

CAP Directors Report

March 2021

Adult Athletics

Jazzercise is operating on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturdays. They are looking forward to the good weather to be able to get outside again.

Basketball Open Gym continues along with the addition of an AM & PM Boot Camp class on Tuesdays/Thursdays. We have three teams playing Volleyball right now, which is going well.

Adult Enrichment

There are no Adult Enrichment programs happening at this time.

Aquatics

Spring lessons opened for registration mid-March and begin the week of April 12. We now can provide hands-on support and instruction in the water. Class sizes will be limited to 3 children per class and social distancing between children will take place.

We've had a huge uptick in private lesson requests this past month. It is normal this time of year to see a little increase in requests, but with not having lessons for so long the demand is even greater to get kids in lessons.

Membership sales for 2020 were low, we hope to increase those in 2021 with the goal of selling 200. This will be challenging because we did extend all memberships by 17 weeks when we closed March – July 2020.

We held this year's Egg Hunt at Ripley Park. It was a huge success with nearly 72 kids spread out throughout three 45-minute time slots.

We are looking to add Aqua Zumba to our arsenal of classes this spring/summer. Kathryn is in communication with an instructor from Whitewater.

Our Pool Deck Yoga instructor, Kathy, will also be teaching a Chair Yoga class (on the pool deck) this spring. We hope to be able to offer it year round for the senior population in Cambridge.

CAP CARE & Preschool

In March CAP CARE began registering children for Day Camp. Registration began with families currently enrolled in CAP CARE, followed by families who attended Day Camp in the past. Registration for the public would open after April 1st. At this time Day Camp has between 27 and 36 children enrolled full time for the summer with a handful more waiting for drop in days to be announced.

Enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year has also continued. At the end of March there are eighteen 4K children, seven Kindergarten, seven 1st grade, fifteen 2nd grade, eight 3rd grade and seven 4th grade. There are also four currently enrolled families looking for care for their 3-year-old children.

CAP CARE received a grant from the Cambridge Foundation. This grant included \$2,000 to purchase materials for the new classroom geared for children between the ages of 3-5 years old. The grant also

included money to purchase and make a hydroponic system that would allow children to participate in growing fresh fruits and vegetables in the classroom as well as \$1,000 toward the creation of a Cares Scholarship. This scholarship would be available for families who find themselves struggling to pay for childcare. The intent of this scholarship is to help get families to the resources they may need. To qualify for the scholarship families must be receiving assistance from 2 of 3 locations. These include CART, the Food Pantry, or Wisconsin Shares.

At the end of March CAP CARE hosted Spring Break camp. This included between 10-12 children during the week. They enjoyed 2 swimming days, a movie, and many child-lead activities, one of which ended up in the creation of homemade bird houses.

Community Café

The Community Cafés have been suspended until further notice.

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry served 73 households in the month of February including 107 adults, 43 kids, and 29 seniors. Over 22 orders were fulfilled using the new online ordering option, and 43 families signed up to receive Easter baskets which were distributed on March 31.

New volunteers started at the pantry on March 15, and over 17 volunteers have signed up for shifts at the pantry for the month of April, as we look forward to seeing all our clients back for in-person shopping beginning April 5.

Seniors

All senior programming has been suspended until further notice.

Youth Athletics

In March, Adam and Brad have been planning for the soccer, baseball and softball season. Adam has been recruiting soccer coaches and leading coaches' meetings for baseball and soccer. Numbers for soccer and baseball so far have been good and seem to be close to where they were before Covid.

Adam and Brad are also continuing to work with the Hoops Club in an effort to offer a new shooting club over the summer. Ideas and planning are still ongoing for that new program.

Youth Center

In the month of March, we had a variety of events for the kids who came to the Youth Center. On Fridays, Maggie would have movie days with the 5th and 6th graders. They watched a couple of the Star War movies on Disney Plus. As for the 7th & 8th graders, they loved getting in as much gym time as possible so they could play basketball. As the weather started to be nicer, the kids started to go outside and enjoy outdoor activities like gaga ball, football, dodgeball, and sharks and minnows. Legos were donated to the Youth Center and were a major hit with the students. Everyone loved being able to create their own masterpieces and share their ideas with one another. The students also liked to do other crafts like origami, dyeing Easter eggs, and participating in the March Madness bracket challenge. Right before the kids went on spring break, Heather had a fun Easter egg hunt. There were great participation numbers that day and the kids enjoyed being outside!

New Hires

Jordyn Davis

Rob Nelles

Respectfully Submitted,

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