



POSITIVE PROGRAMS

ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE
DEPARTMENT

BARNEGAT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

MENTORING AND BULLY PREVENTION COMMITTEES





THE MENTORING PROGRAM

- Our Mentoring Program is in its 7th year.
- This year there are approximately 350 Mentors and Mentees participating in the program.



WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF MENTORING?

- To assist the high risk population in our school.
- To provide interested, compassionate and consistent friendships to high risk students.



WHO ARE MENTORS?

- In house volunteers
- Teachers and support staff



WHAT ARE THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MENTORS?

- Year long commitment
- Weekly contacts with Mentees
- Communication with the classroom teacher and parent(s) and/or guardians
- Interactions between Mentors and Mentees:
 - Lunch together, arts and crafts, library or gym time, game playing, puzzles, and study sessions.



MENTORING EVENTS

- A Fall and Spring breakfast
- Holiday Open House with an assortment of treats and goodies.
- Our events are sponsored by our District, Title IV funds, as well as our local Municipal Alliance.



WHY MENTORING IS SUCCESSFUL AT BARNEGAT?

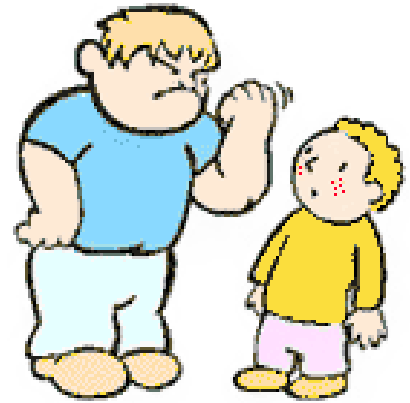
- Many volunteers
- Mentors select children that they feel they can create a bond with. Factors might include:
 - Previous knowledge of the family
 - Similar schedules
 - Interests



WHY MENTORING IS SUCCESSFUL AT BARNEGAT?

- Program description provided to each family along with parental permission.
- A Packet with guidelines and suggested activities is given to each Mentor.
- Communication is encouraged between Mentors and families.

BULLY PREVENTION COMMITTEE



The Bully Prevention Committees are comprised of 24 Fourth and Fifth Grade Students in each school.



WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE BULLY PREVENTION COMMITTEES?

- To create a friendly and caring atmosphere in our schools where students are respectful of one another including adults.
- To decrease incidents of bullying and harassment in the schools by enlisting the help of student role models

WHAT ARE SOME ACTIVITIES?



- Caring Messages
- Bullying and Harassment Lessons
- Anti-bullying Pledge
- School Violence Awareness Week
- Red Ribbon Week
- Mix It Up Day
- "Secret Elf"
- Kind-hearted Kids
- Martin Luther King Day
- Classroom Lessons
- End of the year workshop



WHY IS THE BULLY PREVENTION COMMITTEE SUCCESSFUL?

- Prestigious committee that is a visible part of the school environment.
- Student accountability via contract.
- Parents and Staff support the efforts of the committee.
- Students as role models inspire the entire student body.



WHY IS THE BULLY PREVENTION COMMITTEE SUCCESSFUL?

- Monthly meetings and activities.
- The committee is trained for lessons and presentations, which helps to make the activities professional.
- Implanting kindness and caring through fun activities.
- The committees help to spread the message of respect and friendship.

THANK YOU



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