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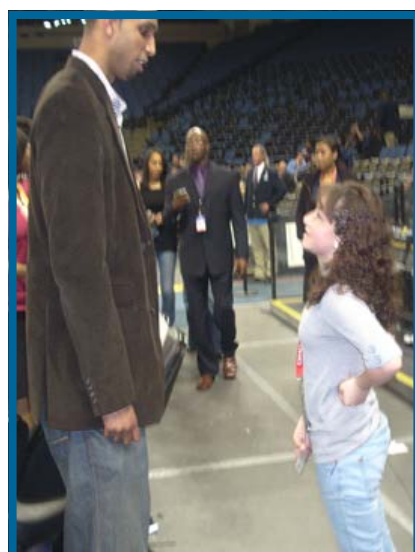


Erika and Luis from Aptos Middle School



Alex and his mentee Sikharin from Everett Middle School

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- Volunteer
- Park
- Call
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- Snail mail
- Facebook
- Fly a kite
- Movie
- Chess
- Eat
- Free concert
- Zeum
- Picnic
- Ice cream
- GG Park
- SF Maritime Museum
- Swim
- Street Fair
- Meet
- Text
- SF Giants Game
- Hike



Mentee Sasha Lara (James Lick Middle School) talking to NBA star Brandon Wright



Mairin with her mentee Amani at Rootop Alternative School

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Did you know over 200 SFUSD Middle School students are matched with a caring and committed adult mentor? Our extraordinary mentors are teachers, principals, counselors, school nurses, school psychologists, district administrators, security guards, administrative assistants and a host of other SFUSD employees who take the time to guide, support and encourage our students toward greater school and life success. In this month's spotlight article, you'll get the chance to read about Andre, an 8th grader from MLK who say, "Mentoring keeps me motivated in school!"

April is National Volunteer Month
Thank a Mentor Today!

It is only through the generosity and commitment of our mentors and mentor program coordinators that we have been able to expand from seven schools to fifteen schools within two years. (Continued p. 5)

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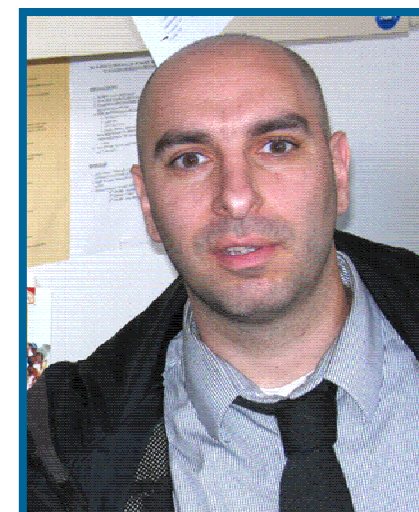
Match Spotlight

This month David Kaplan, a 7th Grade School Counselor at Martin Luther King Jr. and Visitacion Valley Middle Schools, and his mentee Andre Hilton, an 8th grader at MLK, agreed to share some insight into what goes on in their mentoring relationship. They started meeting with each other in December of 2008 and in that short five month span, the bond that has formed between them has helped Andre keep up with his school work and stay eligible to play the sport he loves. Basketball.

What led you to join the mentoring program? How did you meet each other?

David: I knew Andre before the program. He was here last year, but it was more of "Hey there" and "Bye" sort of thing. Ms. Leiker asked me if I would be interested in joining the program and I was really glad to find out that I was going to be mentoring Andre because we already knew each other and I liked him.

Andre: I wanted to get my grades better. I think a letter was sent home about the program and my mom asked me if I wanted to join and I said yeah. (Continued p. 2)



Mentor David Kaplan at MLK Middle School



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How did you feel before mentoring started?

David: Well honestly, I thought "Hold on a minute, who is it going to be." Once I found out it was Andre, who I get along with, I was like ok I can breathe now.

Andre: I was happy cuz I knew I was going to keep my grades up.

What activities have the two of you done together?

David: Ms. Leiker [Mentoring Program Coordinator at MLK] organizes monthly activities (he chuckles). Once I was actually put in a blindfold and I had to depend on Andre to take me around the room and someone (stares at Andre) ran me into a chair.

Andre: oh yeah (chuckles).

David: But it was fun. There were a lot of mentors and mentees there.

Andre: The same goes for me.

David: We also meet for this Friday group where there is pizza and a roundtable kind of discussion. The students bring up topics from violence to hip hop to their neighborhood, celebrities. I go to some of Andre's basketball games too. He is really good. You are going to hear about him in the future.

How do you feel about mentoring now?

Andre: It keeps me motivated in school with all the problems going on at home. It helps to talk about things and get it off my chest, cuz then my mind is on school and I can keep my grades up.

Anything surprise you?

Andre: The grades. That I was able to keep them up.

David: I think mentoring is a useful tool for kids. A lot of the students here come from single parent homes and their parents are working hard to raise money and put food on the table. It's good for a teenager to have an adult who can just hear them out and not judge. Andre can say anything and he knows I won't fall off my chair in shock.

What are you looking forward to doing together in the future?

David: I think I will extend an invitation to Andre to come along on some field trips. Maybe to some college campuses like SFSU, I think it is never too early to put the idea of college into a student's mind.

Andre: Yeah I'd like that too. *(Continued p. 4)*

The Warriors and Giants

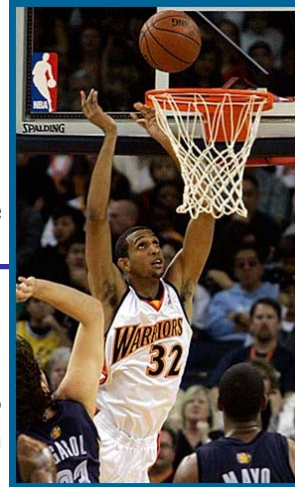
Mentoring For Success is pleased to announce that two professional bay area sports teams, NBA's Golden State Warriors and MLB's San Francisco Giants have invited SFUSD mentoring matches to come out and watch their games.

On March 30, 2009 Brandan Wright, the 6'10" Forward for the Golden State Warriors, invited twelve Middle School matches to come see his team play against the Memphis Grizzlies at the Oakland Coliseum. After the game, matches from Paul Revere, James Lick, Everett, and MLK Middle Schools were invited to a meet-n-greet with the basketball star who showered them with gifts. A great time was had by all who attended this event!

Mentoring For Success's next event was on April 18th, 2009. The SF Giants continued a tradition that was started last summer, by inviting mentor matches to attend a ball game where the SF Giants played against the Arizona Diamondbacks!

Thank you Golden State Warriors and San Francisco Giants!

We look forward to attending future games!



NBA star Brandan Wright



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Thank You SFUSD Staff Keep up the Great Mentoring!

Amy Abdallah
Tanayah Adcock
Marcia Adkins
Alex Algonos
Kim Allison
Rogelio Alvarado
Donna Amador
Powers Amanda
Carley Amigone*
Tyrone Anderson
Mary Archer
Frank Arzola
Jose Ascencio
Amira Aweti
Kathy Babcock*
Jonah Backstrom
Kate Baker*
Tony Ballard
Valarie Bell
Joe Bender
Michael Bennett
Melissa Benson
Kerri Berkowitz*
Lisbeth Berringer
Jenna Bianchi
Jane Bieringer
Chanel Bilal
Anne Bjornson
Brian Borsos
Kelly Bowman
Lyn-Tise Bradley
Jeffrey Burgos
Ling Busche
Lori Byer
Gloria Carrillo
Angel Carvajal
Arika Castenada
Anthony Cavazos*
Cynthia Cen
Laura Chavez
Raquel Chiasson*
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Norma Clark
Larry Cohbra
Margot Cooke
Robin Corpus
Scott Cowan
Richard Curci
Gladys Dalmau
Anne D'Alonzo
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Pam Davis
Patrick DeO'Campo
Susana Diaz
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Judy Dong
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Christopher Drayson
Bridget Early*
Kathie Edeli
Lisa Eller
Kristy Erickson
Gloria Escobar
Vicky Fasho
Liz Fierst
Sylvia Fitch
Chrissy Flores
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Nancy Folauoo
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E'Leva Gibson
Heiko Gieraths
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Amber Goldman*
Brian Gomes
Johnny Gonzalez
Katherine Goshgarian
Thomas Graven
Courtney Griffin
William Hack
Lina Hancock
Poem Hanna
Peter Haslam
Maureen Hayes
Jose Hernandez
Arlene Hernandez
Julissa Hicks*

Min Jung Hong
Leslie Hu*
Anette Hughes
Laura Hurley
Brenda Jackson
Theresa Jahangir
Madeline Johnson
David Kaplan
Cathy Kasper
Laura Kauth
Davonna Kearney
George Keller
Tiffany Kendall
Kyoko Kimura
Bryn Knapper*
Marilyn Koral
Valerie Kuki
Terry Lai
Bonnie Lake
Kris Langley
Robert Lau
Jacqulyne Law
Cheryl LeClaire
Ken Lee



Sylvia Lepe
Jacqueline Leppla
Chris Lewis
Jennifer Lim
Winston Little
Sandy Lopez
Kingston Louie
Arlene Lucchesi
Judith Lucero
Erin Lyons

Apollo Madayag
Harini Madhavan*
Aurora Maramag
Whitney Marsh
Joanglad Martin
Nicole Massey
John Mata'U
Vanessa Matthews
John Mayhew
Katie McCann
Mairin McCarthy*
Mary McGinnis
Corrina McGraw
Erin McHale
Deitra McLeod
Adele Medel
Elizabeth Medrano
David Meyers
Sharon Michel
Chris Miller
Gloria Minjares
Betty Momjian
Marissa Mornick
Heather Morrison
Sylvia Moses
Monica Ng
Kyle Noone
Carmen Ogden
Daniel Cami Okubo
Maritza Olguin
Jenny Ortega
Carrie Osborne
Nancy Padilla
Chor Pang
Rachel Parker
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Tracy Peoples
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Amanda Powers
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Edna Ramirez
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Nicole Reinosa
Andres Rios
Katherine Ripley
Angela Rodriguez
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Erika Rubinstein*
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Cecilia Santiago
Maureen Santori
Sabrina Saunders
Patty Schick
Christina Sendejo
Belinda Serrano
Jack Sheehy
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Jody Siker
Adrienne Smith
Cory Snow
Chris Spagnuolo
Lonetta Spears
Dickson Stanley
James Stewart
Jenna Strouth
Cyndy Sugawara
Natalie Swope
Sue Szarek
Val Tagaloo
Mariya Taher
Tara Cedric
Tatum Kristin
Kristin Tavernetti
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Leslie Trook
Corinne Vega
Manny Villalobos
Joanna Wardell
Kim Warman
Leslie Wax*
Micah Weger
Sarah Weiner
Deonne Wesley
Dennis Westry
Danielle Winford
Laurie Winship
Dawn Woehl
Allison Zampino

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There are plans to expand the program again next year to serve more students. We need your help! If you are a school district or EXCEL After School Programs employee, at a site or in a central office, please volunteer to become a mentor. With a little time and a willingness to have a lot of fun, you can make a significant difference in the life of a child.

Join Mentoring For Success Today!

To become a Mentor
 contact Erin Farrell
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Summer Months

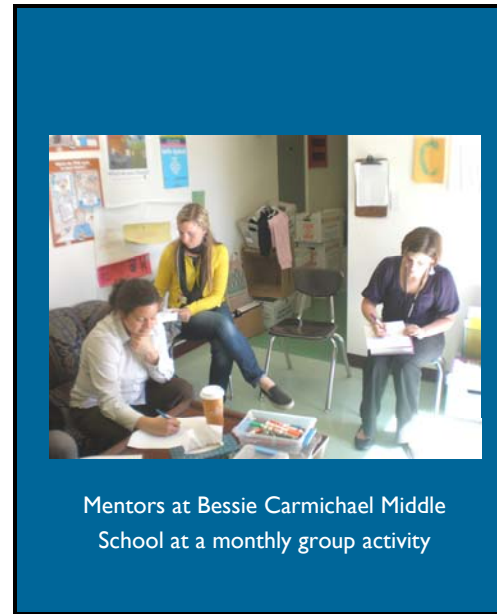
Start planning today!

Find as many fun things you can do together over the summer. How many would you like to do?

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Participating Schools

- AP Giannini Middle School
- Aptos Middle School
- Bessie Carmichael
- Claire Lilienthal
- Everett Middle School
- Francisco Middle School
- Herbert Hoover Middle School
- James Lick Middle School
- Marina Middle School
- MLK Middle School
- Paul Revere
- Rooftop Alternative School
- Roosevelt Middle School
- Visitacion Valley Middle School
- Willie Brown College Preparatory Academy



Mentors at Bessie Carmichael Middle School at a monthly group activity

Benefits of Mentoring

SFUSD's mentoring program is a researched-based program where mentors meet with a student mentee weekly throughout the year. Match relationships are supported with professional development, group activities and support from a Learning Support Professional. With these best practices in place, mentoring has a profound impact on students. It has been found that mentoring:

- ⇒ reduces school absences
- ⇒ improves overall academic performance
- ⇒ improves attitudes and behavior toward school
- ⇒ improves attitude toward elders and helping others.

(Herrera, .C et.al, 2007) (Jekielek, S., Moore, K., & Hair, E., 2002)
 (DuBois, DL, Holloway, BE, Valentine, JC & Cooper, H., 2002)(Tierney, JP, Grosman, JB & Resch, NL, 1995).

Spotlight (continued from page 2)

David: Actually there is something I had thought about before. I would like to link Andre up with a younger student who may need some help. Not really in a "holding your hand" type of way, but just a student who Andre could check in with or talk to now and then.

Andre: I did that with someone already (talking to David).

David: Oh yeah, you want to talk about it?

Andre: Well, I made a mistake and got in trouble for it and so there was this other student (younger) who made the same mistake and I talked to him about it and helped him.

David: It's great! Andre sees what we are about and is putting it into effect with his own life.

Any advice you would like to give to mentors or mentees who have just begun their relationships?

Andre: Don't put too much pressure on the mentee, because they already have enough pressure from everyone else.

David: I agree with Andre. We don't make a consistent meeting every week other than the Friday roundtables, because Andre has so many things going on. A lot of the times I'll see him in the halls and say "Hey...maybe we should talk." So we check in like that. You don't want to give the mentees any more pressure. These guys have a lot of things on their minds at this age. Basically what I think helps is to work around student's schedules.



David and Andre, alive after a successful interview!