SWINK — Swink School, in partnership with the Choctaw County Boys & Girls Club has recently been awarded a grant through the Boys & Girls Club of America and Kimberly-Clark. Twenty Family PLUS grants were awarded nationally. In Swink, \$15,000 in grant funds will be used for after-school enrichment activities and evening events that promote family involvement and economic development for Swink area residents.

Swink School and the Choctaw County Boys & Girls Club are working together to determine just what programs should be offered.

"When we wrote the grant, our focus included access to our technology lab for students and district patrons from 4 to 6 p.m. Mondays to Thursdays. However, after attending the grant meeting in Atlanta we now realize that there are many other projects that we can target to meet the needs of families. Technology will still be offered, but we are going to let them help us decide which other projects are most needed," said Swink Superintendent Ed Kennedy. Some of the projects recommended for daily activities have included: hunter's education, arts and crafts, gardening, archery and music. It is also important to determine weekly evening events for families.

"In addition to specialty technology workshops, we are considering events like tax preparation help, assistance in getting CDIB cards, home buying, credit counseling and wildlife habitat improvement," he said.

At 5:30 p.m. Monday, March 8 Swink School will host a community forum to get feedback on program offerings. Hot dogs, chips and refreshments will be served.

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