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[Lakewood after-school computer clubhouse expanding](#)

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Spending time on a computer after school just got better in Lakewood – thanks to Intel.

The kids who consider the Lakewood Computer Clubhouse their second home will have \$40,000 in new equipment and software to help them celebrate the center's sixth anniversary next month.

A celebration of the new equipment, and the anniversary, has been scheduled from 4 to 7 p.m. on May 22 at the clubhouse, 8800 121st St. S.W., the site of the old Lake City School.

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The upgrades to the clubhouse's available technology are the result of \$40,000 in grants from the Intel Foundation and Intel Corp. to the Pierce College Foundation, the clubhouse's parent organization. The grants will be used to fund upgrades in new game design, role playing, animation and music software, electric guitars, amplifiers and digital drums for the clubhouse's "garage band" recording area, plus a new server, video equipment, and tablet-style computers for use in art projects and design.

The ingredients in the grant came as the result of input from the teenagers who use the clubhouse frequently, says Kurt Sample, coordinator.

"The teen members helped me draft the list," he said. "I've always run the clubhouse so that we all have an equal stake in this. The kids really respect that, so it was important to get their input. These are the things they wanted and the things they're interested in learning."

This summer, clubhouse members will take their new video equipment into the neighborhoods of Lakewood to produce documentary-style films on the distinct characters of those neighborhoods and the young people who live in them.

The Lakewood clubhouse is free and open to all children ages 10 to 18. Operating hours are typically from 2:30 to 7 p.m. on weekdays. For more information, visit the Web site at [www.pierce.ctc.edu/clubhouse](http://www.pierce.ctc.edu/clubhouse) or call (253) 583-5599.