

Bruin Buddies 09 - 10

The Bruin Buddy (Peer Helping) program (or Bruin Buddies as it's called in the elementary schools) is a support activity which takes advantage of the positive influence young people have on one another. The Bruin Buddy (Peer Helping) class trains students through an ethics base curriculum to develop their interpersonal, communication, and support skills to help at risk elementary aged children. Bruin Buddies travel to different local elementary schools twice a week. The elementary schools that have been involved are Cherry Run, Kings Glen, Kings Park, Sangster, and White Oaks. The Bruin Buddies serve as "Bruin Buddies" to the elementary school children. Most Bruin Buddies work with two children at each school or do whole class lessons. This is a very rewarding class to take because you have an opportunity to be directly involved with elementary students in the Lake Braddock community. Bruin Buddies serve as tutors and mentors.

BRUIN BUDDY (PEER HELPING) CLASSES ARE LIMITED TO A NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS DUE TO THE PERSONAL TRAINING AND INTERACTION OF THE CLASS. THE SELECTION PROCESS INCLUDES AN APPLICATION, PARENTAL PERMISSION FORM, RECOMMENDATION FROM TEACHERS AND COUNSELOR, AND AN INTERVIEW. STUDENT SELECTION IS BASED ON A NUMBER OF CRITERIA:

- Consistent attendance record
- Good ethical conduct in and out of school
- High standard of character
- Willingness to work with young students (kindergarten through 6th grade)
- A positive role model

The Bruin Buddy (Peer Helping) class is an excellent opportunity for student growth and service. I would like to be able to offer this opportunity to many students. However, the practical limitations of the class determine the number of selected students. **If you are interested in an application see Mr. Mirabal in the Theatre Office in the Little Theatre or any guidance counselor at Lake Braddock available in February 2009.**