

KCIA FACE Team

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Monthly Report



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FACE TEAM Strategic Goal

Develop a family liaison team with systems to support the physical, emotional and academic needs of KCIA families, with the goal of increasing family and student access to education.

FACE Team Strategic Plan Objectives



1

Administer an annual needs/interest family survey to refine direction for parent education events and wrap around service offerings



2

Implement a minimum of 3 learning-focused family engagement activities per year



3

Maintain a Parent Advisory Committee that meets at least 2 times per year with at least 5 parent representatives in attendance



4

Implement academic focused family orientation sessions and/or home visits 3 times per year to strengthen family-school partnerships focused on academic learning.

FACE Team Resources and Services



Van Pickups

AM pickups for missed buses



Food Pantry & Back-Snacks

Resources for food scarcity and economic need



Caring Closet

Clothing, shoes, coats



Giving the Basics

Resources for toiletries and household items



Housing Assistance

For families in transition, seeking shelter



Health Supports

Connections to dental, vision, medical and mental health resources

August 2023 Key Numbers

2

Caring Closet

10

Food Pantry

3

Emergency Assistance

Coordinator & Liaison Reports



Alison Bennett

The start of a new school year is an exciting, busy time. It is so fun to welcome the students back and watch them get back into the swing of things. It seems like they grew a foot over the summer! The FACE Team worked together to update our caseloads and have begun reaching out to our students and families. We have made sure that students have backpacks, supplies, hygiene products, clothing and new shoes. We have ensured that families have food and household supplies. Within the first week of school I helped two families in the Caring Closet and Food Pantry.

I met with leaders from NorthPoint Development to discuss their continued support of KCIA students and families. One of their goals is to increase mentor relationships with more of our students. They are committed to helping us reach the students that need extra support. This is an amazing opportunity for our students and their families.

One of my families volunteers at a local food pantry in the community where many of our students reside. She and the leaders at the pantry have agreed that supporting KCIA families is a benefit to the families AND the community and have agreed to share food with us. I picked up the first batch of food to assess if families would come to the school to pick it up. We had apples, plums, potatoes, peppers, tomatoes and peaches. We posted on social media and the fresh fruits and vegetables were all picked up within an hour! I will be sure to get extra next time as the need is there and our families will come.

This past January at School Saturday, I met with a family who was in the beginning stages of adoption. They were being proactive and looking at schools before an adoption took place. I talked with them about KCIA and they seemed very interested. Fast forward to Back to School Night, I recognized them from School Saturday and asked if they had adopted a child. They excitedly reported that they were finalizing their adopting and had enrolled their son at KCIA. How awesome is this?!





LaTeasha Randle

August is always a fun but busy time here at KCIA. We are beginning to welcome new students as well as see the changes and growth in our students/families from the previous school. This month was short but very impactful. We worked on making several calls to confirm students transportation. We had various discussions including BTS logistics, assisting new refugee families, van pickup start times, and movie selection for movie night. We will continue to partner with Giving the Basics and I placed the first Giving the Basics order for the year this month. I look forward to maintaining this wonderful partnership with GTB.

Our pre-service was held at B & B Theatre where we welcomed our new superintendent Dr. Stacy King. We watched “The Right To Read” collectively which sparked a lot of discussion afterwards about ways we can increase literacy rates of our students.

With the influx of new students, worked on distributing our caseload evenly among the FACE Team. Our first few days were spent assisting students with schedules and getting students to their classrooms. I had the opportunity to attend a refresher training for the Safe at Home program. This program provides a confidential address for individuals surviving domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, rape or other crimes in an effort to keep them safe. The last week of the month I began reaching out to families on my caseload, began doing van pickups, and triaged with our usual students that love to drop in and get a little extra love from the FACE Team, because LOVE DOES WORK!

And just like that! Our 23-24 school year has BEGUN!



The start of 23-24!





Nohemi Sanchez

2023-2024 school year have began and I am very excited to see all the things we will accomplish and the goals that we will meet this year. Our agenda for this school year is really busy but also really fun, We have a lot of great things planned for our families and students! The first weeks after our summer break I mainly focus on welcoming and enrolling new latino families to our wonderful school. I got to meet families from Honduras, Colombia, Guatemala, El Salvador, Mexico and Venezuela.

Also before school started we had our Back to school night were I saw many returning families and help them with resources and language support with meeting the teachers and getting their bus information. I was so nice to see the families!

Once the school started I help families with any questions they had about transportation, communication with the school and teachers and also I was able to schedule several families for the caring closet and food pantry.

The highlight of my month was the visit of former students from last year who came to tell me all about high school.





