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“Our Kids” Center Information Bulletin

## NEWSLETTER



Dear friends and adherents of “Our Kids” Center,

Thank you for your kind support of the “Our Kids” Center! Owing to your generosity, we continue our work providing children with the best services. Here is some news about the events happening in the Center during October-December 2019.

### LATEST NEWS



#### Visiting history

Our children had a chance to visit the National Ukrainian Folk Decorative Art Museum. It is one of the largest art museums in Ukraine. Now the museum collection contains over 75 thousand artifacts of Ukrainian traditional folk and professional decorative art dating from the 15<sup>th</sup> century to present days. The museum permanent exhibition which totals 1,500 sq. m. represents all types of Ukrainian folk art: carpet weaving, weaving, printed cloth, embroidery, ceramics, wood carving and painting, artistic leather work, horn and metal work, glassware, porcelain, Easter egg painting, folk painting and iconography. The pride and adornment of the museum is the collection of Ukrainian folk costumes of the XIX – early XX century representing all regions of Ukraine, where the arts of style, weaving, embroidery, appliqué, print, wickerwork, artistic leather work and metalwork are combined in a uniform artistic ensemble. There are also eye-catching traditional trappings: “duckachs”, coral and Venetian glass beads, and beadwork.



01.10.2019



### Family Day celebration

Kindness and love are two main things that should be bestowed to our children. Because children are our hope and our future. In order to make this hope come true, we, the adults, are to remember about our responsibility to take care of every child. Especially when it comes to the children deprived of parental care. Therefore, guests came to make our children happy on that day. "VYKRUTASY" entertainment team, dealing with the arrangement of children's parties, helped us to make a pleasant and unexpected surprise for our children. Having heard about our event, Mrs. Ukraine 2018, Mrs. Planet 2018, the Head of the "Nation's Clever Future" NGO, the initiator of the "Common Future through Common Books" campaign, Anna Horban, showed her good will by joining our event, greeting our children and bringing them gifts – interesting and informative books about historical sites and monuments of Ukraine. Besides, masters of desserts cooked sweets for the holiday feast and brought them to the children. During the evening, the children's amazement turned into joy, then into admiration and then into delight, as it is so nice that unexpected surprises happen and holidays come all of a sudden when no one even expects it...

We thank sincerely everybody whose assistance has enabled us to arrange such a joyful holiday for our children.

04.10.2019



### WOW Kids Forum!

Boards of our Center took part in the 6<sup>th</sup> educational WOW Kids Forum! This time it was devoted to the subject "Resources: Money and Energy".

The teenagers learnt how important it is to know what resources are available, manage them correctly and deploy them for the benefit of yourself and other people. Volunteers and speakers tried to make it clear for children why it is important to understand your purpose in life, what it is needed for, and how to make first steps to become successful in your endeavors already now.

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### EXCITING THINGS ARE NEARBY...

Exciting and unexplored things are always nearby, - our children realized it attending the event "Professionals of the future are creative" at the invitation of Kyiv Youth Center. In the course of the event, the participants attended two training sessions:

The first one was devoted to creativity where they had a chance to practice this trait with their own and get to know the techniques of striking out new ideas.

The second one was about public image. In its course the girls found out how social media cultivate our public image and why there's no point of putting all information there, what kind of photos generate positive image, as well as practiced taking professional photographs with a common Smartphone.

And the day ended with the excursion to the National Library of Ukraine named after Yaroslav Mudry (the Wise). Many interesting things were heard, but the most exciting was the fact that they had a chance to trace information about their own family names by themselves in the library's archive.

We thank sincerely the Kyiv Youth Center and the management of the National Library of Ukraine named after Yaroslav Mudry (the Wise) for such a wonderful day full of positive emotions.

31.10.2019





### Back to fun and games

Here we go... Quite a little time has passed, and we welcome guests again. This time we were visited by the students of the taekwondo section “Sparta Sarkisyan” together with their coach and members of the “Creative Show” entertainment team for arrangement of children’s parties. Our children had a chance to play long enough with Merry Minions, communicate with young sportsmen and treat themselves to savoury sweets in plenty, which were brought by our guests. The sweets were given by courtesy of “HAUSE” café. On top of that, our wonderful guests brought a whole lot of various amenities. There we had various games, fruits, children’s items, and many other things...



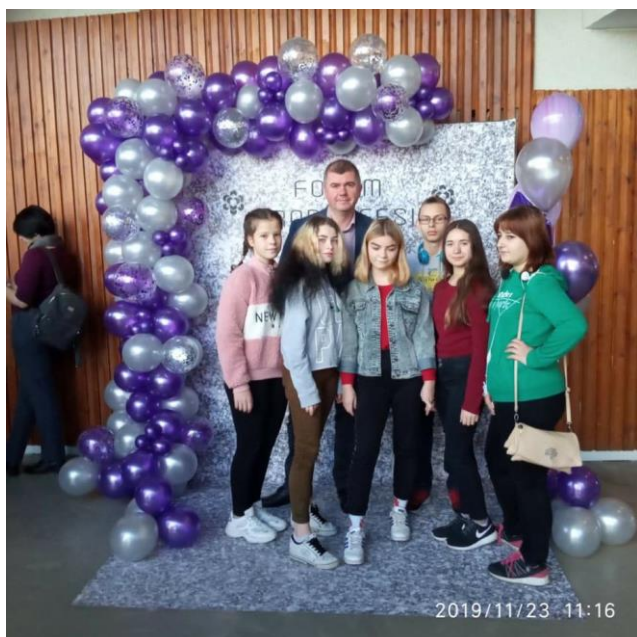
We were saying goodbye to our friends, having gained their promise to come back to us again, and thanking sincerely for the granted festivity. We thank all people who were not indifferent and joined the organization of that holiday putting a little bit of their heart to make it happen.

08.11.2019



The workshop “Liability for the violation of law”, delivered by a representative of the National Police, was held for our children. The participants learnt from what age people can become liable, what kinds of liability exist, and had an opportunity to ask any questions and get competent answers. It was very instructively and informative.

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It was an unusual and informative day for our teenagers; they came to know how to make the right choice of their future profession, using the obtained knowledge. It was interesting, because there were a lot of new, interesting and unusual information. Tinged with positive emotions, as it was communication with coaches, career consultants, and successful professionals. Finally, a group photo with the Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports of Ukraine Oleksandr Yarema became the highlight of the day. Everybody was just overfilled with impressions. And the most important is that participation in the “Forum ProProfesii” organized by the Kyiv Youth Center will help our children to make a deliberate and reasonable choice of their future professional career.

23.11.2019



They say: “If you want to have a feast, do it yourself. If you want to have a tale, create it with your own hands”. So, without a moment’s hesitation, we decided to see and try to create with our own hands the Christmas miracle – a real glass decoration!!! The tale became possible by courtesy of the Director of Lubny Christmas Decorations Factory Vasyi Bakun and the Excursions Manager Kateryna Bakun.

It is really interesting to see the magic from the very beginning up to the final movement of a painting brush. And the most exciting feeling comes when you paint your Christmas ball by yourself, the way you feel it with your heart and the way your imagination strives for.

WE THANK SINCERELY THE ORGANIZERS FOR  
UNFORGETTABLE IMPRESSIONS AND SENSE OF  
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAY EVE.

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It has already become a good tradition to visit educational events arranged by the Kyiv Youth Center for our boarders. This time it was a training session “Combating and preventing bullying” that was held on 10.12.2019. According to the survey conducted by the UNICEF in 2017, 67% of Ukrainian children at the age from 11 to 17 have encountered the problem of bullying during last three months, and 24% of children became the victims of this phenomenon. What is bullying (baiting)? What are its manifestations? What are the reasons for it and consequences of it? What is the right reaction of a pupil when he/she becomes a participant of such situation? Who shall he/she address for help to? What practical instruments must be known by everyone in case when he/she becomes a participant of bullying in educational process? What are the practical instruments for establishment of safety environment in an educational facility? Those were the questions that our children were able to get answers for. Besides, they received a relevant CERTIFICATE for acknowledgement.

10.12.2019

With the children and the whole team of the “Our Kids” Center I am sending you our sincerest and best wishes.

Warm regards,

Barbara-Maria Monheim