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IGNITING FLAMES OF HOPE

'And I myself will be a wall of fire around it,' declares the Lord, "and I will be its glory within.' -Zechariah 2:5

Experiencing Firewall

This month, we will be introducing the "Firewall Experience Tour" at our West Davie Center. This tour will give you a hands-on opportunity to hear, see, and experience what happens at our centers on a daily basis. Our goal through these events is to spread the message about the valuable work that Firewall Ministries is doing to impact young lives each day. We will be sharing with you a brief history, some basic facts, and the inspiring stories of youth and how their lives are being changed through our programs.

We hope that as you take part in our tour, you will leave better informed about our after-school mentoring program and more motivated to get involved in helping us accomplish our mission to impact this generation. Please call us to schedule your visit or if you have any questions!

Tentative Tour Schedule

Thursday, *February 4*, 2010 at 6:30 PM

Thursday, *February 11*, 2010 at 12:00 PM

Tuesday, *February 23*, 2010 at 6:30 PM

These are 50-minute tours that will start and end on time. If you have a small group that would like to attend, but none of these dates work for you, please call us to make special arrangements.

Here is the address to our West Davie building:

Orange Park Community Center

841 SW 133rd Avenue

Davie, FL. 33325



West Davie Center



Teaching Time



*Mentor Checking
Student's Grades*

Myths vs. Facts

As Firewall Ministries continues to reach out to more students, we wanted to take this opportunity to clarify some of the misconceptions that parents, educators, and individuals at times express about our program. We pray that as we respond to these false assumptions, you will have a better understanding of what we do on a daily basis to help transform lives.

Myth: Firewall is just a place to keep kids out of trouble.

Fact: A Firewall center is not a drop-in location but a structured center with a fully integrated curriculum that equips youth to effectively handle real life situations.

Myth: Firewall's after school program is offered at no cost so it must only provide minimal academic assistance.

Fact: Firewall's programs have been proven to substantially improve student academic outcomes. In 2009, the GPA of new students improved from 2.06 to 2.85, a 39% increase.

Myth: My student doesn't need help with their homework, so they must not need Firewall.

Fact: Firewall not only assists students with their academics but also instills faith-based values. This, together with our emphasis on servant leadership, enables students to reach their greatest potential.

Servant Leaders of the Month

This month's servant leaders are Krystal and Elizabeth. In the picture below, Krystal is helping Elizabeth with her homework, which is something that she always does around the center. Krystal is constantly giving back, which is what Firewall Ministries is all about. We encourage that not only the staff give back, but that the students do too. Krystal's GPA for the second quarter was a 3.9, while Elizabeth's jumped to an impressive 3.4.



"I'm really thankful to have Firewall here for me. As Servant Leader of the Month, I am trustworthy, kind, and I love helping out around Firewall. Being at Firewall has helped me accomplish my goals for my school life in a big way. I feel so good about my grades and I'm actually proud of myself. Firewall has also helped me make the right decisions in my life and has taught me more about who Jesus is."



"I know I'm a servant leader because I work hard for the good grades that I get and get all of my work done. My friends and the tutors at Firewall help me a lot. My faith has been affected a lot by Firewall. I believe more in God, I trust myself to get my work done, and I trust my friends and listen to what they have to say. Firewall has helped me with my integrity too. Thanks to Firewall, I have more integrity in everything that I do. Doing something good feels great and believing that God is with me is a big part."

Before Firewall, I always used to use my room as a cave. I was like a bear. I stayed distant from my family and God. But being with Firewall, I have improved. I don't give my mom an attitude for one thing. Being at Firewall has helped me improve mostly in my grades. Firewall is a great place to learn and to have fun. In the first quarter, I had F's and D's. Now, thanks to Firewall, I have all A's and B's."



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