

The Inspire Spotlight

Newsletter of Inspire: A Shalom Afterschool Initiative

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A Glimpse of Your Gifts at Work

21

Average daily student
attendance

1:5

Teacher : Student ratio

95 %

Percent of students who
report that coming to
afterschool helps them
better understand their
homework

50 %

Percent of volunteers
that speak a student
native language



Who We Are

We are middle school students who live in Clarkston, GA and attend Freedom Middle School.

We are from all over the globe: Sudan, Congo, Burma, Eritrea, Rwanda, Iraq, Afghanistan, Burundi, and Somalia.

Some of us have been in the United States as little as 4 months; some of us have been here for several years.

We speak Arabic, French, Hakha Chin, Burmese, Zomi Chin, Zotung Chin, Kinyarwanda, Tigrinya, Somali, Swahili, Amharic, and English.

We love Takis, dancing, inventing new games, playing tag, telling jokes, and learning new English words and idioms.

We are diverse and we are gifted!



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In our first semester we have...

...eaten 660 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and a ½ bag of baby carrots.
We've tried carrot dip and realized that we don't really like it!

...explored new topics such as cities, poetry, the human body, space travel, and oceans.

...built cars, houses, bridges, and towers out of marshmallows, tin foil, and spaghetti.

...played basketball and soccer, painted, gardened, cooked, and danced Zumba!

...studied for tests, practiced math flash cards, read books, and done our homework.



To Volunteer, Email:
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A Note from Ms. Natalie

It's hard to believe our first semester is already over – it's true that time flies when you're having fun! We have seen strides and successes in our students thanks to your gifts and belief in this program. Our students love having a productive, fun, safe place to spend their evenings and are grateful for the academic support they receive at Inspire. Together we can continue to make an impact in this community. **Thank you** for your generosity.

How to Donate

ONLINE: www.rally.org/shalominspire

CHECKS: Make checks out to "New Church Development Commission" and write "Inspire" in the memo line.

Mail checks to: New Church Development Commission
1024 Ponce de Leon Ave. NE Atlanta, GA 30306



Shalom,

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