



Brian Gee – Principal Lee Keller –Counselor

To: Any Interested community member
From: Brian Gee, Goddard Academy/Lakeside Academy
Date: 2019-2020 School Year
RE: Academy Connections

Goddard Academy/Lakeside Academy would like your help! The intent of Academy Connections is for each students at ACA/LAK to have an adult mentor available to them. We feel that if a student has a positive relationship with at least one adult in their lives, the student’s chances of being successful grow tremendously. We currently have a mentorship within our schools. This program would add another layer to that mentorship and help our students be successful individuals while they are in school and once they leave our doors.

Many of our students are in desperate need of having adults care about them. Sometimes, they have alienated themselves from all adults. Therefore, their only role models are those of their peers. That is why it is so important that they have a caring adult who can be a positive role model for them.

What would this require of you? Examples include writing notes to your student to encourage them, occasionally eating breakfast or lunch with them, sending them birthday cards or treats, or just stopping by to say hello.

If you volunteer, the only thing I ask is that you follow through on some sort of commitment. Many of these students have been disappointed by adults in their life, and I don’t want to let that happen in the this program.

Students at ACA/LAK are really wonderful people – some have just been roughed up by circumstances in their life. It may just take someone like you to help smooth the edges.

Best Regards,

Brian Gee
Principal ACA/LAK