

# Boys & Girls Clubs Continue Much-Needed Education Program *Project Learn*



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In response to the need for continued programs supporting the education of the youth in our communities, Boys & Girls Clubs continue to provide our Project Learn programs. Project Learn is an evidence-based education program. It reinforces the skills and knowledge young people learn at school during the hours they spend at the Club.

The program strategy is based on research demonstrating that students do much better in school when they spend their non-school hours engaged in fun, yet academically beneficial activities. Club staff use all areas of the club to create opportunities for high-yield learning activities, which include leisure reading, writing activities, homework help, tutoring, and games. For example, through fun activities we explain the relevance of learning fractions in order to cook a meal, or show how geography helps us to enjoy and understand world events when reading the newspaper, or help youth to understand the earning power of a high school and college degree.

The long-term goals of Project Learn are to ensure that youth graduate from high school, pursue postsecondary educations, and enjoy life-long learning. Thank you to the following for their support of Project Learn this school year: **Gordon Elwood Foundation**, Idol Gives Back, Autzen Foundation, PacifiCorp, and the Department of Human Services. Please contact the Club to find out how you can help volunteer in or contribute to the Project Learn program.

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