



Annual Report

SCHOOL YEAR
2020/2021

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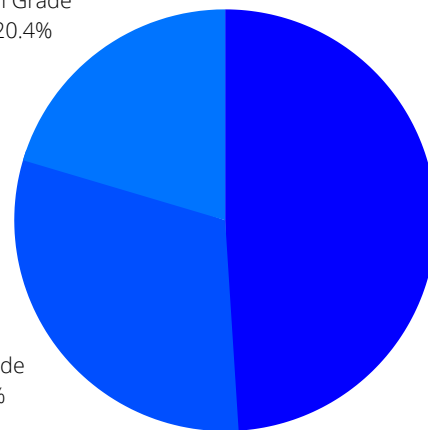
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Launched a new middle school Youth Empowerment Program with

48 Students

8th Grade
20.4%



6th Grade
49%

7th Grade
30.6%

STUDENT FEEDBACK

"I look forward to our meetings all week, I get excited to hear what others are going to share"

"I feel safer at DMS. My teachers like me and I like them."

"As a distance learner, DH was my only way to make friends"

"I am not scared to share things at DH because we don't judge people"

OUTCOMES

- Hosted a school-wide art contest
- Distributed 500+ calendars to students and educators promoting health and wellness
- Held 15 virtual meetings
- Attended two in-person events
- Created and distributed 500 Stress First Aid Kits



SUMMER 2020

DAVISVILLE COMMUNITY CHALLENGE



The Chariho Youth Task Force worked with a group of middle school students who attended the Davisville Summer Camp. Utilizing an Asset Based Community Development model, we facilitated discussions about what they loved about their community and room for improvement. Over a six-week span, we worked with students to launch a community-wide health and wellness challenge and planned out the framework for a middle school youth empowerment organization they decided to call "Davisville Hangouts".

FALL 2020

PROGRAM LAUNCH

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic Davisville Hangouts was launched as a virtual bi-weekly meeting. During the Fall of 2020, we had a total of 48



different students who attended our meetings. An average meeting included around 15 students and consisted of time to learn something new, time to work toward future projects, and time to connect and play games.

Some highlights included students sharing their first languages with their peers, showcasing their art or stories they wrote, and free time to talk about the things they cared about most. One common theme that arose was the love for art.



WINTER AND SPRING 2021

MENTAL HEALTH & THE POWER OF ART

Davisville Hangouts kicked off 2021 in a big way - after hosting a school-wide art contest, Davisville Hangouts students created a calendar that incorporated monthly health and wellness challenges. They highlighted student art on each page and gave tips about how to eat well, stay active, manage stress, and get the proper amount of rest. Davisville Middle School and the Office of Family Learning assisted by getting calendars out to all students and staff.



Davisville Hangouts students also expressed how stressful it was to be a middle school student. After sharing with each other the different tips and tricks they used to manage stress, the group decided to make Stress First Aid Kits. This kit included a palm card with stress management techniques, coloring pages, stress reduction tools, a small stuffed animal, and more.

In recognition of Mental Health Month, Davisville Hangouts students helped construct the Stress First Aid Kits and handed them out at the Davisville Community Connections event. They also co-hosted a county-wide poetry slam as a Facebook live event.





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