



Beachland Elementary Student to Student Peer Mentorship Program

2.09– Research and implement a student to student peer mentorship program for African American students

Narrative

For the 2020-2021 school year, all faculty and staff will be trained in Kids at HOPE, a belief system where all students feel capable of success and everyone understands all students are capable of success. With this program, the faculty and staff will create a “Shark Buddies” peer mentorship program through our Positive Learning Environment (PLE) committee through our Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) systems. Not only will we continue to promote social emotional learning and target specific traits like empathy and compassion, but our mentoring program will empower student leaders to build others.

During the 2019-2020 school year, we had a partnership with Vero Beach High School’s STAR program. A VBHS senior organized 12 high school students to visit our campus weekly for 45 minutes to talk with an elementary student. The students were selected by teachers/administrators. Parent permission slips were sent home (see next page). We hope to continue this program next year, if the club/program is still available.

Data – Enrollment numbers needed for African American Students for 2020-2021

Total Number of African American Students by Grade Level						
Kindergarten	First Grade	Second Grade	Third Grade	Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade	Total

Action Plan

All African American students will be paired with another student for our student to student peer mentorship program. Our guidance counselor, resource specialist, and members of the PLE will support the groupings and matching of our students with a “Shark Buddy.” Some buddies may have more than one mentee due to numbers. The PLE will utilize Kids at HOPE training and the National Mentoring Resource Center for more information and research-based strategies and supports to implement.

Research/Resources

<https://kidsathope.org/>

<https://nationalmentoringresourcecenter.org/>

https://www.mentoring.org/new-site/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Success-Mentors-School-Checklist.FINAL_.pdf

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January 10, 2020

To the Parents of: _____

Your child is being invited to participate in the STARS mentor program based on your child’s teacher’s recommendation. This program was designed by a Vero Beach High School senior, who has been an A/B honor roll student, taking honors, advanced placement, and dual enrollment courses, and varsity football player. His goal is to motivate children to realize they are all STARS, but how it is their choice to SHINE. He and other juniors and seniors from VBHS would like to meet your child and give them positive tips and supports about how to be successful in school, at home, and in our community.

Mentors will be meeting with Beachland’s STARS beginning Friday, January 17th at 2:30p until 3:15p. This is a privilege for your child to participate *every Friday* through May. *Schedule may change with testing.

Please sign the permission slip on the bottom of this letter and return to your child’s teacher by Wednesday, January 15, 2020.

Thank You,

Mrs. Finnegan

Student Name _____ Grade _____

I DO give my child permission to participate.

I **DO NOT** give my child permission to participate.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

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