

# **Welcome Back to School!**

*Student, Parent, School  
Partnership Information*

**Please fill in a parent survey.**

# Values

- Two of our key values are that **EVERY STUDENT IS KNOWN** and **LEARNING IS PERSONALIZED.**
- Every student gets the opportunity to build a **strong relationship** with a trusted faculty member and a core group of students.
- Each student has a **mentor** and a **mentor group** of students that he/she sees on a regular basis.

# Mentoring Program

- We will be spending time together weekly discussing the student's progress and goals.
- We also encourage mentees to seek us out during breaks, lunch, or via e-mail if they ever need additional support.

# Role of the Mentors:

## Our role with the student

- The mentor is your student's coach and biggest support at school.
- The mentor tries to deeply understand your student -- their character, passions, perspectives, life goals.
- The mentor helps the student set goals, create plans, and make good decisions -- the skills of becoming a self-directed learner.
- The mentor helps your student develop Habits of Success -- such as persistence, grace and grit.
- The mentor helps create a sense of belonging and a safe place for students to express themselves within the community group.

# Role of the Mentor:

## Our role with the family

- The mentor is your liaison and advocate at the school.
- The mentor is your partner in figuring out the best way to support your student's educational goals.
- The mentor will communicate with you celebrations, concerns, and/or challenges your student is facing.
- If you have questions or concerns about your student, you can share them with your student's mentor.

# Who are the mentors?

The Performance Academy mentors are members of the school's staff. Each of these individuals has attended additional training to take on this role and is committed to your child's success - both academically and in their extracurricular passions. Our goal is to help your child stay on track and reach their goals.

- Mrs. Koberstein, Mesquite Elementary & Performance Academy - Principal
- Mrs. Williams, Performance Academy Teacher - ELA & SS
- Mrs. Linville, Performance Academy Teacher - Math & Science
- Mrs. Ballesteros, MES & Performance Academy- Special Education
- Mrs. Pardy, Mesquite Elementary Teacher - Physical Education

# Role of the Parent: 4 Priorities

1. Ensure your student is at school and ready to learn
2. Partner with your student's mentor and the school on supporting your student
3. Support your student's academic success and college readiness at home
4. Contribute to the school community

# Ensure student is at school & ready to learn

- Ensuring the physical, mental, and emotional health of student
- Ensuring student is on-time and present
- Ensuring student is picked up from school at appropriate time
- Arranging lunch for my student
- Enrolling and re-enrolling my student
- Completing accurately and returning school forms in a timely manner



# Partner with your student's mentor and the school on supporting your student

- Attending and engaging in the Personalized Learning Plan Family meeting (August-September)
- Building relationship and engaging with my student's mentor
- Actively learn about the Summit student experience
- Keeping informed and updated on the school's activities and happenings
- Supporting my student's extracurricular activities

# Support your student's academic success and college readiness at home

- Checking in with my student regularly about their academic progress
- Understanding and reflecting on student's cognitive skills growth on projects
- Understanding and reflecting on student's content knowledge through content assessments
- Ensuring my student is prepared for standardized tests
- Ensuring my student has a productive workspace at home
- Supporting my student's educational goals
- Providing enriching experiences over summer and vacations
- Supporting the choice and participation in Expeditions

# Looking ahead

## **Learn more about the Personalized Learning Platform:**

- Please spend some time familiarizing yourself with the PLP in the next few weeks.
- Monitor your student's progress on the PLP; this will be the primary way that your student is assessed at the Performance Academy.

## **PLP Family Goals Meeting:**

- Please sign up for a PLP meeting at Meet the Teacher Night on 7/31/18. We will do our best to honor time requests; please keep in mind that meetings are first come, first served.