

# All Students Matter

Big Changes Start Small



Inspired by the belief that all children deserve an equal opportunity to learn, All Students Matter volunteers work with Ravenswood teachers to support the success of underserved students in East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park.

## 2019 Progress Report



As the new Executive Director of All Students Matter, I have a strong belief in educational equity and a passion for helping students learn. I am honored to join an organization that for 11 years has provided exceptionally trained volunteers in elementary school classrooms in East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park. We provide children with academic assistance and consistent support while building trusting relationships with them and their teachers.

This past year, we were thrilled to be honored with the Golden Acorn Award from the Menlo Park Chamber of Commerce for "making a significant contribution to the community." We continue to grow and improve our programs, for example adding literacy intervention and a mentoring book club focusing on social-emotional support. Along with our core in-classroom support, our programs are making a significant difference in students' academic growth and self-esteem.

Every child has a right to a quality education no matter what neighborhood they live in. Thank you so much for your amazing support of All Students Matter. Together we can make great strides in ensuring all kids have the skills they need to succeed.

Angie Holman  
Executive Director

## SCHOOLS AND THE COMMUNITY WE SERVE

All Students Matter supports the students in our local community where the need is greatest, East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park. We work in partnership with the district, principals and teachers to meet their goals and match their approaches. We support over 60 teachers and their students in all five Ravenswood elementary schools.

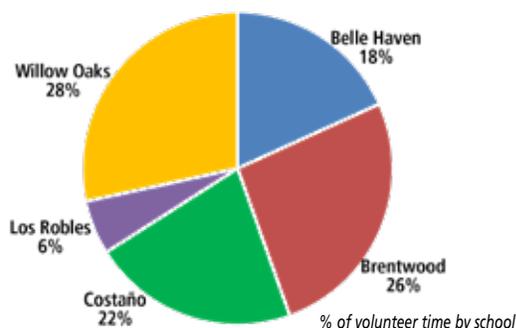
All Students Matter is dedicated to helping this underserved community with its educational challenges.

- 89% are low income
- 47% have unstable housing
- 60% are English learners
- 82% are below grade level in reading
- 88% are below grade level in math

## ALL STUDENTS MATTER IS UNIQUE

All Students Matter is unique among nonprofits supporting the Ravenswood schools. Our 17 member leadership team averages 5 years volunteering with ASM. We bring much needed consistent, reliable and customized support to teachers and their students. We are the only educational nonprofit in the district that:

- Works with the youngest students, Transitional Kindergarten-5th Grade
- Places 200 volunteers inside the classroom, every week, all school year
- Has volunteers supporting the same teacher on average for 3 years
- Has volunteers trained by the district so they work seamlessly with teachers
- Charges no fee to the district
- Is requested by all the schools we support
- Supports all schools equally



## 2018-19 IMPACT

Trained our volunteer tutors in literacy, math and social/emotional support consistent with the District's approaches

Placed 200 volunteers in 62 classrooms from grades Transitional Kindergarten through 5th

Added 20 volunteers to a new, high-impact literacy intervention program in four schools

Volunteered over 240 hours every week at five elementary schools

Piloted a new 5th grade book club to foster social/emotional skills

## LOOKING FORWARD



### Literacy Intervention

Increase our focus on literacy intervention which improves both reading and math skills

### Building Social/Emotional Skills

Expand volunteer training, mentoring programs and collaboration with District counselors

### Common Core Math Support

Train additional volunteers in the District's math curriculum to provide extra tutoring to students

## A VOLUNTEER'S STORY

In Jessie Chan's second year as a volunteer, she tutored a fourth grade boy with selective mutism. Jessie was asked to work one-on-one with him, but he did not speak to her during their first few sessions. She continued to engage him and at the end of a session she sparked interest from him with the question: "If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go?" Jessie was surprised when he responded "France" and discovered he had a deep interest in French military history. Emboldened, Jessie returned the next week with printouts about French battles and was able to make a special connection with her student. From that point on, the student opened up more to Jessie and within the classroom. Due to his work with Jessie, he was talking more, writing more, and greatly improving in his academics and self-confidence.

Jessie says she is grateful for the opportunity to give back to her local community. "I think everybody needs to have purpose. For me, it is supporting kids and especially education - there is no bigger impact, which is why I do it."

## VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

All Students Matter focuses on training and supporting volunteers throughout the school year because well prepared and experienced volunteers are the most effective.

- Teachers have the same volunteers each week
- Our volunteers stay with us 3 years on average
- 80% of our volunteers return
- Experienced volunteers make a bigger impact

We've had outstanding results with our new literacy intervention program:

*"I have been very fortunate to work with an extremely dedicated group of ASM volunteers. The students in the structured literacy groups have on average improved a full year's growth in 12 weeks! The work ASM does is invaluable and extends my impact to 3x more students."*

- A Belle Haven Teacher

**100% of teachers state that our volunteers improve the academic and social/emotional skills of their students.**

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