

# NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

BPNC X KELLY COLLEGE PREP

## SKILLSUSA: FOOD DRIVE

A big shout out to the BPNC SkillsUSA club for organizing a food drive for the Brighton Park community! Their dedication and hard work in collecting and distributing food to those in need have made a significant impact on the community. Their efforts exemplify the spirit of service and compassion, and we applaud them for their commitment to making a positive difference.

***"I LOVED HELPING BRIGHTON PARK FAMILIES BY PROVIDING GREAT THANKSGIVING MEALS FOR THEM TO ENJOY. IT WAS A PLEASURE HELPING THOSE FAMILIES IN NEED, CAN'T WAIT TO DO THIS AGAIN!"***

**- DAVID HERNANDEZ, SKILLSUSA PRESIDENT**





## SKILLSUSA CLUB GOES TO PEORIA, IL.

SkillsUSA offers incredible opportunities for middle school, high school, and college/postsecondary students to establish a strong foundation for success in their careers and lives. Joining SkillsUSA is a wise choice for students as they navigate their educational and career paths.



We are excited to share that over 40 students from Kelly College Prep, with the support of BPNC, had the amazing opportunity to attend this trip in November. This experience provided them with valuable insights and connections that will undoubtedly benefit their future endeavors.

***"WE WENT TO PEORIA FOR SKILLUSA LEAD, WHERE WE LEARNED THE FUNDAMENTALS OF WHAT IT TAKES TO BE CAREER READY. I LEARNED HOW TO MAKE/GIVE A ELEVATOR SPEECH, THANK YOU BPNC FOR HELPING MAKE THIS POSSIBLE. "***

**- ARMANDO PEREZ,  
SKILLSUSA VICE PRESIDENT**





# FEATURED COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

## ADULT SEWING CLUB

We would like to give a big shout-out to the BPNC sewing club for their recent project! They have been working hard on creating beautiful and cozy infinite scarves. Now, the sewing club is excited to announce their upcoming projects. They will be working on the Fleece Hats Project, where they will be crafting unique and stylish hats for the upcoming season. Additionally, they will also be starting the Christmas tablecloths Project, creating festive tablecloths to add a touch of joy to our holiday celebrations. If you are interested in joining the sewing club or getting involved in any of these projects, please reach out to us.



## INTERESTED IN JOINING THE SEWING PROGRAM?

### REACH OUT TO OUR PARENT COORDINATOR.

Please email our parent coordinator, Susana Reyna, at [SReyna@bpncchicago.org](mailto:SReyna@bpncchicago.org) or call at (708) 573-0942.



## ADULT GUITAR

Join the adult guitar club and learn how to play the guitar! Our dedicated students have been practicing their Waltzes and rhythm guitar exercises in preparation for our exciting end-of-year performance. If you're interested in joining us, please email our parent coordinator using the contact information provided below.

## ADULT ART

In the adult art club, students have recently completed an exciting piñatas project. Now, they are delving into the creative process of crafting beautiful flowers using nylon stockings. This hands-on activity allows members to explore different techniques and materials, resulting in stunning floral creations that showcase their artistic talents. Stay tuned for more updates and inspiration from our talented adult art club members!



**INTERESTED IN JOINING A PROGRAM? CHECK OUT OUR PROGRAM CATALOG. OR CONTACT OUR PARENT COORDINATOR AT [SREYNA@BPNCCHICAGO.ORG](mailto:SREYNA@BPNCCHICAGO.ORG)**



# FEATURED STUDENT PROGRAMS



## SEWING CLUB

The students in the sewing club have been hard at work on their crochet projects under the guidance of their instructor, Ms. Koch. We want to extend a huge shout-out to Ms. Koch for her dedication and expertise in teaching our students these new crochet skills. The students have been eagerly learning and practicing different crochet techniques, creating beautiful and intricate pieces. It's amazing to see their progress and the creativity they bring to their projects. We are grateful to have such a talented instructor like Ms. Koch who is passionate about sharing her knowledge and fostering a love for sewing and crochet among our students.

## LEGO CLUB

The students in the Lego club have been incredibly busy this school year, with over 30 sets already completed. They have been working diligently in groups to assemble these Lego sets, which will be proudly displayed throughout the school.





## BPNC COLLEGE MENTORS: PREPARING OUR STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS.

We hope you're having a great semester so far. As the end of the term approaches, we want to remind you about the importance of open tutoring sessions.

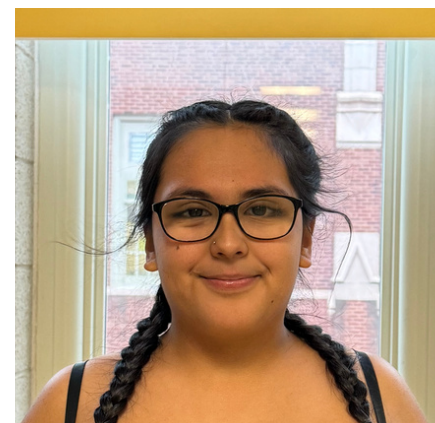
If you're feeling overwhelmed with assignments, exams, or projects, our open tutoring sessions provide a great opportunity for you to receive support and succeed. Our dedicated mentors are here to offer guidance, answer your questions, and provide valuable resources.

Remember, these sessions are designed to help you excel academically and build connections within our community. Don't hesitate to take advantage of this valuable resource.



***"THANK YOU TO THE TUTORS FOR ALWAYS BEING THERE WHEN I NEED HELP BRINGING MY GRADES UP. THEY MOTIVATED ME TO NOT BE AFRAID TO ASK FOR HELP WHEN I NEED IT."***

**- CLARISSA TELLEZ, STUDENT IN TUTORING**

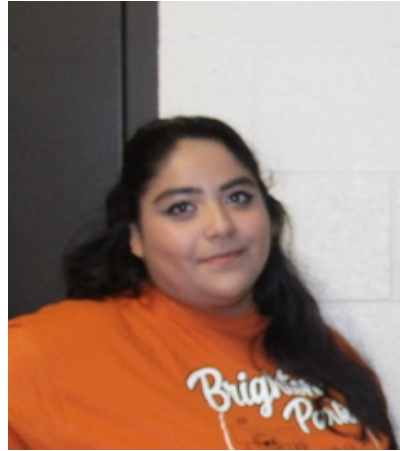




## GET EXTRA HELP WITH AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING



**Ms. Sanchez**



**Ms. Lopez**



**Ms. Avila**



**Ms. Lily**



**Ms. Luna**

**LUNCH AND AFTER SCHOOL  
TUTORING.**

**ROOM: 104**

**WALK-INS ARE WELCOMED**



# MEET THE MENTORS

## Ms. Sanchez

**Subjects:** English, World History

- **Bio:** I love reading and binge-watching true crime shows on Netflix in my free time. I am definitely a big foodie and try different restaurants with my friends on weekends. If you ever need help with writing a paper or coming up with ideas, I am here to help.
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## Ms. Lopez

**Subjects:** English, History, Spanish, Civics, Biology

**Bio:** Hi! I am Vanessa Lopez and a few fun facts about me are that I adore watching anime and reading Manga so stop by and have a chat! I also enjoy video games and going out and exploring parts of the city. I also adore makeup and fashion! I hope you come by and visit when you can!

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## Ms. Lily

**Subjects:** Mathematics

**Bio:** I am interested in scrapbooking, watching anime, and playing Genshin Impact. We can always talk about anime and PC games. Although my strong points are mathematics classes, you can come to see me if you need help with any other class assignments.

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## Ms. Avila

**Subjects:** Science, Mathematics

- **Bio:** I am a recent graduate of DePaul University, and my interests include reading, watching film/tv, and environmentalism. I hope to help students with math, science, or any questions about life after college.

## Ms. Luna

**Subjects:** English

**Bio:** I am a freelance illustrator and radio producer currently working for Lumpen Radio. I live in Brighton Park, and have been living here since 2015. I teach for After School Matters as well, and have been teaching a screen printing class since 2021.



# COMMUNITY EVENTS



## BRINGING TEACHERS AND PARENTS TOGETHER.

Thank you to all who attended our monthly community Potluck event! It was a fantastic opportunity to meet our program instructors and school staff. We would like to express our gratitude to Tania Trejo and Griselda Esparza for their invaluable assistance in reaching out to the community for this event. Your support was instrumental in making this event a success.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENT:

## CREATE YOUR OWN EDIBLE ARRANGEMENT!

Create your own edible arrangement at our upcoming community event.

**Date:** December 21st, 2023

**Time:** 5-6PM

**Location:** Kelly College Prep's 3rd floor lunchroom.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to get creative and enjoy some tasty treats. See you there!

