



COMMUNITY READING BUDDIES SUMMER 2017

The Community Reading Buddies program brings middle and high school volunteer Mentors together with young children at child development centers (CDCs) in Oakland. The teen Mentors work with preschool and elementary school aged "buddies," reading stories together and animating educational activities to encourage literacy and learning.

The 2017 program will run from June 12th to August 4th:

All **CRB Mentors** must:

- Be at least an incoming seventh grader in the fall of 2017
- Attend a mandatory volunteer training
- Submit the online Sign-Up for CRB 2017
- Submit a signed Parental Permission Form (this form)
- Commit to work a minimum of twice per week for three weeks
- Be able to work responsibly with children, staff and peers

Returning Mentors from previous years frequently become part of the Leadership Team. Lead Mentors help plan the day's activities in advance and organize the other Mentors. *In addition to the Mentor requirements above, CRB Lead Mentors* must:

- Fill out the Leadership Team Application section of the online Sign-Up for CRB 2017
- Attend a Leadership Team training
- Commit to work a minimum of twice per week for **four** weeks
- Be able to attend planning meetings 15 minutes before each day's scheduled start time
- Demonstrate ability to contribute to a team, communicate effectively with other Mentors and be prepared to take a leadership role among peers

We at Aspire Education Project look forward to having you join us this summer, and so do the children! Please send any questions to crb@aspireeducation.org or call our main line.

The **Sign-Up for Community Reading Buddies 2017** and additional information can be found on the web at www.aspireeducation.org/programs/community-reading-buddies/

Parental Permission Forms are due *June 11th, 2017!*

PARENTAL PERMISSION

COMMUNITYREADING BUDDIES, SUMMER 2017

Student(s) full name(s): _____

Parent full name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Parent Cell: _____

I grant my child/children permission to participate in the Community Reading Buddies program.

Parent signature

Date

PHOTO RELEASE

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Parent signature

Date

RECOMMENDED DONATION: \$95 PER STUDENT

Although CRB is a volunteer program, it still costs money to run. At each site throughout the program we have Aspire Education Project staff members supervising the mentors. Even more hours are spent planning and coordinating the program, reaching out to volunteers, planning activities, preparing materials, processing applications, etc.

Aspire Education Project does not have the resources to run this program without donations. If we do not obtain the necessary funding, donations will be returned and the program will not run. We ask that participating families contribute \$95 per student. If, however, your family cannot afford the suggested amount, give what you can, and your child is still welcome and encouraged to participate. *No volunteers will be turned away.*

The suggested donation can be paid by check to Aspire Education Project, or paid online using a credit card on our website, either on the Community Reading Buddies page or the donation page. We are a 501(c)(3) exempt organization, so donations are tax deductible.
