Welcome to Camp of Dreams' PAC!

Introduction

Each year we invite parents to serve on the Camp of Dreams' Parent Advisory Council to represent the voice of all parents in the program. The Council meets 2-3 times per year to review practices, address parent concerns, determine changes in policy and practice for the programs and to spearhead social and fundraising events. The Camp of Dreams' board and staff greatly appreciates parent input and support for the program. If you are interested in joining the Parent Advisory Council, please speak with the executive or program directors.

What is Camp of Dreams' PAC?

Camp of Dreams' PAC is the Parent Advisory Council of the Camp of Dreams. It is an organization made up of parents and guardians who are interested in learning more about our organization, programs, connecting with other parents, offering time for committees and events, demonstrating increased involvement and interest in supporting our Dreamers and staff, or any of these. PAC is the officially recognized voice of parents at the program level, providing an opportunity for parents and guardians to advise on CoD programs, policies, plans and activities. The purpose of PAC is to support, promote and improve the quality of education and wellbeing of our Dreamers and encourage parent participation with Camp of Dreams. **All parents and guardians of children enrolled at Camp of Dreams are automatically members of PAC.** Teachers and staff are welcome, too! Family involvement at Camp of Dreams helps define this wonderful learning community. Not only does your involvement show your children how important they are, but also allows you to connect with other parents, as well as your kid's friends and fellow Dreamers.

PAC members support the goals of Camp of Dreams by attending PAC meetings, serving on committees, assisting in the classroom, raising funds for CoD programs, and participating in program-wide or community events. The Council meets 2-3 times per year to review practices, address parent concerns, determine changes in policy and practice for the programs and to spearhead social and fundraising events. PAC supports students and staff in the following ways:

- Individual and program pictures

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- Art and music in the classroom
- Staff Appreciation
- CoD fieldtrips (scholarships and bussing)
- CoD equipment and materials
- Drama workshops
- Snack sponsorship
- Lights on After School Celebration in October
- Cod Program fieldtrip or summer camp scholarships

How can you help PAC?

Volunteer and contribute your time, effort, connections or money for our programs. Time commitment for PAC varies depending on the time you have available and your desired level of involvement. Some parents attend one or all of the three annual meetings, some parents work behind the scene helping with projects, while some parents give countless hours to our annual fundraisers and events. Time needed for each activity and any involvement is appreciated. Every little bit helps.

The PAC officially meets one or three times during the school year. You will be notified when the General Meeting for 2014-2015 is scheduled. Free child care is available during these meetings.

PAC Future Meetings:

Each meeting is 60-minutes long and starts from 10:15am to 11:30am in the lunchroom. We understand you're busy and will be respectful of your time! We are always looking for new people and look forward to meeting you. There are many opportunities and positions available that do not require a large commitment. Please contact us at CoDPAC@campofdreams.org with questions or interest. We look forward to meeting you!

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