



Parent Peeks at Two More Weeks!

Bailey 2014 Summer Program at Fitzsimmons Middle School

**Boys & Girls Club
of South Park**
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Themes & Things

Week of June 23:

Ubuntu: "I am who I am because of who you are to me." — Nelson Mandela

Week of June 30:

Freedom & the 4th

Week of July 7:

It's a Jungle Out there!

Week of July 14:

Ahoy Matey—
Hooked on "Hook"
(the Fri movie.)

Mary's Merry Mosaic-Making

Mary Lawrence, college professor from Regis and Jesuit Higher Commons, joined us with a presentation on Kakuma—an African refugee camp in Kenya. Jesuit Higher Commons hosts free online classes, and Mary has visited. Photos showing Mary's Kakuma friends led to questions like "Where's the mattress?" (they sleep on cardboard), and "How many people live in that one-room house? (A family of 8 or more).

Mary described "Ubuntu," *I am who I am because of who you are to me*, by having kids put on grouchy faces and check each

other out. How did they feel? Did their grouchy face affect everyone around them? (Yes!). Then all put on happy faces and looked around. Did that affect others? (Yes!). Which did they prefer? (HAPPY!).

Next was mosaic making. The kids gathered in three groups, each with a bench or table to plan. Their ideas were made into mosaics—a bench for Ubuntu, a bench for Smart Moves, and a table with the Boys & Girls Club logo, hand-in-hand, which IS the spirit of Ubuntu.

The table, or possibly a bench, will join furniture of Fitzsimmons Middle School in a picnic area for all to see and enjoy.



Structure Setup

Middle school is breaking free! Thanks to the leadership of Sue Petroskey, the "seniors" are developing a separate schedule, group activities, service projects, leadership studies, and most importantly, F-U-N! Lindy Grote and Carol Polan will join in weekly too, seg-waying into the 2014 Fitzsimmons Middle School after-school Boys & Girls club. More to follow!

Guest Speakers

coming soon

July 7: Another try for a look at the forest AND the trees with Smokey Bear!

July 15: Jocelyn Polan, visiting for Ahoy Matey! Week, to share on pirates, treasure hunts, and finding the true treasures/valuables in life.

July 17: Our own Sandra Harshaw, nurse, presenting on health and first aid.

Freedom of Speech: It's your right, so do it right!

Dr. Michael Zizzi, Communication Expert & CU instructor, introduced logic, argument and critical thinking skills—all *Debatable!*



Club members learned about communication, words and listening, plus critical thinking skills. All were used when Dr. Zizzi led a poetry writing exercise. Your kids wrote clever poems and drew creative pictures to go with them. Some even recited their poems to the group!



Middle school students learned the basic elements of debate, how to form a *credible* argument with factual points found through research. They showed their skill in a formal debate for the club member audience, debating "Parents should limit video game time to 1 hour per day" versus "No limits on video games." By clapping votes, LIMITS WON!!!! Dr. Zizzi was extremely impressed by the learning displayed. When asked what was their favorite part, RESEARCH won.



There's no debate about this: Our next generation is growing strong!

