

AFTER-SCHOOL ALL-STARS

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ACTIVITIES

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

A large part of the After-School All-Stars experience is equipping our students with the hi-tech skills to compete in the 21st century. The ladies of Coretta Scott King Young Women's Leadership Academy took part in a technology class, taught by an instructor from Georgia Perimeter College, that taught them how to determine the quality of shampoo by putting drops in test tubes and measuring retention of suds after adding water. Likewise, they went on a field trip to JA Biztown to learn how companies recycle products and design buildings, in partnership with Georgia Tech's STEMinist project. The boys at BEST Academy participated in the robotics enrichment, the Stallions of Sandy Spring Middle School exercised their minds by performing experiments through the Science Explorers Club, and the musicians of Brown Middle School learned how to use sound equipment to record music through Music Production 101. These activities have been great for helping our students exercise their scientific and tech-savvy minds.



HEALTH AND NUTRITION

Athletics and nutrition are key program components of After-School All-Stars. The ladies of Coretta Scott King Young Women's Leadership Academy demonstrated their level of physical fitness in the fencing clinic, the Jaguars of Harper-Archer Middle School played basketball and flag football, the Tigers of Long Middle School participated in HOPSports, and the students of King Middle School displayed their athletic skills through cheerleading. In addition, the Stallions of Sandy Springs Middle School participated in martial arts and step team. All our sites have been learning how to prepare tasty and healthy cuisines in their nutrition classes. We are so happy that the students at our sites have the chance to take part in these nutrition and physical activity programs.

AFTER-SCHOOL ALL-STARS IS GROWING

We have been growing exponentially over the years, and this year has been no exception. After-School All-Stars would like to welcome Atlanta Mission as the newest site on our roster of after-school sites. We are working with My Sister's House, Atlanta Mission Women's and Children's division, which has a 264 bed facility that offers overnight shelter and residential programs for homeless women and women with children. Also, one of our newest partners is Atlanta Community Food Bank, an organization that delivers over 45 million pounds of food and groceries each year and distributes it to more than 600 nonprofit partner agencies serving families and individuals in 29 metro Atlanta and North Georgia counties. Atlanta Community Food Bank has been generously donating nonperishable food items our programs. We are grateful to include these two organizations to our family, and we look forward to a long and fruitful relationship.

FOX SPORTS SOUTH AND THE ATLANTA HAWKS CELEBRATE MLK DAY OF SERVICE

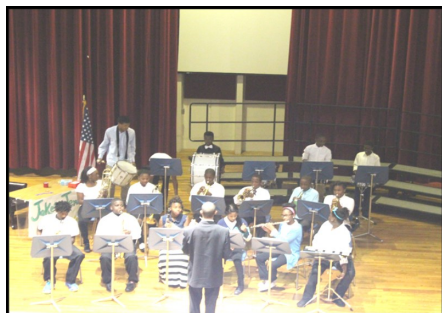
Picture this: a group of students from Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School and Sylvan Hills Middle School spend their "Day On, Not A Day Off" serving their community. That's right. These kids painted classrooms and tables, cleaned up neighborhoods, and delivered fruit baskets to families in the schools' neighborhoods. Volunteers from FOX Sports South, including FOX Sports South Girls Canicka and Morgan, along with ASAS Atlanta staff, participated in these projects. Afterwards, students were escorted to the Atlanta Hawks vs. Miami Heat game at Philips Arena via the FOX Sports Fan Express. Even more exciting is the fact that they were given a pre-game VIP experience where they met members of the FOX Sports South broadcast team, including Atlanta Hawks legend Dominique Wilkins, Bob Rathbun, Andre Aldridge, Mike "Stinger" Glenn, and Jerome Jurenovich. The students were hosted in a special party suite during the game. We extend our most sincere gratitude to the FOX Sports South team and the Atlanta Hawks (who won the game!) for their support of the MLK Day of Service.



PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

FAMILY NIGHTS

Imagine if you were a middle school student and you had a chance to showcase your talents with your family members. Well, that's what the students we serve had an opportunity to do this season. The talented musicians at BEST Academy composed some incredible music through their chorus and orchestra, while Harper-Archer Middle School hosted an unforgettable event of ballet, theatre and holiday songs. The students of Young Middle School played board games, and the Dolphins from Brown Middle School took part in basketball competitions, step shows, face painting, Wii competitions, and chess matches. Want to know more? You've got it! The ladies at Coretta Scott King Young Women's Leadership Academy performed hip-hop dance, presented art, and had tables that featured various enrichment programs of the year. These tables included science experiments from "You Be The Chemist," buildings from the "Lego Ladies," and recipes from the nutrition students. Metro PCS, our telecommunications provider, gave out merchandise to the girls and their family members. The Stallions of Sandy Springs Middle School danced the night away and donated canned goods to North Fulton Community Charities, and the King Middle School Band impressed everyone with their extravagant song playing, and put together an anti-bullying play. There were also cheerleading performances and poetry readings. The Coan Middle School Step Team, along with the band, chorus, and cheerleaders, put on some incredible performances as well. Family nights also offered opportunities for kids and their family members to receive door prizes. Overall, these family nights were exceptional and demonstrated the significance of our programs.



MAURICE SHAFFER WINS COMMUNITY CHAMPION AWARD

Our very own Maurice Shaffer, Program Coordinator of After-School All-Stars, was recognized as Atlanta's WSB TV's Community Champion. The Community Champion Award is awarded monthly to an individual who gives selflessly to their community. Maurice Shaffer has been recognized as the February Community Champion for his outstanding leadership in Madison and Atlanta, Georgia. As a young man growing up in Madison, Maurice dedicated countless hours to serving in the local nursing home. As the recipient of the Tom Dupree Scholarship, Maurice attended Georgia State University, where he studied Sociology and solidified his commitment to serve. During spring and summer breaks, Maurice spent time building homes for local Madison residents. Maurice's most notable work has been as founder of IMAGE Programs, located in the Edgewood community in Atlanta. IMAGE Programs is a multifaceted after-school program that partners with families and communities to ensure that youth have the skills, knowledge, and resources to excel. Maurice has been instrumental in making a difference in the lives of hundreds of children and families. We are proud to celebrate his accomplishments as the WSBTV Community Champion.

Angel Tree Project

Let us tell you a story about a project that generated countless donations of gifts to the children at City of Refuge and their mothers. It is a program called the Angel Tree Project, and through a collaboration between the Georgia State University College of Education, After-School All-Stars, City of Refuge, and FOX Sports South, these families were given items that were generously purchased by students, faculty, and staff at Georgia State University. Individuals picked out names from the Angel Tree and donated a wrapped gift for a mother and child at the City of Refuge. Each name from the tree represented whether the child is a boy or girl, their age and size. During the event, the children sang Christmas carols, and then our friends at FOX Sports South and Santa Claus passed out gifts such as toys and clothes to the kids and their mothers. Afterwards, everybody ate a tasty meal and celebrated the success of the After-School All-Stars program. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our friends at FOX Sports South for not only passing out the Angel Tree gifts, but, also, for serving food to the residents at City of Refuge. We also partnered with the Marine Corps Toys for Tots to make this an even greater project. This has been a tremendous success each year, and we are glad it turned out spectacular this year, too.



Highlights



The FOX Sports South Girls serve as FOX Sports South's connection to all the loyal and passionate fans across the Southeast. In tandem, Morgan and Canicka work to bring a fresh look and feel in the delivery of content on FOX Sports South's television and digital platforms, and are also responsible for guiding fans through the lineup of local live games and network programming. When they're not at a Braves or Hawks game, they are out in the community attending charitable events and shooting on-air promos. Morgan and Canicka also stay very active with social

media, interacting with sports fans every day. Connect with the Girls anytime via:

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Xiaoyun Zhang is our new graduate assistant for After-School All-Stars this semester. She is a graduate student in the College of

Education at Georgia State University, majoring at Educational Research, Measurement and Statistics. She also teaches Chinese at Chinese Language Institute on weekends. Xiaoyun has been in Atlanta for years, and is no longer experiencing the culture shock living in a foreign country. She enjoys her life here in the United States and loves to make friends with people from different countries. We are happy to include her as part of our program evaluation team, and are looking forward to the impact she will make.



Corshae Robinson, also a new student assistant for After-School All-Stars, is an Atlanta native. She is a graduate from Westlake High School, located in

Southwest Atlanta, and is currently attending Georgia State University. She is a junior majoring in Business Marketing and Advertising, and after graduating, she plans to continue her education at either Kennesaw State University or Columbus State University for her Masters degree, in hopes of becoming a marketing director. Some of her hobbies include kickboxing, yoga, reading, and shopping. She particularly likes going outdoors to experience the magnificent sites of nature. We welcome her as a member in our business management division.

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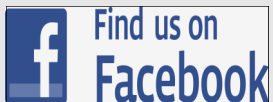
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