanez and Steven Rene, no running back was able to get past them. Playing at corner back were typically Jayden Feaman and Theo Chapman. These two boys would keep the skies over the field clear of any flying footballs.

Both teams have greatly improved since the start of the season; each player has brought their own style of play to the game. So it's safe to say that this game will be one to remember.

#### LOCUSTS & EAGLES VS COUGARS & BEES

Playing in our second game of the day, we have the combination of the Cougars and Bees VS the Locusts and Eagles. The Cougars and Bees are led by coaches, Tony DePalo, Dwight King, Bill Gibbs, Matt Meyers and Ed Walsh. The Eagles and Locusts are led by coaches Jeremy Groh, Mike Rothgery, Chris Roark, Jeff Katz, and Gerald Saltarelli. Both teams have achieved so much this season that this will be a great one from start to finish.

The Cougars' offense has been on fire this whole season, leading the team at quarterback has been Cash Reese. The Cougars normally work out of the sing back formation or they will also run plays out of the I formation. In the backfield we will usually see Max Cameron or Aiden Thomas at running back. The reason for such a powerful offense is the amazing line that protects the running and quarter backs. On the O line we will find Enzo and Leo Nardini, these boys will use all their power to make sure that the line backers will not get through their line. Playing on the outside of the line, Phoenix Arroyo will make sure that the outside of his line is secure. Finn Gallagher and Thomas Lyons would play receivers, when they would not go out for passes they would, drop back to help out their running back. Not only do they have a good offense, but they have a strong defense. Henry Stiehl and Maks DePalo, would always be quick to contain the edges. These two boys had eyes that could read the quarterback and would be able to get in his path to pull his flag. Playing linebacker would be Cash Reese, with his quick speed; no running back was able to get past him. Anthony Catron was a player that would always be quick to help put his team when they were on defense, he would play on the line along with Phoenix Arroyo and Maks DePalo. This trio of boys would band together to make sure that the D-line was as strong as a wall.

Playing alongside the Cougars today are the Bees. The Bees run their plays out of the I formation. Being led at QB by Connor Gibbs and Teddy Walsh, their favorite plays have been the QB end-around and a fake hand off. Jesse Vick has been the running back for the Bees, with his shifty running style in open field; he is great at gaining many yards for his team. Playing alongside him at Running Back was Danny Howard. His running style is similar only that Danny has great vision when running down field finds openings to get even more yards. On the Bees O-Line Penn Larkin and Connor Gibbs have been amazing, they have had many blocks which have helped their running backs. Playing on the outside line was Michael Howe and Leo Piazzi. These two tackles would make sure that their QB and running backs were safe. They would make amazing blocks which helped keep important plays alive. When the Bees were on defense they would have no worries as they had Andrew Meyers at nose tackle, who would charge right through the line to make sure that there was no progress in the play. Helping out Andrew on the line has been Resler Evans who would chase down players to pull off their flags. Playing at linebackers, Leo Aluise and Jake Browne would make great plays by rushing the QB to force him to make a play that the Bees could easily contain. Overall the Bees have been a great team in all aspects, no matter what side of the ball they were on. They have a strong offense and a superior defense.

The Eagles have been a team that has always made great plays all season, whether they were on offense or defense they would always make sure that the teams that play them would remember them. Working out of the single back formation, Isaiah Davalos would lead the eagles from the quarterback position. One of their favorite plays to run was the reverse. This play would normally be completed by Michael Roman and Mitchell Quiles. When they weren't running reverse plays, Jayden Torres and Elijah Martinez would take control of the running back position. These two boys would always make their parent son the sidelines proud, all that you would hear from the Eagles' sideline would be the families of the player whenever they would make great plays. Marcos Allen Palacios and Michael Barreto would make great blocks on the O-line for the eagles. They would use all of their power to make sure that the defense would not get past them. When the Eagles were on defense they knew that they had no worries because they had Tyler and Josh Groh. These two brothers would make great defensive stops for the Eagles. Helping them out on defense were Elijah Martinez and Max Rothgery. All of the players on the eagles made this team function like a well-oiled machine, with the directions from their coaches. They were able to shock the crowd with their amazing plays. When coach Groh was asked why the Eagles would win on thanksgiving he said "Because the Eagles have heart and play like a team, they never quit". Strong words said by coach Groh. This has been a team that has greatly improved since the start of the season; let's see what they have in store for us on thanksgiving

Playing with the Eagles we will also have the Locusts. Being led at quarterback by TJ McDonagh, the Locusts have been a team full of really great kids, but more importantly a team of great football players. The Locusts usually run their plays out of the single back formation. The run game for the locusts was always a strong one thanks to the quick feet of Jett Palmersheim, and Solar Storm-Corso. Giving them great blocks were Matthew Richlen and Devin Rosenfield. At the tight end position Michael Katz would always be open for pass plays, however when he went out to fake a pass he would really be blocking for his running back. This great play is what helped the Locusts all season. They used skillfully designed plays to trick the other teams to make sure that they get as many yards as they can. To win on thanksgiving their coaches said "That they will not throw an interception and make sure that there is good blocking on the line by the boys". On the Locusts defensive side, Jake Saltarelli, had many strong plays that were able to hold back the opposing offense. Helping him out were Carlton Murray and Damani Vasquez who would make sure that flags were off the runners. The linebackers for the Locusts would usually be Landon Roark and Lucas Flynn. These two boys would always make sure that the running backs do not get past them. They will do whatever it take to keep the ball out of the end zone, even if that means chasing down a player all the way down the field, these boys will make sure that the runner's flags are off.





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## PREP FLAG FOOTBALL FIELD 3 8:00 AM



The strong league of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys will be facing off on Thanksgiving at 8:00am. Due to absent players for the holiday we will be playing a round robin event. Where each team plays the other for a half and switches. The Bees and Bobcats will be combining forces to face off against the Eagles in one game and the Spartans in another. The first game of the day will be Eagles vs. Spartans starting at 8:00.

#### EAGLES vs SPARTANS vs BEES & BOBCATS vs EAGLES

The Prep Eagles team is led by Head coach Shawn Cirton. Coach Cirton has been doing a great job all season with his players along with Assistant coaches Dave Roman and Miguel Vasquez. Leading the players on the field is Captain Matthew Roman and Co-captain Brayden Cirton. The Eagles are looking to get the ball early on in the half and run a number of their very effective plays. Including the single back with flank formation, Twins receiver set up, and Trips with a single running back. In those formations they look to run a number of sweep plays out of the 7 and 8 holes. They do an amazing job at their optioned plays as well. One play that has worked very well is a screen. This allows the offense to create a wall while the ball is passed to the outside of the field. Andrew Alcantara and Matthew Roman can be found in the back field as running back with their quick feet. Slashing through defense and shifting their body weight helps them get to the goal line. Luis Roman can also be found getting massive amounts of yardage as he is one of the fastest on the team. Matthew Roman can be found leading the team out of the huddle as quarter back. Roman and Patrick McHale have both thrown for touchdowns this season. They are both a threat to watch for. Julian Martinez along with McHale can be found in the end zone after a passing play. They have some of the best hands in the league for a number of receptions. All of the players mentioned above are all players to look out for on Thanksgiving as they have had a number of touchdowns as well as scored extra points. Xavier Gamez can be found using his extremely strong leg during the kick offs. Gamez has one of the best punts in the league. Moving over to the protection on the line the Eagles have a great line up that is hard for any defense. Cirton can be found smashing through the line along with Marcelino Torres, Jake Rothgery, and Emilio Vazquez. These players make it near impossible for any defense to get into the back field. Moving over to defense we once again have Cirton with 24 tackles throughout the season. Torres is right up there with him along with Nicky Lyons, Gamez, and Rothgery. Teams on offense find it hard to get past these mighty Eagles. Christpher Bergin and David Ruiz look forward to containing the outsides of the fields on defense as they know it's the key to stops on the field. The Eagles most improved players would be Luis Roman on offense as he has found his groove half way through the season and is now making huge plays. On defense Lyons has done a great job stepping up and making huge stops all year. The Eagles are looking forward to playing the Spartans this Thanksgiving as they are their toughest opponent. The last time the Spartans and Eagles met on the field they were down by 6 points but were able to rally back and beat the Spartans by and extra point after a touchdown. Coach Cirton talks about how that is one of his most memorable moments this season. Watching his team rally back after being down for the first time. The Eagles are looking strong for their last game of the season.

Prep Bees have overcome a lot of hardships throughout this season. The Bees struggles at the beginning of the season but since then have learned more about the game and how to play it than any other team. Leading the team is Head Coach Abram Munoz and helping him along the way was Assistant Coach Jose Ortiz. Conveying information from their coaches is Captain Norman Nelson and Co-Captain Julius Ortiz. Bees start off every game with a ton of options to run their offense. Munoz says his team can work out of every formation on offense and they all have some sort off effectiveness. They look to implement their two strongest plays. One called "X" on defense and "Mary" on offense. Munoz and Ortiz didn't want to in depth about the plays because of their effectiveness on the field. When the ball is needed to be brought up field they will be looking forward to Mikey Kozeluh, Norman Nelson, and Jaden Morales. These boys have quick feet and push till their flags are pulled. When looking for a quarterback to take care of business Munoz looks to Jonathan Medina for pass plays and Nelson for running plays. When looking for an open man you can always find William Barry down field with Nelson, Kozeluh, and Morales. At the beginning of the games and halves we can find Darwin Garcia and Medina behind the ball to get it down field. On both the defensive and offensive lines you can find Nathan Documento, Nathaniel DelaCruz, Gabriel Chaidez, and Julian Gonzalez all making a huge effort to protect their QB and attach the other teams. Julius Ortiz can be found manning the line and coaching the rest of the boys on proper stances and how to get into the back field. Overall the Bees are looking to attack the teams in front of them as they go out for their last game!

Prep Bobcats will be shorthanded this Thanksgiving but we will see some Black jerseys out on the field! Head Coach Chris Gilbert and Assistant Coach Tom Novicki will hear about how amazing their players are on Thanksgiving. Both coaches have done an amazing job all season! Helping the players on the field were Captains Caden Gilbert and Co-Captain Hunter Jones. Starting at the Bobcats offense they love to work out of a regular split back or lone man set up. They love to run reverses all season. When looking for speed they turn to Caden Gilbert and Joe Gonella. Their moves can be described as shifty and fast. Hunter Jones can be found on plays going up the middle as he is able to power through defenders. When the team looks to pass they find Jones and Gilbert. Jones has an amazing arm for throwing great passes. When looking for receivers Giblert always puts in Johnny Zachar for his great hands. Nick Oberts because he can handle catching a ball under pressure. Gonella because of his speed. Gilbert, Jones, and Gonella lead their team with the most touchdowns. Moving to the line where the game is either won or lost, James Connolly heading the ball as the center always hits his mark. Tommy Novicki and Fabian Wilmot shut down the defense as they protect their quarterback long enough for a double reverse to take place. Sam Baker does a great job containing the outsides of the field. Ryan Aguilera and Isaiah Ramirez have the fun jobs of attacking the Quarterback on defense. They do a great job sacking the QB all season. Finally Miles Pinsof-Berlowitz was unfortunately put on the injured list after 4 game in the season. Miles could be found in all situations on the field because he was always wherever the ball was whether it was attacking the ball or blocking for a runner. Coach Gilbert in his own words said the boys have all improved throughout the season. He could not pick one who had improved the most because they all did such a great job. Bobcats looked forward to playing the Eagles the most because of their strong defense and great flag pulls. The Bobcats expect a win on Thanksgiving because they all "play with their hearts!" Overall the Bobcats look to put on a great game this Thanksgiving!

The Spartans have worked hard all season! They are the team closest to beating the League Champion Eagles. Leading the team is Coach Erik Perez. Assisting him is Mike Mascari. Out on the field directing their team was Captain Martin O'Toole and Co-Captain Aidan Perez. They plan on implementing the 1-Formation, Wing over, and Ace formations during the Thanksgiving Day games. Other teams should look out for their dangerous bootleg and quarterback sneak plays. When the team needs positive yards they look to Martin O'Toole known for his jukes and dodging players. Aidan Perez can be found behind one of his blockers getting the most out of his runs. When it comes to passing Chris Wilcek is brought out as he has a great arm to get the ball anywhere it's needed. Leith Mascari does a great job with short screen passes. Obviously you need good receivers down field to get the ball. Aaron Panol and Kyle Murphy have the best hands on the team. They can grab a ball out of flight like they were born to do so. O'Toole, Perez, and Mascari hold the most points scored for the team. During kick offs all the players had an opportunity to kick the ball including on side punt recoveries which are extremely hard to do! Michael Barretto and Brady Stahl hold the line very well ever game. Cruz Montes shuts down any players trying to get into the back field. Justin Hackleman is one of the team's fastest players and is great on defense for running people down. Matthew Coe has shown a ton of improvement since the beginning of the season and is a great defensive player. Luca Nuccio has made some amazing plays throughout the season especially with interceptions. Liam Yee has also done a great job pretty much everywhere on the field. He has shown great sportsmanship since the beginning. Eagles once again are the Spartans biggest opponent. They look forward to facing them at 8:00am on Thanksgiving. One of the team's greatest moments is when they shut down the Eagles for a tie. The Eagles up until then won every game throughout the season. The Spartans believe they will win on Thanksgiving because they have been practicing a lot. The Turkey Bowl means the most to them out of anything during the season.

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## CADET FLAG FOOTBALL FIELD 3 9:30 AM

#### LOCUSTS VS BOBCATS

This Thanksgiving looks to be very exciting for the Cadet League and the Locusts and the Bobcats are matched up in what will be an exciting game. The Bobcats come in with a very balanced team that looks to keep the Locusts on their toes. The Bobcats offense can hurt the opposing defense with a variety of different players. Antonio Bombe is one of the most dangerous runners in the league and is hard to catch once he gets into the open field. Jack Foley has a lot of moves that can make multiple defenders miss and Brennan Kissinger is a straight line runner that, when he finds an open lane, can score in an instant. The Bobcats like to work out of the Shotgun formation and are deadly when they can get their runners outside. Danny Semenak and Sean Groh split responsibility at the quarterback position and both of them can hit an open receiver with ease. Luke Gies is their primary receiver as he has great hands and catches anything thrown his way. The Bobcats offense is anchored by a great offensive line that is led by center Sean Willuweit and guard Jovan Quizhpe. The Bobcats defense also prides itself on great line play. Jacob Bingham and Tommy White lead the push up front as the Bobcats defensive line always looks to disrupt the offensive play. Ben Bates and John Cunningham contain the outside of the defense and always make sure the opposing running back does not get to the sideline.

The Locusts have a lot of fast, talented runners that will make it hard for the Bobcats defense. Jonathan Perez has the moves to get into the open field and the speed to finish. Kade Kielnik has also shown a nose for the end zone as he can get to the outside and score. Jett Reese also has wheels as he can outrun a lot of defenders. The Locusts offense likes to operate out of the pistol formation and utilize their quickness with nice cuts to get to the outside. Gregory Alegria and David Concepcion anchor an offensive line that consistently opens up holes for their runners. On defense the locusts excel in keeping up with opposing runners and containing them to the inside. Matthew and Andrew Brendel both lead the push up front and David Conception and Christopher Roszak rush off of the end to contain the opposing running back. Eduard Balog and Noah and Cole Ryan all patrol the middle of the field and stop the runner when they try to cut up field. Both teams have played great football this year and have shown a lot of improvement heading into their Thanksgiving matchup. This has the makings of a great game.

#### BEES & SPARTANS VS EAGLES & COUGARS

The Second game has a combination of teams playing. The Bees and Spartans will be facing off with the Cougars and Eagles in a game that will have no shortage of talent on either side. The Bees come in with a very balanced attack on offense. Tyler Budge leads the rushing attack as once he sees a hole he does not hesitate to cut up field and score. Scott Stevens is also a threat on the ground as he can score from anywhere on the field. The Bees also like to spread the field and keep the defense guessing where the ball is going to go. Joey Wood is always a threat to get the ball on a reverse and Charlie Schaefer has shown the ability to make a big catch when needed. Johnny Aronson and Reid Shrifter split quarterbacking duties and both of them can make the big throw when their team needs it. On defense Charlie Stringer and Jack Barry lead the push in the middle and Conor Dunne and John Thenstedt excel at chasing down the opposing running back. Carson Canaan and Angus Cameron have shown that they can create a strong rush on the outside which creates havoc for the opposing offense.

The Spartans bring a spark and energy to the field that few other teams can. The Spartans offense begins with Evan Gould who is their duel threat quarterback that can throw and run. The Spartans running attack is led by Ellison "El" Barlow who can get into the open field and make defenders miss with his quick feet. The Spartans also like to give the opposing team different looks as they will move their players around and no one plays multiple positions better then Owen Paul who is dangerous anywhere he lines up. The Spartans offense credits a lot of their success with their superb line play. Ismaias Medina is the anchor in the middle and also one of the most reliable linemen in the league. Isaiah Rosario creates the initial push on the offensive front as he is always moving forward. Luca Marsh protects the blind side and is hard to beat. Nick Kaip likes to knock the opposing defense back at the point of attack and Anthony Kraman is not only a kick off specialist but also a wall on the offensive line. On defense the Spartans have a lot of players that like to chase down the ball carrier. Michael Marsico is known as the sack master as he loves to rush the opposing quarterback. Dylan Gould can keep up with any running back from sideline. Colin Sieling likes to contain the outside on the run and forces the other team's running back to cut up field into a Spartan linebacker. Alex Lagges patrols the middle of the field for the Spartans and reads the offensive play and attacks.

On the other side the ball the Eagles look to make big plays on offense. The Eagles like to run out of the single back formation and one of their most dangerous runners is **Owen O'Toole** who has natural speed and can make people miss. **Joey Ingraffia** is a straight line runner who finds the hole and finishes a lot of runs in the end zone. The Eagles also like to get to the outside and **Mateo Custodio** and **Nicholas Roman** are two of the best at getting around the edge and up field. The Eagles also like to air it out on offense and have some clutch receivers who are not afraid to make the big catch. **Jack Burke** is one of the best and has clutch hands and the moves to score after the catch. The Eagles also get great protection from their line as **Oscar Winborn** and **Lucca Piazzi** consistently win the battle up front. On defense the Eagles interior is one of the best in the league. **Carlos Martinez** and **James Clark** like to blow up the middle and make plays in the backfield. On the edge **Maximilian Pydych** has shown that he can be a monster at sealing the edge and pursuing the ball carrier. **James Clark** and **Michael Stewart** patrol the middle of the defense and excel at playing sideline to sideline and chasing down runners.

The Cougars will bring heart and physical play that few teams can match. The Cougars like to run plays out of the pistol with their quarterback Trey Morawski who can not only throw but also find the end zone with his feet. Sam Levine is also a dangerous runner with the ball in his hands as he has speed to burn any defender. The Cougars also like to move their players around to keep the defense guessing who will get the ball. The cougars like to run the reverse and Vaughn Schroeder can get to the outside and finish runs with six points. The Cougars are most dangerous when they get holes up the middle for their runners and Mason Foeller leads the offensive line and the push up front at the center position. Patrick Gardner and Aaron Morales are two of the best and pushing their defender back and creating big holes for their running back. On defense the Cougars love stopping a runner before he reaches the line of scrimmage. Damon Nesbitt is dangerous off the line as few linemen can match his initial burst. Devan Nanda also makes plays in the backfield as he is hard to stay in front of. William Frey and Benjamin Barrett excel in the open field and can contain the opposing runner with ease. Rohan Kato excels at running downhill and stopping the runner at the point of attack. The Cougars also excel on special teams as Angel Torres is one of the most dangerous kick returners in the league and opposing teams always need to worry when he gets the ball in his hands. With a combination of very talented teams playing in this game there are going to be a lot of big plays on both sides of the ball. This Thanksgiving will have no shortage of exciting plays and looks like it will be one of the best and most fun yet.



## 2014 all-americans

The players listed below have been honored by their teammates and league coaches as All-Americans. All were selected based upon the qualities of Leadership, Dependability, Commitment and Sportsmanship.

#### Congratulations to you all for your contribution to your team and to the Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club!

#### Daisy Soccer

Angels: Bailey Kilander, Sloan Larkin, Brielle Heitz Aliens: Bridget Taylor, Bridget Fitzgerald, Ariana Pantoja Hurricanes: Bryann Walter, Veronica Motawi, Simone Grecius Wildcats: Gabriella Gonzalez, Sophie Buino, Hollis Anderson

#### Pebble Soccer

Angels: Isaly Melendez, Illiana Perez, Lily Wooten, Sofia Donoso,

Chorisse Wilson

Aliens: Pia Azzarello, Dorothy Bingham, Emma Glovksy, Hannah

Landry, Alani Perez

Hurricanes: Theresa Cunningham, Sydney Gaietto, Madison

Johnson, Mia Johnson, Blythe Mishkin

Wildcats: Izzy Hrubec, Elizabeth Martin, Taylor Murphy, Maggie

Taylor, Elise Wolf

#### Junior Soccer

Angels: Sara Lopez, Giselle Moreno, Sofia Medina Pumas: Mia Panol, Gabriella Yoshimura, Zosima Clark Hurricanes: Monica Camacho, Harper Nelson, Madeline Bates Twisters: Zarina Naqvi, Addison Stoner, Julia Krahn

#### **Senior Soccer**

Aliens: Joanna Flores, Rosalva Brito, and Adriana Pantoja Pumas: Hailey Mercado, Sarah Ruiz, and Laura Arroyo Wildcats: Kathy Martinez, Kelly Martinez, and Shannon Bailey



#### **Discovery Flag Football**

Bees: Danny Howard, Connor Gibbs, Leo Piazzi
Eagles: Isaiah Davalos, Jayden Torres, Mitchel Quiles
Cougars: Cash Reese, Thomas Lyons, Max Cameron
Locusts: Jett Palmersheim, T.J McDonagh, Michael Katz
Bobcats: Antonio Yanez, Steven Rene, Joe Zacher

Spartans: Elijah Willams, Owen Ruengpinyophun, Blake Grush

#### Cadet Flag Football

Bees: Scott Stevens, Tyler Budge, Joey Wood
Eagles: Owen O'Toole, Joey Ingraffia, Nicholas Roman
Cougars: Trey Morawski, Sam Levine, Patrick Gardner
Locusts: Jonathan Perez, Jett Reese, Christopher Roszak
Roberts: Antonio Rombo, Jack Foley, Soon Grob

**Bobcats**: Antonio Bombe, Jack Foley, Sean Groh **Spartans**: Owen Paul, Alex Lagges, Colin Sieling

#### **Prep Flag Football**

Bobcats: Caden Gilbert, Hunter Jones, Tommy Novicki, Fabian

Wilmot, Johnny Zachar

Eagles: Julian Martinez, Patrick McHale, Brayden Cirton, Andrew

Alcantara, Matthew Roman

Bees: Jonathan Medina, Darwin Garcia, Jaden Morales, Julian

Gonzalez, Norman Nelson

Spartans: Martin O'Toole, Cruz Montesdeora, Aidan Perez,

Christopher Wilcek, Aaron Panol

#### **Tribe Tackle Football**

Cougars: Isaiah Cruz, Jaylin Feliciano, Alan Velez, Syed Naqvi,

Jovanni Duarte

Eagles: Myon Dalton, Eddy Perez, Eric Chorne, Luis Mazon, David

Wilson

Locusts: Will Polich, Ki Smiley, Damian Leal, Tyler Bish, Ethan Breen,

lan Bish

Spartans: Anthony Davalos, Evan Pietrusiewicz, Fabian Garcia, John

Walsh, Jonathan Rodas

#### NBGC FALL COACHES!

One of the most important pieces of a team is the coaching staff. They are the guiding force, the ones who provide Leadership and Discipline. They are asked to teach, in their coaching and example, the very ideals upon which NBGC was founded in 1931 - hard work, discipline, fairness and loyalty. Thanks to this special

We should all be grateful for the time and effort of the coaches, doing their best for every single member of the team. The attitude of fair play and sportsmanship is one which should be carried onto the field by every player. As adults we can only hope that the atmosphere we have tried to create at NBGC will stay with them once they leave our fields.

#### Daisy Soccer

Angels: Steve Kilander and Aaron Larkin Aliens: Erik Pantoja and Adriana Pantoja Hurricanes: Aaron Grecius and Greta Grecius

Wildcats: Juan Gonzalez

#### Pebble Soccer

Angels: Daniel Rivas and Erik Peterson Aliens: Paul Azarrello, Marc Glovsky and

Liam Stein

Hurricanes: Ross Mishkin, Lisa Mishkin and

Dan Sullivan

Wildcats: Kate Martin and Juan Gonzalez

#### Junior Soccer

Angels: Leo Britto and Erik Pantoja

Pumas: Pete Korellis Hurricanes: Hans Nelson Twisters: Dave Zalesky

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND SUPPORT THIS SEASON

#### Senior Soccer

Aliens: Erik Pantoja and Leo Brito Pumas: Manny Mercado

Wildcats: Sigi Martinez

#### **Discovery Flag Football**

Bees: Bill Gibbs, Matt Meyers and Ed Walsh Eagles: Jeremy Groh and Mike Rothgery Cougars: Tony DePalo and Dwight King Locusts: Chris Roark, Jeff Katz and Gerald

Saltarelli

Bobcats: John Zacher, Jim Stoner and Kurt

Martin

Spartans: Brett Willams, Paul Grush and

Aaron Rengpinyphun

#### **Cadet Flag Football**

Bees: Pat Dunne Eagles: Dave Roman

Cougars: Jim Foeller and Steve Feltner Locusts: Jeff Rich and Dwight Reese Bobcats: Steve Willuweit and Jay Groh Spartans: Mike Marsico and Steve Sieling

#### Prep Flag Football

Bobcats: Chris Gilbert Eagles: Shawn Cirton Bees: Abram Munoz-Luna Spartans: Erik Perez

#### Tribe Tackle Football

Cougars: Alan Velez, Freddie Feliciano and

Sam Banks

Eagles: Erik Perez and Louis Chorne

Locusts: Tony Staniszewski, Brian Polich and

Jim Bailey

Spartans: Rich Triphahn





#### A Big Round of Applause to the

## Neighborhood Boys & Girls Club "Band" for their Performance at this year's Pep Rally!

Later named The Chicago Continentals, band members & family members playing at the Pep Rally include: Kevin Byrne ~ Mike Cumberland ~ Tom Krier ~ Joe Miceli ~ Bob Papa ~ Rich Paschall ~ Mike Teolis ~ Andy Patrick ~ Jeanne Hair ~ Mark Micelli

Singing our National Anthem is NBGC Youth Leader, Julianna Hasselberger.



## TURKEY TOSS RESULTS



We had a great turnout for the annual *Parent & Son/Daughter Turkey Toss* with over 120 participants. Teams of parents and sons/daughters took turns throwing darts at paper turkey targets. There were some great scores, but most importantly there was a lot of fun! The winners are listed below. The high scores in each group received a gift card for a turkey (\*\*one per family) for Thanksgiving dinner, and certificates were awarded for the other places. **Congratulations to the winner and to everyone who participated!** 

Discovery League				Daisy League			
JJ & Jim Stoner	22 pts.	1st	Gift Card	Drew & Megan Janovsky	17 pts.	1st	Gift Card
Michael & David Roman	20 pts.	2nd	Gift Card	Sofia & Kim Gonzalez	15 pts.		Gift Card
Marco Jr. & Marco Sr. Palacios	16 pts.	$3^{rd}$		Sienna & Brian Sheehy	15 pts.	2nd	Gift Card
Antonio & Al Yanez	16 pts.	3rd		Samantha & Jeanie Earnest	12 pts.	3rd	
Cadet League				Pebble League			
Nick & John Kaip	27 pts.	1st	Gift Card	Alexandra Aranda & Paola Silva	27 pts.	1st	Gift Card
Dylan & Craig Gould	26 pts.	2nd	Gift Card	Gavyn & Jennifer Conway	25 pts.		Gift Card
James & Katie Clark	25 pts.	3rd		Theresa & Anita Cunningham	25 pts.	2nd	Gift Card
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Prep League					<b>2</b>		
Liam Yee & Ron Wilcek	28 pts.	1st	Gift Card	<u>Junior League</u>			
Matthew & David Roman	26 pts.	2nd	Gift Card **	Keila Pizano & Lisa Collier	20 pts.	1st	Gift Card
Messiah Crump & Raquel Juarez	22 pts.	3rd		Jocelyn & Martin Chammas	18 pts.	2nd	Gift Card **
				Maya Huerta & Julie McClelland		3rd	
<u>Tribe League</u>				Ava & Kim Yanez	2 pts.	3rd	
Eddy & Erik Perez	10 pts.	1st	Gift Card	940549694 96A9696150.95 TUDOVA A SERVED B		_	
Anthony Davalos &	9 pts.	2nd	Gift Card	Senior League			
Margarita Castro	100 July 1 - 100 July 100 July 1			Yasmina & Martin Chammas	32 pts.	7 st	Gift Card
Atticus & Jennifer Conway	8 pts.	3rd		Jae'Leen & Charlotte Torres	25 pts.		Gift Card
				Jadelyn Salazar & Jillian Jara	17 pts.		on our

## KINDER - 1st GRADE GIRLS DAISY LEAGUE BASKETBALL

League Director: Dalia Arroyo Dalia@nbgc.org

Panthers: Madeline Rich, Drew Janovsky, Sophie Buino, Grace Kinn, Lilah Rosenfeld, Demi Spalla, Katie McGarry, Emily Gonzalez, and Samantha Earnest.

Pumas: Ana Guset, Mari Koseki, Gabriella Gonzalez, Sofia Artz, Sofia Gonzalez, Alexandra Katris, Sabrina Maiorca, Teagan Heneghan, and Sienna Sheehy.

Twisters: Salma Collins, Kerrigan Cooney, Olivia Corrado, Ava Giordano, Maggie Tryggestad, Olivia Tryggestad, Mia Okonmah, Olivia Inman, and Margaret Larson.

Wildcats: Scarlett Spencer, Savannah Spencer, Lily Wilcox, Mila Maksimovic, Addison Hurley, Bridget Taylor, Isabela Ide, and Evie Vigerust.

## 4th & 5th GRADE GIRLS JUNIOR LEAGUE BASKETBALL League Director: Cassie Kielnik Cassie@nbgc.org

Angels: Madeline Bates, Ellie Betts, Josie Betts, Olivia Ide, Saskia Mooney, Samantha Pantaleo, Angelina Serment, and Ruby Smartt.

Aliens: Elana García, Zosima Gutierrez-Clark, Lila Hunter-Midyett, Eliza McHale, Sofia Migon, Giselle Moreno, Jenna Palumbo, Star Perez, and Anabelle Rohman.

Comets: Nathalia Aranda, Sydnie Erickson, Liliya Koenig, Katie Kaukialo, Genevieve Schnabel, Kasey Galloway, Abigail Snowden, and Maddie Witchger.

Twisters: Jocelyn Chammas, Reese Hoffman, Cayleigh Kissinger, Julia Krahn, Devan McMahon, Rosalinda Palacios, Addison Stoner, and Ava Yanez.

## 2nd & 3rd GRADE GIRLS PEBBLE LEAGUE BASKETBALL League Director: Lily Lebron Lily@nbgc.org

Aliens: Annie Betts, Ruby Castro, Janessa Centeno, Theresa Chavez, Alyssa Gruia-Fregoso, Helen Juarbe, Jaylize Martinez, Florenza Mooney, and Katie Sullivan.

Angels: Dorothy Bingham, Alyssa Damery, Alani Perez, Jazlyn Gonzalez, Isabella Martinez, Isaly Melendez, Iliana Perez, Destiny Rodriguez, and Emily Wojdyla.

Comets: Caroline Cooney, Theresa Cunningham, Ella Foeller, Stephanie Czech, Caroline Hart, Peyton Komer, Eva Kennedy, Eva Prieto, and Nicole Stafford.

Cyclones: Alexandra Aranda, Cecilia Barlow, Anika Carlson, Carina Carlson, Anja Halverson, Charlotte Neyer, Riley O'Halleran-Harder, Malaina Rangel, and Grace Watson.

Panthers: Zoe Adelstein, Helen Balderson, Lucy Copple, Brady Cutler, Alexis Ghattas, Devin Horrow, Peyton Marrero, Stella Mytty, and Alessia Olson.

Pumas: Isabella Chambers, Luisa Gorman, Gracie Koseki, Kenedi Mrozik, Abigail Reuter, Olivia Ruby, Jocelyn Serment, Skylar Shah, and Catherine Wilcox.

Twisters: Jaslene Chammas, Brigitte Cueva, Sydney Gaietto, Sophie Gettelman, Leah Hasselberger, Keira James, Hally Levine, Leah Levine, and Kacie Stoner.

Wildcats: Ava Doran, Chloe Goldberg, Isabelle Hrubec, Katie O'Brien, Elizabeth Martin, Molly McDonagh, Ashlyn Steensma, Maggie Taylor, and Elise Wolf.

6th - 8th GRADE GIRLS
SENIOR LEAGUE BASKETBALL
League Director: Kathi Jensen Kathi@nbgc.org

Weekly 3 on 3 Games & Basketball Skills Mondays 4:15-5:30 PM

#### **KINDER - 1st GRADE BOYS** DISCOVERY LEAGUE BASKETBALL

League Director: Sergio Arroyo Sergio@nbgc.org

<u>WEDNESDAY DIVISION</u>
Bees: Phoenix Arroyo, Max Cameron, Elie Ghattas, Seth Horrow, Trevor Jolls, Grant Morgan, Luke Possinger, and Henry Stiehl.

Bobcats: Frederick Dino, Nikhil Engel, Noah Gaietto, Peter Martin, Landon Roark, Quinn Roberts, JJ Stoner, and Patrick Wilk.

Cougars: Theodore Chapman, Anthony Cruz, Joseph Hopkins, Micah Johnson, Dylan Rose, Owen Russell, Mack Schnabel, and

Hornets: Penn Larkin, Jack Colquhoun, Teddy Flynn, Maxwell Gigot, Jake Hamming, William Jakola, Jayden Lopez, Ewan McCrann, and Ryder Nagle.

Jaguars: Mannix Boland, Ethan Cloud, Colin Davis, Jerry Galvin, Bennett Logan, Alex Persohn, William Persohn, and Hunter Solon.

Lions: Luca Candelaria, Joseph Czech, Michael Katz, TJ Kolke, Gabriel Meadows, Colin Ray, Matthew Richlen, Renzo Sansonetti, and

Titans: Versace Battle, Isaiah Davalos, Maks DePalo, Thomas Lyons, Enzo Nardini, Leo Nardini, Cash Reese, Michael Roman, and Aiden Thomas.

Yellow Jackets: Jacksen Almond, Jake Baker, Nathan Coe, Teddy Escudier, TJ McDonagh, Noah Smith, Solar Strom-Corso, and Ayden Sullivan

#### FRIDAY DIVISION

Bengals: Smith Beeson, Jayden Feaman, Christopher Hutchison, Lucas Koenig, Charlie Jace Logan-Reynolds, Steven Rene, Ramon Rosario, Quentin Tao, and Antonio Yanez.

Eagles: Nathan Adams, Michael Barreto, Paolo Bombe, Anthony Catron, Joshua Groh, Tyler Groh, Elijah Martinez, Marco Palacios, and Hayden Rabe.

Locusts: Jax Aiello-Zittnan, Elliott Delaney, Finn Edmonds, Ethan Glovsky, Michael Howe, Lucas Malik, James Stein, and Benjamiin

Falcons: Julian Arias, Finnegan Bystedt, Miguel Campos, Edward Tiago Mooney, Dylan Osnaya, Porter Smartt, Valentino Solis, Max Szukala, and Louie Wentland.

Jaidan Ayala, Jordan Ayala, Alexander Martinez, Erick Arriola, Nelson Hess, Luka Fager, Nathan Fagrelius, Froylan Suarez.

Scorpions: Jake Browne, Joniel Dizon, Danny Howard, AJ Marshall, Andrew Meyers, Carlton Murray, Devin Rosenfeld, Conor Gibbs, and Teddy Walsh.

Spartans: Richard Barron, Blake Grush, Isaac Harvey, Will Laporte, Alex Snyder, Ferdinand Torres, Oliver Torres, and Elijah

Tigers: Jack Cherry, Aidan Drogosz, George Flaherty, Jake Getteman, Nate Hetherington, John Morris, Owen Morris, Sam Tidmarsh, and Benjamin Weihing.

#### 4th & 5th GRADE BOYS PREP LEAGUE BASKETBALL

League Director: Aric Werstein Aric@nbgc.org

Aces: Conor Daly, Robert Griffith, Samuel Mortensen, Luca Nuccio, Aaron Panol, Christian Salgado, Brady Stahl, Jack Stevens, and Alexander Wilcox.

Bees: Andrew Anglada, Russell Anglada, Colin Cleary, Ezra Cohen, Giuliano DiFranco, Charlie Flakus, Aleksander Grabar, Elijah Preis, Kyle Smorynski, Adam Tsai, and Oliver Vigerust.

Falcons: Matthew Castillo, Anthony Castro, Julius Ortiz, Luke McNamara, Sebastian Mendez, Julian Ortuz, Martin O'Toole, Isaiah Perez, Dylan Rangel, and Gregory Spicer.

Bobcats: Mark Buzin, Arnes Caro, Alexander Dore, Dylan Drotts, Hunter Jones, Victor Katona, Luke McLeod, Nathan O'Halloran, Marcos Ortega, and Isaiah Ramirez.

Cougars: Jack Kennedy, Aidan Walsh, Tyler Singer, Zach Portnoy, Dean Goldman, Thomas Hollowed, Thomas Perkins, Darragh Fingleton, James Skinner, and Nate Weihing.

Eagles: Andrew Alcantara, Christopher Bergin, Brayden Cirton, Nicky Lyons, Julian Martinez, Patrick McHale, Luis Roman, Matthew Roman, Marcelino Torres, and Liam Yee.

Scorpions: Elias Alexander, Zakai Bishop, Zach Kiely, Jovani Espinoza, Martine Flores, Michael Kozeluh, Kamaree Lewis, Jaden Morales, Titan Mrozik, and Eric Panarese.

Spartans: Christopher Alvarado, Matthew Coe, Branko Fager, Julian Gonzalez, Evan Howell, Stuart Llewellyn, Aidan Perez, Raymond Sansonetti, and Robert Skretny.

#### 2nd & 3rd GRADE BOYS CADET LEAGUE BASKETBALL GParra@nbgc.org League Director: Gabe Parra

THURSDAY DIVISION

Bees: Martin Bishop, Liam McCall, JP Pavlakis, Quinn Reid, Charles Schaefer, Reid Schrifter, Scott Stevens, and Joey Wood.

Bengals: Andrew Adams, Antonio Bombe, Aaron Morales, Cole Jungwirth, Zayd Patel, Brennan Kissinger, Brian Wilk, and Sean Willuweit.

Hornets: Johnny Aronson, Brady Dempster, Sebastian Drotts, Dylan Hecht, Henry Hopler, Jackson Hutchison, Sam Laporte, and Matthew Trachtenberg.

Lions: EJ Barlow, Ben Bates, Theo Maiorca, Luca Marsh, Ryan Matich, Maxwell Mortenson, Patrick O'Keefe, Emmett Singer, and Jerry Yantaratanawan.

Locusts: Edward Balog, David Concepcion, Charlie Fee, Kade Kielnik, Jonathan Perez, Jett Reese, Christopher Roszak, and Cole Rvan.

Panthers: Angus Cameron, Liam Fahey, Manuel Flores, Jack Ford, Aditya Gaur, Jacob Leung, Rudy Luzietti, and Isaiah Rosario.

Wasps: John Coneant, Benjamin Dopp, Bryce Dunlop, Wyatt Klososky, Owen LaGuardia, Matthew Souter, William Walsh, and Liam

Yellow Jackets: Charlie Boyer, Aidan Buino, Benjamin Hood, Joey Ingraffia, Jack McCrann, Ben Mitchell, Finn Nagle, Maximillian Pydych, and Jovan Quizhpe.

#### FRIDAY DIVISION

Bobcats: Peter Connally, Luke Gies, Finn Gilner, Sean Groh, Will Swenson, Danny Semenak, Elliot Weihing, and Thomas White.

Cougars: Benjamin Barrett, Henry Drogosz, Christian Figueroa, Amaan Khan, Sam Levine, Trey Morawski, Damon Nesbitt, and Donovan Walsh.

Eagles: Isaac Abanca, Ben Bimbaum, Cameron Centeno, Lucas Hineline, Garrett Nielson, Owen O'Toole, Lucca Piazzi, and Nicholas

Jaguars: Miller Avery, Noah Bjurstrom, Jackson Droze, Jack Johnson, Whitman Kosak, Diego Olivares, Maddux Smith, Jameson Tao, and Henry Whittenwyler.

Pirates: John Cunningham, Jack Foley, Frank Manna, Marcus Manna, Nicholas Manna, Nicholas Martinez, Vaughn Schroeder, and Nicolo Valentino.

Scorpions: Victor Basso, Truman Brandt, James Clark, Adrian Martinez-Jones, Noah Kharouf, Alex Lagges, John Norton, Caleb Schlag, and Colin Sieling.

Spartans: Jacob Bingham, Sebastian Borges, Joshua Dylan, Henry Marshall, Vincent Miller, Owen Paskiewicz, and Eli Thompson.

Titans: Mason Foeller, Luca Hackleman, Luke Helm, Jack Ingallinera, Liam Kendrick, Jacob Suminsky, Gus Wentland, and Timmy Witchger.

### 6th - 8th GRADE BOYS TRIBE LEAGUE BASKETBALL League Director: Tim Jensen TJensen@nbgc.org

Owls: Tyler Bish, Brendan Cleary, Maxwell Dopp, Leo Klososky, lan Bish, Joey McCarey, Lucas Vogel, John Walsh, Johnathan Rodas, and Isaiah Cruz.

Flying Tigers: Gabriel Krahn, Mason Balderson, Hector Nevarez, Alban Dauti, Jaylin Feliciano, Bennett Shure, Alex Figueroa Jr., Jacob Ramos, and Alan Velez.

Dragons: Ferdinand Centeno, Norberto Gudino, Antonio Velgara, Anthony Davalos, Ernesto Moreno, Adrian Rios, Yonatan Ramirez, Paolo DeLeon-Rodriguez, and Angelo Torres.

Galloping Ghosts: John Grosklaus, Mario Iga, David Buzin, Devin Polich, Ethan Breen, Benjamin Kutilek, Isaiah Meadows, and William Polich.

Knights: Gaven Leon, Jon Holstead, Eddy Perez, Carlos Leon, Luis Mazon, Angel Barajas, Alexadrian Brito, and Lucas Farkonas.



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Date	Day	Time	Gym	League	Team	Vs	Team
1-Dec	Mon	4:15	Revere		Senior Le	ague All Players	
	5:15	Revere	Pebble Practice	Aliens	&	Angels	
					Comets	&	Cyclones
		6:00	Powere	Pebble Practice	Panthers	&	Pumas
2-Dec	Tues	6:00	Revere		Twisters	&	Wildcats
		6:45	Revere	Prep Practice	Bees	&	Falcons
- 1		7:30	Revere	Prep Practice	Bobcats	&	Cougars
		8:15	Revere	Prep Practice	Eagles	&	Scorpions
		4:15	NBGC	Discovery Practice	Bees	&	Bobcats
		5:00	NBGC	Discovery Practice	Cougars	&	Hornets
3-Dec Wed	Wed	5:45	NBGC	Discovery Practice	Jaguars	&	Lions
		6:30	NBGC	Discovery Practice	Titans	&	Yellow Jackets
		4:15	Revere	Junior Practice	Angels	&	Aliens
3-Dec Wed	Wed	5:00	Revere	Junior Practice	Twisters	&	Comets
		4:15	NBGC	Daisy Practice	Pumas	&	Twisters
4-Dec Thurs	Thurs						Wildcats
		5:00	NBGC Revere	Daisy Practice  Cadet Practice	Panthers	&	
					Bees	&	Bengals
					Hornets	&	Lions
		6:00	Revere	Cadet Practice	Locusts	&	Panthers
4-Dec	Thurs			COSCOMENDA MONTHS	Wasps	&	Yellow Jackets
		6:45	Revere	Tribe Pre-Season	Owls	Vs	Flying Tigers
		7:30	Revere	Tribe Pre-Season	Dragons	Vs	Galloping Ghosts
		8:15	Revere	Tribe Pre-Season	Knights	Vs	Dragons/Ghosts
		4:15	NBGC	Discovery Practice	Bengals	&	Eagles
		5:00	NBGC	Discovery Practice	Locusts	&	Falcons
S-Dec	Fri	5:45	NBGC	Discovery Practice	Pirates	&	Scorpions
		6:30	NBGC	Discovery Practice	Spartans	&	Tigers
		3.50		Discovery / roomes	Bobcats	&	Cougars
		4:15	Revere	Cadet Practice		& &	
		-			Eagles		Jaguars
S-Dec	Fri	5:00	Revere	Cadet Practice	Pirates	&	Scorpions
					Spartans	&	Titans
		5:45	Revere	Prep Practice	Spartans	&	Aces
		6:30	Revere	Prep Pre-Season	Bees	&	Falcons
		8:45	NBGC	Daisy Pre-Season	Pumas	Vs	Twisters
		9:30	NBGC	Daisy Pre-Season	Panthers	Vs	Wildcats
1		10:15	NBGC	Discovery Pre-Season	Bees	Vs	Bengals
		11:00	NBGC	Discovery Pre-Season	Bobcats	Vs	Eagles
6-Dec Sat	_	11:45	NBGC	Discovery Pre-Season	Cougars	Vs	Locusts
	Sat	12:00	NBGC	Discovery Pre-Season	Hornets	Vs	Falcons
		1:15	NBGC	Discovery Pre-Season	Jaguars	Vs	Pirates
		2:00	NBGC	Discovery Pre-Season	Lions	Vs	Scorpions
		2:45	NBGC	Discovery Pre-Season	Titans	Vs	Spartans
		3:30	NBGC	Discovery Pre-Season	Yellow Jackets	Vs	Tigers
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6-Dec Sat	9:00	Revere	Cadet Pre-Season			Bobcats	
	9:45	Revere	Cadet Pre-Season	Bengals	Vs	Cougars	
				Hornets	Vs	Eagles	
				Lions	VS	Jaguars	
	10:30	Revere	Cadet Pre-Season	Locusts	Vs	Pirates	
				5500111C-5E030II	Panthers	Vs	Scorpions
	Sat	11:15	Revere	Cadet Pre-Season	Wasps	Vs	Spartans
				22421116 0000011	Yellow Jackets	Vs	Titans
		12:15	Revere	Junior Pre-Season	Angeis	Vs	Aliens
		1:00	Revere	Junior Pre-Season	Twisters	Vs	Comets
		1:45	Revere	Prep Pre-Season	Bobcats	Vs	Cougars
		2:30	Revere	Prep Pre-Season	Eagles	Vs	Scorpions
		3:15	Revere	Prep Pre-Season	Spartans	Vs	Aces
9-Dec Tues			Revere	Pebble Pre-Season	Aliens	Vs	Angels
		S:15					
	Tues				Comets	Vs Vs	Cyclones
					Panthers		