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# Shawnee Boys & Girls Club

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SHAWNEE BOYS & GIRLS

## The Club is Party Rockin'

*Club Journalist: Sarah W., age 11*



On September 28, 2011, the Boys and Girls Club had an Everyone Reads party! It was complete with a bounce house, burgers, and fun! All the kids were excited already but no one was expecting a humungous sports themed bounce house to be set up in the middle of the building. As soon as the float was put up the line had stretched all the way to the teen room! Soon we found out the usually outdoor bouncy house had brought a few uninvited guests. Somehow crickets had hitched a ride on the bounce

house! Of course everyone freaked out, so we released our new friends out into the wild (a.k.a the football field). Soon everyone was starving so we sat down to a delicious lunch of burgers, beans, and juice pouches. Everyone went back for seconds. The food

was created by one of our staff, Ms. Melissa! As soon as everyone was finished the fun resumed with a group of kids drawing with chalk outside! A giant welcome sign was put in front of the club.

Alas, things hit a bump in the road, a few kids had gotten too rough in the bounce house and it had to be taken down! But that stopped nobody! Later some kids outside, including this reporter, began an amazingly fun game of gaga ball. It was the perfect end to a perfect day!



## GREAT FUTURES START **HERE.**

## Congratulations M. Alice!!

The Shawnee Boys and Girls Club program director and art instructor, Alice Collins, welcomed a beautiful baby girl on September 12. Alice and her husband named their new addition, Rose.

Rose is a fitting name because

the little girl is all that you imagine a Rose to be, she is beautiful and delicate.

The Club members are excited for Ms. Alice and even more delighted for Ms. Alice's return in December.



# Inspirational Quotes

You can't connect the dots looking forward; you can only connect them looking back-wards. So you have to trust that the dots will somehow connect in your future. You have to trust in something — your gut, destiny, life, karma, whatever.-**Steve Jobs**

Great effort springs naturally from a great attitude.-**Pat Riley**

Only surround yourself with people who will lift you higher.-**Oprah Winfrey**

The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.- **Dr. Seuss**



# Member Spotlight: Tionna S



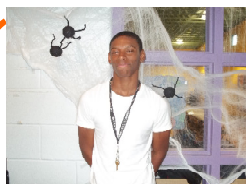
October's member spotlight is on 11 year old, Tionna S. She has been a member of the Shawnee Boys and Girls Club since 2007. She first began attending the club because she

**“Club member since 2007”**

wanted to meet new people because “it’s boring by yourself”. When asked about her thoughts on the club she exclaims, “I think it’s fun and you get to do a lot of things”.

Tionna is involved in many activities such as Torch Club, Smart Girls, Healthy Habits. Everyone Reads and she was

previously in Smart Kids and Start Smart. However, Tionna’s favorite activity is helping out in the kitchen with Chef Alex because “it’s fun to serve people”. She also enjoys spending time with her friends TayQuan, Olivia and Arianna because “they are really funny”.



## Deonta C. & Jodeci T.

# Youth of the Month



Age? 14  
School? Pleasure Ridge Park  
What do you like to do outside the Club? I like to draw and play basketball.  
Favorite thing to do at the Club?  
I like to lift weights and play basketball.

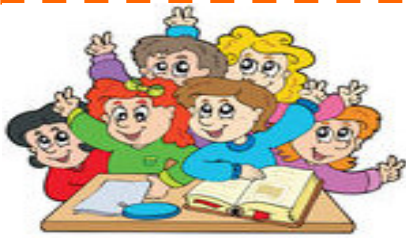
Age? 15  
School? Louisville Male  
What do you like to do? I like to listen to music.  
Favorite thing to do at the Club?  
I like to do my homework at the Club.

## October Birthdays

- Timothy B. - 10/13
- Emmanuel B. - 10/26
- Robert B. - 10/14
- Deashia C. - 10/23
- Orand C. - 10/31
- Destiny E. - 10/13
- Felishawn J. - 10/25
- Deandre L. - 10/13
- Ebonee M. - 10/11
- Jeffery R. - 10/4
- Andrew S. - 10/7
- Khailey S. - 10/13



### Happy Birthday!!!



## Programs

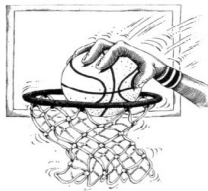
- **Smart Girls**
  - **Smart Kids**
  - **Start Smart**
  - **Project Learn**
- **Smart Girls**— a small prevention/education and self-esteem enhancement program designed to meet the developmental needs of girls ages 8-12 and 13-17.
  - **Smart Kids**-focuses on building self-esteem, positive social skills and the skills to avoid drugs and other harmful influences.
  - **Start Smart**— for pre-teens ages 10-12. Presents information and skills needed to resist pressures to get involved in alcohol, tobacco, other drugs or sexual activity.
  - **Project Learn**— program to reinforce the knowledge and skills youth learn in school by integrating fun, educational activities through club programs.

See Ms. Melissa for more details.



## Upcoming Events

**October 15th— Grover Cox Classic.** 15&under basketball tournament at Jeffersonville.



**October 20th-Lights On Afterschool Celebration.** Celebrating education and encouraging our members to work hard in school.



**October 28th-Shawnee Halloween Party.** (5-7pm) Chris Graham and Partners assisting us in our efforts.



**November 4th— Tri-Star Competition at Shawnee.** Pass, dribble, shooting competition. Winners from each age division will go on to regional tournament.



**November 12th— Actors Theatre.** A Christmas Story.



**November 18th-Parent Appreciation Dinner.** (5-7pm) Jamey Aebersold Jazz Band performing.

*Happy Thanksgiving!*

