



CHANGING THE GAME

GREETINGS FROM MANAGING DIRECTOR

An organizational update in the form of a “Top Ten List”

10 – Years partnering with John C. Clark School
(*With The People, as the physical building is still closed...*).

9 – Ready, Set, Read! sessions occur every Monday with K-4th grade classes (*Husky Sport programs now combine for a total of 39 classroom visits per week at Clark School*).

8 – Husky Sport programs have integrated Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) during Clark School engagement efforts (*instead of listing them here, how about you visit the website?*).

7 – PhD (3) + Master’s Degree (4) Candidates are currently being funded (*meet 1 new PhD candidate below*).

6 – is the total of 3+3. And we have 33 staff members that participate within our structure of intentional holistic development (*that’s all I’ve got for you on this numerical connection*).

5 – Community-based agencies are supported during after school & weekend programming.

4 – Public Allies Apprentices work full-time with Husky Sport in collaboration with AmeriCorps (*meet 2 of the Public Allies below*).

3 – Husky Move visits per week with 5-8th grade classes (*Monday, Wednesday, & Friday mornings*).

2 – Undergraduate students are working (*and dominating!*) as Transportation Coordinators.

1 – Person by the name of Leah Ward has moved with her family to Canada (*still not sure I’m ready to discuss this change quite yet...but figured y’all should know if you didn’t already*).

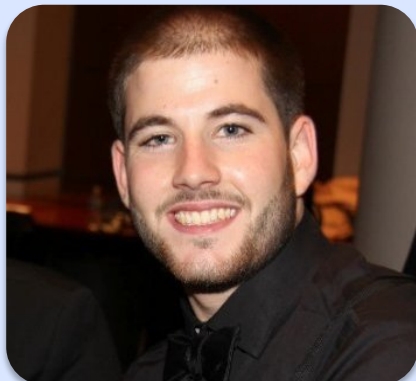
Hope all is well with everyone,
Justin Evanovich - Managing Director

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WELCOMING NEW STAFF

Overview: This year we welcomed in three new program leaders to Husky Sport. They've been putting in great efforts to build relationships and get familiar with our community-campus partnerships. Take a look below to learn more about our new friends who are doing great things with us so far this year!



Joe Condren

Current Role?

Public Ally

Where are you from?

Hartford, CT

What is your educational background?

B.A. Architecture and Urban Design from New York University

How did you find Husky Sport?

Public Allies (AmeriCorps program)

Favorite fruit, veggie, sport?

Raspberries, Brussels Sprouts, Soccer

What are you aspiring to be?

I would like to get into sustainable community oriented and initiated development

Quote to leave us with...

"It's the repetition of affirmations that leads to belief. And once that belief becomes a deep conviction - Things begin to happen." - Muhammad Ali



Nneka Arinze

Current Role?

PhD Candidate

Where are you from?

Atlanta, GA

What is your educational background?

B.A. & M.A. in Sport Management from University of Georgia and University of Florida, respectively.

How did you find Husky Sport?

Executive Director Dr. McGarry introduced me to the program

Favorite fruit, veggie, sport?

Mango, Broccoli, Soccer

What are you aspiring to be?

I hope to work in the world of sport, in some way.

Quote to leave us with...

"You have power over your mind - not outside events. Realize this, and you will find strength" - Marcus Aurelius



Kerry Mattson

Current Role?

Public Ally

Where are you from?

Bristol, NH

What is your educational background?

B.A. Political Science from the University of Connecticut

How did you find Husky Sport?

I had friends take the SBYD course and it sounded like something I would love to do.

Favorite fruit, veggie, sport?

Nectarines, Carrots, Basketball

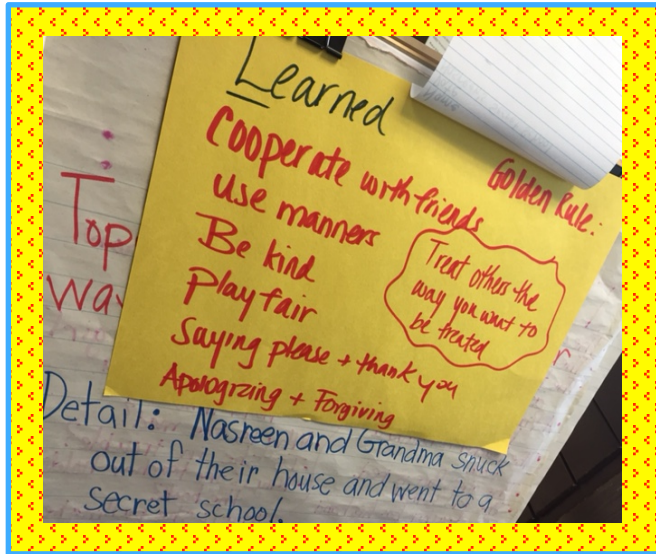
What are you aspiring to be?

An Educator

Quote to leave us with...

"Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter, don't mind" - Dr. Seuss

CLARK SCHOOL – THREE BIG ROCKS



Academics

Husky Sport will support staff and teacher strategies and actions toward academic achievement by aligning with school-wide academic goals through continued participation during staff and planning meetings, further complimented by individualized collaborations with teachers and support staff.

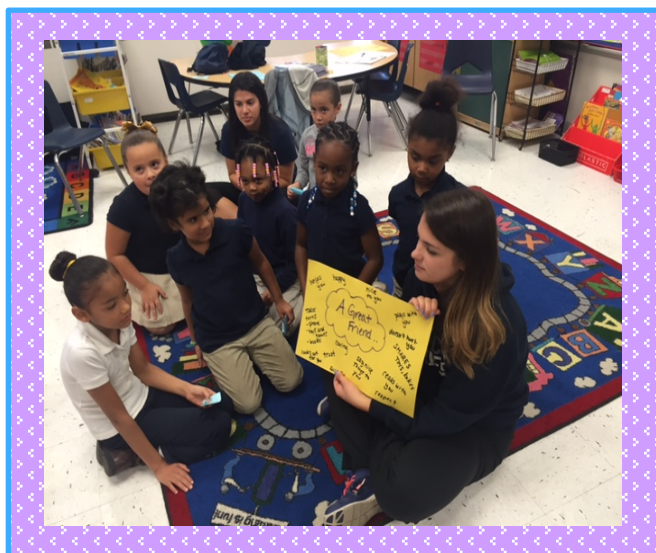
Attendance

Husky Sport's positive and sustained relationships, and approach to learning will support coordinated Clark School initiatives to increase student engagement and reward improved consistent attendance.



Climate & Culture

Husky Sport staff and students will proactively teach and reinforce these core values through a systematic and high volume distribution of 'PBIS Paws' to students displaying positive behaviors. Frequent delivery of fun and active rewards and incentives provided to the students displaying positive behaviors will further enhance the culture and climate of Clark School.



PBIS UPDATE – CLARK SCHOOL



Overview: In the first cycle of programming, Husky Sport rewarded over 5,000 paws to students for displaying respect, responsibility, care and safety (Clark’s Core Values). While in the classroom program leaders first identified specific behaviors like raising your hand and waiting to be called on (respect), staying on task during activities (responsibility), encouraging classmates (care) and maintaining personal space (safety), then rewarded students for doing these behaviors. During every classroom visit, students were able to put their earned paws into a raffle bucket to win the prize of the week - in this first cycle, Husky Sport has rewarded over 100 prizes, including - Husky Sport t-shirts, posters, footballs, jump ropes, headbands and banners.

Cycle One Outcomes

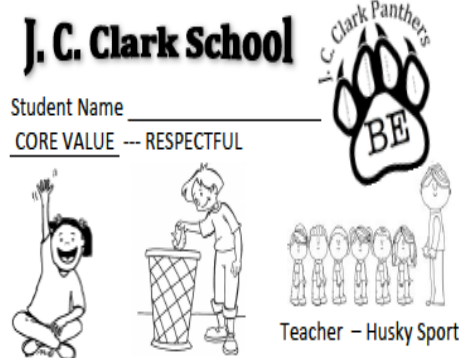
**39 WEEKLY
VISITS**

**5,000+ PAWS
DISTRIBUTED**

**100+ PRIZES
DISTRIBUTED**



Students perform
core value



Students receive
Husky Sport
Panther Paws



One student wins
paw raffle at end of
every visit

YOUNG SOUTH EAST ASIA LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE (YSEALI)



Overview: For the 2015-2016 school year, Clark Elementary and Middle School's leadership team is heavily focusing strategic efforts on academic progress, increasing attendance and positively adjusting the school's climate and culture. As a Clark School partner, Husky Sport supports these efforts through consistent positive engagement (climate and culture) that makes learning (academics) and the school environment fun and desirable (attendance). During their two-visit service project YSEALI participants joined Husky Sport Program Leaders in rewarding the accomplishments of Clark Elementary and Middle School students for attendance and positive behavior. Together, Husky Sport and YSEALI rewarded about eighty-five 2nd, 3rd and 7th grade students with recesses that highlighted their accomplishments and had everyone physically active.



"Playing with the students is the most exciting experiences I have had in the United States so far! They were all so nice and kind. They all cheered on the YSEALI volunteers during the relay races, it was great! Although some were shy at first the students really warmed up to us quickly. I really hope that one day I can see all of them again." - Thao Nguyen (Vietnam)

"It was an interesting experience to work with students from around the world. They were very enthusiastic about our program and interacting with the Clark School students! It was a great opportunity to talk to them about their culture and be asked about our culture here in the United States. Overall it was a great learning experience!" - Carolina Franco Husky Sport Program Leader



"For many of the YSEALI participants, volunteerism is a concept not commonly found in their home countries. Having the opportunity to see how much of an impact can be made even in just their 3 hours of volunteering, is very inspiring for the students! Husky Sport is a great example of positive student engagement, intentional lesson planning and most of all Fun! Many of them will reflect on their experience with Husky Sport and apply it to their own Social Entrepreneurship project in the coming months!" - Cassandra Therriault YSEALI Activities Coordinator

CHESIRE YMCA VISITS UCONN



Husky Sport hosted approximately 50 elementary school students and 10 Chesire YMCA staff for a day of fun at the UConn Storrs Campus on 9/23/15. Students and staff took part in an interactive day with our Husky Sport Program Leaders to get familiar with the campus, learn about the agriculture of UConn, and engage in a good time with one another.

Trip Outline



10:30am – 11:00am	Softball Field
11:00am – 11:30am	Welcoming & Group Dodgeball
11:30am – 12:30pm	Group #1: Walking Farm Tour Group #2: Campus Walking Tour
12:30pm – 1:30pm	Lunch & Ice Cream
1:30pm – 2:30pm	Group #1: Campus Walking Tour Group #2: Walking Farm Tour
2:30pm	Dairy Bar



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