# **Spanos Elementary School**

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Mentor Program at Spanos Elementary

Since 2019 Spanos is leading the movement to connect our students with caring adult mentors. All children deserve the opportunity to achieve their potential and some of our students are in special need of a mentor. Our mentors meet with their mentees every week for 15 minutes and provide guidance, motivation, support and role modeling. Most importantly, our mentors listen and give their mentees undivided attention. This program started with the theme of Muffins with Mentors and has evolved to Crafts with Mentors. Our teaching staff value this program and are excellent at listening, being flexible and building relationships when they spend time with their mentees. Everyone is involved in our Spanos’ community, including our custodian, noon duty supervisors, administrators and teaching staff. Our commitment has allowed us to provide students with this program to help them overcome greater needs. To this day, we have great success with our mentor program including a decrease in office referrals.

This year, we will continue with our theme Crafts With Mentors. Our mentors and mentees will have opportunities to engage in arts during some of their meeting. The arts and crafts projects are provided to our mentors once a month as well as conversation starters examples. Our mentors commit to spend some of their free time with their mentees and connect with them at least once a week. Mentors at Spanos Elementary are investing in the future and are fully committed to make a difference in the life of a child. Parents are notified via email and a letter is also send home (attached)



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Dear Parents:

We are pleased to inform you that your child is participating in a mentorship program at Spanos Elementary. Your child has been assign an adult who will be their mentor for this school year. All mentors will make an effort to make connections with their mentees and develop a special relationship. This year, our focus is arts and crafts and Mentors. Therefore, you can expect your students to bring home small art projects that is completed with their mentors. These activities are voluntary and not required. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Ibarra. Below you will find the name of the mentor for your child.

Sincerely,

Angelica Ibarra-Pantoja

Queridos padres:

Nos complace informarle que su hijo participa en un programa de mentores en Spanos Elementary. A su hijo se le ha asignado un adulto que será su mentor durante este año escolar. Todos los mentores harán un esfuerzo por establecer conexiones con sus mentoreados y desarrollar una relación especial. Este año, nuestro enfoque es projectos de arte. Por lo tanto, puede esperar que sus estudiantes traigan a casa pequeños proyectos de arte que se completan con sus mentores. Estas actividades son voluntarias y no obligatorias. Gracias por tu apoyo. Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con la Sra. Ibarra. A continuación encontrará el nombre del mentor de su hijo.

Sinceramente,

Angelica Ibarra-Pantoja

Student’s name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mentor:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_