

Kraemer ASB Leadership Class Overview

The Kraemer ASB Leadership Program is an eighth grade elective class that serves the school as the student council, providing representation and activities for the entire student body. The program instructs students on planning techniques, decision-making skills, problem solving, organizational skills, group dynamics, principles of communication, budgeting and issues of public relations. It focuses on skill building, planning, implementation evaluation and experiential learning for the purpose of growing the individual students in the areas of respect, responsibility, service and initiative. An outgrowth of the program is the promotion and enhancement of a positive school climate.

Responsibilities include planning lunch time activities, dances, fundraising, recognition programs, special events and helping with the various programs of the school. Students selected to the program must be willing to give up portions of their time to serve the other students of the school.

Leadership Class Information . . .

Academically the class will explore:

Aspects of Leadership	School and Community Leadership	Public Relations
Organizational Skills	Communication Skills	Teambuilding
Media Relations	Problem Solving / Conflict Management	Marketing Strategies
Decision Making	Evaluation Processes	Public Speaking
Budgeting / Financial Accountability		

Production wise we will be involved in organizing and implementing many school activities including . . .

Student Orientation	Assemblies	Student Sales
Lunch Activities	Making Kraemer Better Program	Dances
Fundraising Organization	Academic Competitions	Activity Program Marketing
Student Recognition Programs	Staff Appreciation	Special Recognition Days/Weeks
Sixth Grade Orientation	School Service Projects	Curriculum Nights
Open House and Back to School Night Hosts		

Major events that students need to be of part . . .

- Leadership Conference at Yorba Linda MS –
October 1 8:30-2:30 (no cost for this one)
- Back to School Night - **September 29**
- Dances – 2:45 – 6:00 pm
October 9, January 22 and March 19
- 6th Grade Orientation - **May 14** 7:00 am - noon
- ASB Vision Night – **April 20** 7:00-8:15 pm
- Performance Assembly – **June 3** 7:00 - noon

- Open House / 50th Anniversary Celebration –
March 23 3:30 – 8:30

Additional Opportunities for students . . .

- Various fall conferences – see Opportunities Sheet
- CASL Winter Leadership Conference / Yorba Linda
February 4 / 78 students (\$10)
- CASL State Student Leaders Conference / Irvine
April 15-17 (12 students (\$300) all inclusive,
2 nights hotel, all meals. Conference)

Student Outcomes . . .

- Have the knowledge and skills necessary to bring about a positive change
- Build relationships and learn from people of all backgrounds and experiences
- Know about themselves and use that knowledge to enhance their work.
- Work with others to achieve goals.
- Be responsible and reliable in their work.
- Move beyond “how” and onto “why” things are and should be.
- Recognize the skills and viewpoints of others as assets.
- Expand, strengthen and/or create projects.
- Initiate partnerships between different school organizations.
- Expand the network of organizations and individuals who are actively engaged in leadership roles on campus.

Training and Learning Program . . .

- Strive to make training and the learning process a balance of theory and practice.
- Engage in leadership training and reflective sessions to discuss issues, problems and viable solutions
- Learn new skills relevant to accomplishing goals.
- Bring together a diverse group of people and create opportunities to practice leadership skills.
- Provide a wide variety of leadership experiences.

General observations about students acquiring leadership skills . . .

They . . .

- learn best by doing.
- want to create
- want to express themselves and be heard.
- need a variety of learning opportunities.
- need time to reflect.
- learn from each other.
- need time to debrief at the end of projects.
- develop best when they are supported by peers.

Realize that . . .

- a room full of students is a room full of different learning styles.
- challenge is a good thing.
- learning is not always comfortable.
- Students begin the process at different places; intellectually, experientially and emotionally.
- For true learning to take place students go through the process, not just get to the end point.

Discussion / Training topics include:

Power and Privilege	Power in Action	Visionary Leadership
Conflict Resolution	How Change Happens	Service Leadership
Giving and Receiving feedback	Evaluation	Communication Skill /
Understanding Leadership	Program Planning	Verbal, Non-Verbal
Team Dynamics	Problem Solving	Personal Relationship Building
Project Management	Media Relations	Risk Taking
Facilitation	Perspectives	Community Involvement
Collaboration	Diversity	Public Speaking and
Leveraging Resources	Community Service	Presentation Skills
History of Local Culture	Marketing Strategies	Time and Task Management
Visioning and Setting Goals	Financial Accountability	Assertiveness
Civic Education	Ethics	Manners

Curriculum Resource:

The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership - John Maxwell

Recommended Reading for Parents:

A Whole New Mind: Moving from the Information Age to the Conceptual Age – Daniel Pink

Outliers – Malcolm Gladwell

Brain Rules – John Medina

Contact Information - Don Shaffer

Activities Director – Kraemer Middle School / www.KraemerMS.org

Office Phone – 714-996-1551 ext. 20006

Cell Phone – 714-624-1405 Email – DonShaffer@sbcglobal.net

<http://web.mac.com/donshaffer>