

The Mighty Mammoth Message

Welcome to MHE BASE Program's monthly newsletter . . . the **Mighty Mammoth Message!** Each edition will include important information regarding programming, upcoming events and other news pertaining to Before School, After School and Camps.

September 21st

September 21st is a District-wide Professional Development day for all staff . . . kiddos get a day off from school and we go back to school for the day! All BASE staff will be spending the day with *WINGS for Kids*. *Wings for Kids* is a nationally recognized organization of experts in the field of Social Emotional Learning. We are looking forward to building upon our skills we already have with additional positive and impactful programming ideas.

Fall Camp 2018

It seems like we just started back to school, but Fall Break is just a little over a month away! We are looking forward to a fun-filled week – October 8-12!

Fall Camp information will be emailed to all families Monday, September 10th. Sign-up through SchoolCare Works will also open on Monday, September 10th.

Please note that space in Fall Camp is not guaranteed – sign-up will be taken on a first-come-first serve basis. Also please note, once payment has been made – there are no refunds or credits.



Upcoming Events

September 3

No School & No BASE!
Labor Day Holiday

September 10

Fall Camp Information
Emailed to Parents – Fall
Camp Sign-Up Begins!

September 21

No School & No BASE!
Professional Development
Day

Staffing Corner

Kim Coquet, Manager

Denise Perkins, Assistant Manager

Logan Duran, Program Leader

Patty Gimelli, Program Leader

Brooke Pritts, Program Leader

Shane Smith, Program Leader

Joey Mazzeo, Program Aide

We will be having two new
Program Aides start in
September!

Did You Know?

Did you know that MHE BASE Programs is one of only 14 Accredited BASE Programs within Douglas County School District!?

What does it mean to be Accredited? Accreditation is a status, as well as a complex process. To be Accredited signifies that MHE BASE Programs meets the standards of quality that is set forth by the Council of Accreditation. The process involves an in-depth self-review of our programming against currently accepted best practice standards, an onsite visit by an evaluation team comprised of experts and a subsequent review and decision by the Council of Accreditation. So, who is this Council of Accreditation? The Council of Accreditation (COA) is a not-for-profit independent accreditor of the full continuum of community based human services organizations in the United States and Canada.

We were officially Accredited by the Council of Accreditation in November of 2017 after being **expedited** through the accreditation process! We are extremely proud of this accomplishment!

Did you know that MHE BASE Programs has a Parent Advisory Committee and we are in need of members?

Our Parent Advisory Committee provides invaluable input and feedback about MHE BASE. The team consists of 5-7 parents, myself (BASE Site Manager), Ms. Denise (BASE Site Assistant Manager) and any other school and District stakeholders as needed. Members of the Parent Advisory Team would be involved in helping us navigate our goals and outcomes – which would promote Program excellence and stakeholder satisfaction. The input and involvement from our Parent Advisory Team would be an invaluable part of our continuous quality improvement process. MHE BASE Programs understands your time is not only limited, but extremely valuable, so we are open to suggestions on meeting times and methods. If you are interested in becoming a member of our Parent Advisory Team, please email Kim (kkcoquet@dcsdk12.org) by Friday, September 21st.

Did you know that 6th graders at MHE BASE Programs have the opportunity to be more than just a participant?

We introduced our *Leadership In Training (LIT)* program last year, and we would love to extend the same offer to our 6th grade MHE BASE Program participants this year! The LIT program will offer 6th graders the opportunity to have more of a voice in the MHE BASE Program, learn and experience leadership roles & responsibilities, be part of our Student Planning Committee and much more! If your 6th grader is interested, please email Kim (kkcoquet@dcsdk12.org) or have your 6th grader talk to Ms. Kim or Ms. Denise by Friday, September 21st.

