

**City of Lakewood
Youth Council Report
Monday December 1, 2014**

Teen Leadership Summit – November 8

The Youth Council attended the annual WRPA Teen Leadership summit in Renton. The event had participation by leadership groups from around the state. Those who went explored what it meant to be a leader and how to make a difference in their communities. Problems facing Washington's cities were identified and focus groups formed to brainstorm possible solutions. Some issues brought up included: drug abuse, lack of youth involvement, and bullying. The Youth Council specifically identified that Lakewood has experienced difficulties when it comes to spreading the word on events. We made a goal to spread the word to youth through social media and other avenues to achieve higher participation.

Stuff the Bus – November 8

Stuff The Bus, hosted by Diane Formoso founder of Caring For Kids, was held Saturday, November 8th in front of Clover Park High School. The chilly day was made up for by a warming display of camaraderie of people who were able to fundraise over \$5,000 and collect many toys for kids this holiday season. You may have seen the inspirational sign-wavers along Gravelly Lake Drive. Way To Go!

Teen Floating Late Nite – November 15

Safe Places is one of our city's Five Promises. The Teen Late Nite is that ambition taking form. This was its first attempt and served as a trial run. The event was held at the Pierce College Science Dome November 15th 7:30-9:30. Participants from Youth Council, the YMCA, and Boys and Girls Club were able to connect, unwind, and enjoy a unique educational experience about the stars, space travel, and light painting. Everyone who went seemed thrilled and can't wait for the next one!

Upcoming Events:

- Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, December 5th
- Holiday Fair (Caring For Kids), December 12th and 13th
- World Vision Youth Empowerment Institute, December 8th 9th 10th

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Harrison Prep:

- All Seniors (11) who applied for the Act Six Scholarship made it to the second phase.
- High school Chamber Choir attended the CWU choir festival and received the Lynn Dupin award.
 - Kevin Starr received a scholarship at the event.
- Participating in the “We Create Change” initiative to raise funds to build a school in Nicaragua.
- Still have people donating cans contributing to more than 1,600 cans donated to the local Fish Food bank.
- Key Club held a Game Night where games and movies were played. They made a great profit and expect to have another one on Dec. 12.
- Winter Wishes begin for the month of December, where students write down wishes that their peers can fulfill!

Lakes:

- Girls swim team got 8th at state.
- Three people on the Cross Country Team went to state.
- Wrestling season has started!
- “Feather the Turkeys” fundraiser has raised \$600. The proceeds went to Caring for Kids.
- Japanese foreign exchange students visited and presented about their native land on the 17th and 18th.
- Basketball tryouts began the week of 17th of November.
- Mann Middle School ASB came to Lakes to talk about the difference between high school & middle school ASB the week of November 10th. To show gratitude they brought cookies and hot chocolate.
- Lake's concert choir went to Central Washington on November 14th. They were able to create bonds with other choirs.

Bellarmino Prep:

- The Girls Varsity volleyball team won their 3rd consecutive 3A state championship.
- Football team won their playoff game against Camas, but lost their next game to Bothell.
- The concert choir attended the choir festival at Central Washington University.