
Get ready for a new year!

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Save the dates: 2026-27 K-Kids and Builders Club administrator chats. Good news! This year, you don't have to register. Just save the events and this ["Join the Administrator Chat"](#) link in your calendar — or go to the [district administrator webpage](#) at the time of the chat and click on "Join the Meeting" below the event.

- **Wednesday, September 16, 2026, 7-8 p.m. ET: Using Kiwanis Engage and DA resources.** Learn about information you can access in Kiwanis Engage — including

reports of active clubs and club advisors — and about the SLP 101 training module for K-Kids and Builders Club advisors. Then hear about [new Builders Club administrator resources](#), including promotional rack cards and customizable emails and letters to use for new club growth.

- **Wednesday, January 13, 2027, 7-8 p.m. ET: What we've learned about clubs.** Gain a better understanding of what's most important to K-Kids and Builders Club members and advisors. We'll examine member and advisor survey data, and we'll reflect on what members of the faculty advisor councils have taught us.
- **Wednesday, April 7, 7-8 p.m. ET: Roundtable conversation.** The floor is yours! Bring an idea, a challenge or a story to share with other administrators.



IMPORTANT 2026-27 DATES!

Get ready for the new Builders Club year by putting the following events and activities on your calendar. For descriptions of the virtual advisor chats, visit the [advisors webpage](#).

- **September 1-October 31:** Complete the Builders Club [beginning-of-year member survey](#).
- **September 23, 7-8 p.m. ET:** K-Kids and Builders Club Advisor Chat: How to start strong for the year

and submit for awards. [REGISTER](#).

- **October 1, noon ET:** [Global Kickoff 2026](#) event video released.
- **October 1-31:** Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF is coming! Plan your club fundraiser for [Start Strong: Zambia](#) this Halloween!
- **February 3, 7-8 p.m. ET:** K-Kids and Builders Club Advisor Chat: Tips and ideas from advisors. [REGISTER](#).
- **February 22-26:** Celebrate [Builders Club Week](#).
- **April 1:** Deadline to submit all entries and nominations for [Builders Club awards and contests](#).
- **April 1-May 15:** Complete Builders Club advisor and member end-of-year surveys.



WHAT WE'VE LEARNED FROM YOU

Thanks to Builders Club advisors who completed — and had members complete — end-of-year surveys in April and May! The results tell a clear story: Builders Club is shaping how students see themselves as leaders. Across the surveys, one theme came up more than any other: teamwork! Students in Builders Club are learning how to support one another as they work through challenges

and rely on peers to get meaningful work done. Right behind teamwork were communication and problem solving. In other findings, students report feeling comfortable asserting themselves and becoming aware of the needs of those around them.

Curious about what else the data shows? Read the blog! You'll find ideas on how to run your club, what members find most impactful and how to recruit new members. And don't forget to add surveys to your club's activities this year. Your club can complete the [beginning-of-year survey](#) between September 1 and October 31.

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AND THE PIZZA PARTY WINNER IS...

When clubs submitted beginning-of-year and end-of-year surveys for 2025-26, they were given an opportunity to win a pizza party. Congratulations to the winner: Ridge View Community School Builders Club in Dexter, Maine, U.S. During the party, members discussed and agreed on

the year's big takeaways: they love helping people, meeting new people and finding ways to support people in the community.

Be like Ridge View — add surveys to your club's activities! This year's beginning-of-year survey will open September 1 and close October 31. Clubs whose members complete these surveys will have the opportunity to win a US\$25 Amazon gift card. And clubs who submit all three surveys this year (member beginning- and end-of-year surveys *and* advisor end-of-year survey) will have the opportunity to win a club pizza party in 2027!

GET STARTED



JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Whether you're a seasoned advisor or in your first year, joining the official K-Kids and Builders Club advisor community on Facebook is a win-win! It's a safe and welcoming space to connect with peers, share insights and collect great ideas and advice.

- Need an idea for a new service activity or fundraiser? Post a question.
- Want to investigate partnerships with outside organizations? Ask how other clubs do this.

- Not sure how to handle a challenging situation?
Post a scenario.
- Want to share a club success that others can duplicate? Offer details with photos.

Your experience and perspective are valuable, and we'd love for you to join our online advisor community!

[JOIN NOW](#)



BUILDERS CLUB STOCKS SCHOOL CLINIC

When members of St. John's College Builders Club in the Bahamas discovered the school's clinic needed essential supplies, they worked with the school nurse to organize several school-wide collection drives. As a result, the clinic now has replenished its medical resources and can effectively treat any student needing care!

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We're growing our family one club at a time! Here are the newly chartered Builders Clubs and the Kiwanis districts where they're located.

- Ellicott Mills Middle School, Ellicott City, Maryland, U.S., Capital District
- Liberty Middle School, Ashland, Virginia, U.S., Capital District
- New Vistas School, Lynchburg, Virginia, U.S., Capital District
- Northern Middle School, Hagerstown, Maryland, U.S., Capital District
- Obistan Kinder Prep, Kingston, Jamaica, Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District
- Don Estridge High Tech Middle, Boca Raton, Florida, U.S., Florida District
- Robert R. Lazar Middle School, Montville, New Jersey, U.S., New Jersey District
- Artie Henry Middle School, Cedar Park, Texas, U.S., Texas-Oklahoma District
- Gainesville Junior High School, Gainesville, Texas, U.S., Texas-Oklahoma District

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

1: Builders Club [beginning-of-year member survey](#) opens.

23: [K-Kids and Builders Club Advisor Chat: Start strong for the year and awards](#), 7-8 p.m. ET.

OCTOBER

1: K-Kids and Builders Club [Global Kickoff 2026](#) video release, noon ET.

31: [Beginning-of-year member survey](#) deadline, 11:59 p.m. ET.

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