



TIES FOR GUYS PEARLS FOR GIRLS 5TH GRADE MENTORING PROGRAM

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TIES FOR GUYS AND PEARLS FOR GIRLS IS A MENTORING PROGRAM FOR ALL 5TH GRADE STUDENTS AT EAGLE SPRINGS ELEMENTARY. EVERY STUDENT IS SENT HOME A PERMISSION SLIP TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE BUT IT IS COMPLETELY UP TO THE INDIVIDUAL STUDENT TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT THEY WANT TO ATTEND. MONTHLY MENTOR MEETINGS ARE PART OF THE SCHOOL SCHEDULE WHERE A SPECIFIC TIME IS ALLOTTED FOR THE MENTOR/SPEAKER TO SPEND QUALITY TIME WITH THE STUDENTS. THE STUDENTS GATHER TO HEAR DIFFERENT INSPIRATIONAL LESSONS AND OR LIFE STORIES OF OTHERS WHO IMPART WISDOM IN THEIR LIVES BY SHARING THEIR STRUGGLES AND ACHIEVEMENTS. FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS IN THE MENTOR PROGRAM ARE ALLOWED TO ASK QUESTIONS OF THE MENTOR GUEST SPEAKER TO GAIN MORE INSIGHT AND KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE PRESENTATIONS. THE GUYS DRESS UP AND WEAR TIES AND THE GIRLS DRESS UP AND WEAR PEARLS. GUEST SPEAKERS AND CLUB SPONSORS TAKE THE STUDENTS THROUGH DIFFERENT LESSONS THAT ARE MEANT TO HELP THEM VISUALIZE THEIR FUTURE AND TO START MAKING PLANS TO ACHIEVE WHATEVER DREAM THEY HAVE ENVISIONED FOR THEMSELVES.

THE MENTORING PROGRAM AT EAGLE SPRINGS ELEMENTARY WAS STARTED BECAUSE TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATION SAW A NEED. THEY NOTICED THAT STUDENTS WERE NOT WORKING UP TO THEIR FULL POTENTIAL. STUDENTS NEEDED AN OUTLET TO FEEL EMPOWERED. TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATION HOPED THAT WITH THE START OF THE MENTORING PROGRAM, STUDENTS WOULD START TO MIMIC THE SKILLS/LESSONS LEARNED IN THE MONTHLY MEETINGS AND BELIEVE IN THEMSELVES MORE. THE BELIEF WAS THAT IF STUDENTS COULD SEE POSITIVE EXAMPLES FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS, IT WOULD BOOST THEIR SELF-ESTEEM, DECREASE NEGATIVE BEHAVIOR, AND HELP THEM TO BE BETTER CITIZENS FOR THE GOOD OF THE SCHOOL AND THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH THEY LIVE. THE PURPOSE OR GOAL OF THE MENTORING PROGRAM AT EAGLE SPRINGS ELEMENTARY WAS TO HELP STUDENTS UNDERSTAND THAT THEIR LIVES HAVE VALUE AND THAT THEIR LIVES ARE ALSO ABOUT THE CHOICES THAT THEY MAKE. EVERY STUDENT IN THE MENTORING PROGRAM WOULD LEAVE WITH THE BELIEF THAT THEY COULD HAVE THE FUTURE THAT THEY DESIRE AND THE FUTURE THAT THEY DESERVE.

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