



Lafayette School Mentoring Project

Spring Newsletter 2009

Research on the Advantages of School-Based Mentoring

Adapted from mentoring.org research corner's article
School based Mentoring written by Dr. Jean Rhodes

Reduced Cost: School-based programs tend to be half as costly per youth than other mentoring programs.

Advocacy: When mentors are integrated into the school environment, they are better able to advocate on behalf of their mentees. For example, they can easily speak directly with students' teachers.

Raising Students' Social Status: Having a mentor is seen as an "enviable perk" by other students.

Academic Focus: The school setting brings academic issues to center stage and provides a natural context for mentors to delve into school and learning issues.

Reaching Higher Risk-Children: School-based mentoring programs enrollment procedures are less difficult making it possible for youth whose family situation may prevent them from being involved in programs that require greater family involvement. This implies that school-based mentoring might, in some cases, be reaching higher-risk children and families.



Glide Memorial Church



Tutors, students and their families spent an early Sunday morning at Glide Memorial Church preparing bag lunches. It was hard work but we made a total of 600 bag lunches!

LSMP Fundraiser April 25, 7-10pm

Bring your family and friends and celebrate with LSMP at Zocalo Coffeehouse, a community focused coffee shop in San Leandro.

We will feature a live band, DJ, and the premiere of our promotional documentary that features the inspirational stories of former LSMP students discussing the long-term impacts of mentoring on their lives.

Food & drink donations generously provided by: Rick & Ann's, Sweet Adeline, Teacake Bake Shop, Bake Sale Betty, Semifreddi's, Sonoma Curter Russian River Ranches, Buehler Vineyards and Ventana wine courtesy of Nico & Betsy Johnson

100 % of profits benefit LSMP thanks to the generosity of neighborhood businesses and partners!

Top 5 Ways to Help LSMP:

5. Come to the fundraiser
4. Bring family & friends
3. Buy a raffle ticket
2. Sell raffle tickets at work
1. Keep being an amazing tutor!

Many thanks to the following local businesses for donating gifts for our raffle:

Club one • A'Cote Restaurant • i salon • Hotel Rex • Peet's Coffee and Tea • Chabot Space & Science Center • Oakland Zoo • Aurora Theater • Franklin Wine Bar • Berkeley Rep Theater • Zachary's Pizza • Children's Fairyland • Bay Area Discovery Museum • Pyzano's Pizzeria • Speakeasy Theaters • Oakland Museum • Lindsay Wildlife Museum • Joi Nail Spa • Lake Merritt Boating Center • Grand Lake and Orinda Theaters

Crab Cove: Beach Exploration in Alameda



Tutors and students had a great time at the beach! With the guidance of a naturalist, the kids searched the low tide for sea critters. We had a picnic on the beach, flew a kite, and even played in the water.



Upcoming Fieldtrips and Important Dates:

April 6-10: No School, Spring Break

Saturday, April 18, 10:30am:

Earth Day Celebration @ Junior Center of Arts & Sciences, Lake Merritt

Saturday, May 16, 10:00am:

Lake Merritt Cleanup & tour of Farmers Market

For the first time
in 12 years...

**LSMP does not have
a waiting list!**

Many thanks to our amazing
104 tutors for making this
possible.

Student Writing and Art Work

Letter to Pen Pal in Tanzania

Hi, my name is Enecia. Right now, I am a third grader at Lafayette Elementary School. My favorite subject in school is math. Everyday, I walk to school from home. Also, I am a cheerleader at school. My favorite board game is Sorry. Summer is my favorite time of year. Suring summer, I go to water parks with my family. I have two younger brothers and one sister. I eat a lot of vegetables at home. But, my favorite food is chicken. I have a cat named Penny. She is cute and very active. Yesterday, I went to san Francisco, it was a beautiful city. I hope you are doing well in school. I wish you good luck and health. I hope we stay in touch.

Best,

Enecia Lang, USA

Martin Luther King and I

Martin Luther King was strong, brave, and helpful and so am I.

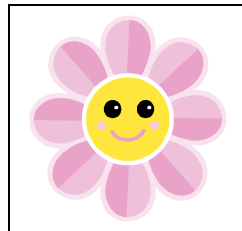
Martin Luther King believed in brotherhood and I believe in sisterhood.

Martin Luther King and I believe peace starts with you and me.

Kayly
Grade 3



Ricky and Emma
(2nd grade) building
a tower



Drawing by Kamryn
(Grade 1) and her
tutor Megan

Letter to Pen Pal in Tanzania

Dear Pen Pal,

Thank you for corresponding with me. I appreciate you taking the time to do this. I look forward to learning about your life in Tanzania.

Here are some of the things I've been wondering. How is the weather where you live? Where I live its mostly mild and sunny. What is the language that you speak? Would you teach me some words in your language? What do people dso for a living? How populated in the are where you live?

Please tell me something about you and your family. For instant, how old are you? I am eleven years old and I have 3 older sisters and 1 younger brother. How many siblings do you have? What is your favorite sport? My favorite sport is soccer and I play it 24/7, that means always, even when I'm eating! I'm bilingual I speak English and Spanish.

I hope you write back soon.

Sincerely,
Your Pen Pal,
Jose B. (Grade 5)