January 2018

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We will be initiating the second semester of Brookdale Buddies. We invite students to sign up for math, reading or homework help after school on Wednesdays (exact dates below). We pair together our Brookdale students and high school student volunteers from MVHS. Brookdale Buddies teacher liaison, Karen Supel and parent liaison, Silvia Vega-Mitchell will supervise this program.

The role of the high school student is to work with students in suitable activities, to keep the groups on track, to demonstrate different teaching styles, and to direct instruction of groups of students as necessary. The MVHS students are members of Future Teachers of America, Key Club Service Club, Black Student Alliance, Organization of Latin American Students, and Student Government. Dean Jennifer Rowe from Metea has recruited these dedicated high school students and has worked with Brookdale to ensure highly reliable students. The MVHS students earn community service hours for their participation in the program. We feel that both groups of students will benefit from a program such as this where we support academics through connections and peer to peer support using our wider district resources.

* The **Second Semester** **Session** of mentoring will take place after school on Wednesdays beginning **March 7, 2018** from **3:40-4:30** through **April 25, 2018.**
* There will be supervision of the students by the MVHS student volunteers as well as by a Brookdale staff member and a parent volunteer.
* The goal of these mentoring sessions is to help your child with homework and reinforce their skills areas while building positive connections with older students.
* This program is designed for second through fifth grade students who attend Brookdale School.
* We require an adult to pick up your child from school each Wednesday ***promptly*** at 4:30pm. We cannot allow any of the children to walk home at this time.

Schedules change throughout the year, but for the best outcome, regular participation in this program is important. Mentors are selected and volunteers scheduled based on the number of students signed up.

**\*We need your permission in order for your child to participate.\*** If you would like your child to participate, please complete the bottom of this form and return it **by January 26, 2018. The program will be limited to 30 students this session.** After we reach 30 students in the program, we will start a waiting list and add students as spots become available.

Please contact Parent Liaison Silvia Vega-Mitchell [lil.men12@gmail.com](mailto:lil.men12@gmail.com) or Teacher Liaison Karen Supel [Karen\_supel@ipsd.org](mailto:Karen_supel@ipsd.org), with any questions about Brookdale Buddies or need to discuss it further.

**Brookdale Buddies Peer Mentoring Permission Slip**

I give my child, permission to participate in the mentoring program on

**Wednesdays** from **3:40-4:30pm in the LMC** for the dates mentioned below**.**

**\*March 7, 14, 21**

**\*April 4, 11, 18, 25**

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Parent Signature Parent Email After school contact phone

I will pick my child up at 4:30 (or, my child rides with , who is also in the program)

My child participates in Safe-N-Sound and will return to the MPR at 4:30.