

13th & UNION PARTNERSHIP

Newsletter

STARs on the Soccer Field

On October 31, third graders joined members of Albright's men's and women's soccer teams on the field in Shirk Stadium for a soccer workshop. The Albright players demonstrated soccer skills, ran drills in small groups and played a game with the children. The program is called STAR, with each letter standing for qualities that all athletes must possess: self-control, teamwork, attitude and respect.



Volunteer Center Helps Make Halloween a Treat

Albright's Volunteer Center, under the direction of Susan Benitez '15, helped to make sure the children of Reading had a happy Halloween. On October 24, 13th and Union faculty hosted a Trunk or Treat night, in which cars, with decorated trunks, lined the parking lot at the school. The teachers handed out Halloween candy and healthy snacks to elementary students, while students from Albright's Volunteer Center helped to direct traffic and collected money for U.N.I.C.E.F. Albright College staff members and students donated many of the goodies that were passed out to the children as well. The Partnership thanks everyone who participated for a fun, safe and spooky night!

Calling all Freshman Mentors

The freshman class has chosen to provide mentoring to children in the Reading School District. The Class of 2018 plans to begin this spring at 13th & Union and hopes to work with the same students for the next three years. The goal is to help the students stay in school and set their sights on college. Class President Hunter Ahrens '18 spearheaded this program. For more information, email hunter.ahrens001@albright.edu.

Second Homework Center Added

In November, a second Homework Center was added with funds from the Wyomissing Foundation. The center, which runs after school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, is directed by 13th and Union teachers Susan Shober and Emily Weiss and is available for students who need extra help with their schoolwork. Albright student Angela Cremer '17 was hired to help with the ESL Homework Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Cremer has been a dedicated and valuable volunteer. The Partnership is thrilled to have her as part of the team this spring.



Angela Cremer '17 and students



Michaela Dutton '18 tutoring at the ESL Homework Center

With Grateful Appreciation

Ready. Set. Read! tutoring and the ESL Homework Center ended the fall semester during the week of December 1, 2014. To show the Partnership's appreciation, all volunteers were given a certificate and a cookie treat. We are so grateful for our volunteers! This fall, there were more than 320 hours given to 13th and Union from Albright College volunteers!

Theater for Young Audiences

On January 13, Albright College students in the interim course, "Theater for Young Audiences," visited two fifth-grade classes to teach the children about theater. Under the direction of Danny Campos '05, visiting professor, the class started with warm-ups and then demonstrated improvisation before getting the students involved. Once the fifth graders got into the act they had great ideas for how to create a scene from a snowball fight, and performed some beautiful fairy tales. The fifth graders are looking forward to venturing to Albright in February to see the Domino Players' production of *The Masque of Beauty and the Beast*. A special performance is being arranged for the 13th and Union students.



Once Upon a Runway

On January 15, Susan Benitez '15 began her senior project with ten second graders. Once Upon a Runway is a literature based art and fashion design project created to look at the relationship between popular literature and art, specifically as it relates to children's clothing. The project is designed to be a collaboration with students at the 13th and Union school. Each session begins with a book and closes with an art project. The students will then be able to imagine the types of clothing the book characters would wear. Benitez will use these designs to create clothing for her senior project.



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