



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF BELLEVUE

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF BELLEVUE WINS PROGRAM EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR GREEN LIVING INITIATIVES IN CLUBHOUSES!

Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue recognized for national program excellence.

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Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue (BGCB) was recently recognized by Boys & Girls Clubs of America for Program Excellence in Education.

Selected from a highly competitive field of applications, the Club's "Greener Living Challenge" engaged more than 200 students from three BGCB Clubhouses

This environmental education program was integrated into the Club's after-school program Project Learn which promotes education, mentoring experiences and positive youth development for kids grades K-5.

Partnering with City of Bellevue, King County Housing Authority and Wilder Environmental Consulting, the Club developed a fun curriculum for students designed to immerse them in a specific environmental issue each week, including a weekly challenge. Challenges included promoting recycling and waste reduction, using natural cleaners, eliminating contaminants in storm drains, and conserving energy.

"We are proud to receive this award on behalf of this program and partnership" stated CEO Tim Motts. "Being recognized from 4,000 Clubs across the country for our excellence in program delivery is quite an honor." Boys & Girls Clubs of America, with generous support from *The MetLife Foundation*.

Families received tools to help implement the challenge at home, such as reusable recycling bags and instructions and reusable lunch boxes, reusable water bottles and LED bulbs. Students were offered support to be able to translate materials to the language spoken at home. This program reached students, families and households with in-depth information taught by students in their household language.

For more information about Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue, please call 425-454-6262 or visit the Club's website at www.bgcbellevue.org.

ABOUT BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF BELLEVUE

Founded in 1952, Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue serves more than 11,000 members and families through 13 Clubhouses located in Bellevue. BGCB provides a safe, fun place that encourages kids to choose healthy lifestyles, get involved in their communities and achieve academic success. The Club's mission is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. To learn more about Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue, please visit www.bgcbellevue.org.



From left to right: CEO Tim Motts, Sr. Area Director Nicole Jackson, Site Director Katie Schenck.