

KAY KLIPS

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Ellinwood KAY Club co-sponsored the "Little Buddy" Halloween Party. Plans included matching 25 little buddies with big buddies. They tried not to put big buddies with little buddies they knew. The party activities included a costume contest, doing crafts, eating snacks & listening to scary stories. To become a little buddy, second & third grade students & their parents filled out a form given to the children at the school. To become a big buddy, the student filled out & submitted an application with questions about themselves. Big buddies must commit to attend each party. Everyone had a great time & the club members enjoy being a big buddy to a little buddy.

Maize KAY Club members were busy during the holiday season with community service projects, sponsoring the annual holiday party for homeless children & collecting gifts to donate to Caring Hearts of Wichita. The attendance was less than expected for this year's party; however, the overall party was beneficial for KAY members and the children, ages 10-11 years old who attended. The club had three committees with team effort in each area. Prior to the guests arriving, each committee set up their station. A craft station offered supplies for paper plate wreaths, candy cane reindeers & coloring. A food station offered colored frosting to decorate cookies. The toys for the gift bags were donated by KAY members along with a donation from Target. The leftover gifts were given to the Salvation Army. After the children arrived, they played games such as bowling, basketball, football, parachute games & scooter races. A member dressed up as Santa Claus & presented the children with a bag of Christmas presents. The members reflect that these children don't have very many special days & just seeing them smile is pretty cool.

Norton HS KAY Club make hospitalized children beary happy. The club collected 22 teddy bears this year for hospitalized children. The collection included teddy bears & other new stuffed animals to donate to newborns at the Norton County Hospital. Other service projects that the club is involved with is giving blankets to needy HeadStart children; donating money to the American Lung Association; donating cleaning supplies to the battered women's shelter in Hays. The club also gave gifts to the Angel Tree at Pamida & donated money to the American Cancer Society and to Big Brothers Big Sisters.