

# All Students Matter

Partnering with Ravenswood for Educational Equity



## 2020 Progress Report

**Every Child Deserves an Equal Opportunity to Learn**

Tutoring and mentoring students in Ravenswood schools in East Palo Alto and eastern Menlo Park since 2008.

Looking back on my first year as Executive Director for ASM, I'm filled with gratitude and inspiration at what our volunteers, donors, partners and supporters have helped us accomplish. Our amazing team of volunteers contributed over 1,000 volunteer hours per month with our in-class tutoring, literacy intervention, and 5th grade book club programs in Ravenswood schools. When schools closed in March, our partners joined us to address the most urgent needs of our students, supporting them in new ways by organizing and distributing technology and learning materials. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, our team was able to creatively and swiftly develop an online tutoring program that enabled us to continue supporting our most vulnerable students.

As we begin a new school year, we are prepared to support the students and teachers of Ravenswood with two new virtual tutoring programs. This support is crucial as experts around the country fear that distance learning will exacerbate America's existing educational inequity, making it harder than ever for students who live in low income communities to learn, putting them at a greater disadvantage compared to their wealthier peers. Our commitment to these young Ravenswood students is to continue with our individualized support because we believe that education is a means to achieving equity and opportunity for all.

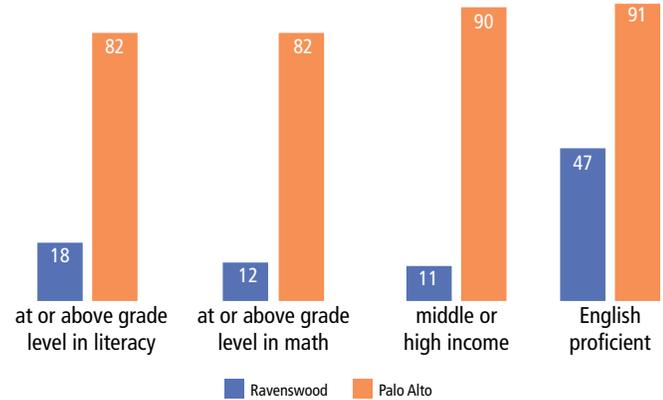
Through our commitment to equal education, we have the power to help build social justice. Together we will ensure that all children receive the best education possible in Ravenswood schools so that students who come from anywhere can pursue their dreams everywhere. Thank you for all you do to make our work possible.

*With gratitude,*  
Angie Holman,  
Executive Director



## Where the Need is Greatest

Our volunteers work with students in the local community where the need is greatest: Ravenswood's three elementary schools and the middle school.



We focus on building literacy and social-emotional skills of students from Transitional Kindergarten through 8th grade. ASM's programs have been requested by all the schools we support. Our approach is unique:

- Volunteers tutor and mentor students every week, all school year, building strong relationships
- Volunteers are trained by the district for seamless support
- Volunteers partner with classroom teachers to meet each student's unique needs
- Our new remote tutoring program will engage students in an innovative way until we can safely return to school

## OUR VOLUNTEERS GO THE EXTRA MILE

Lori Brockman had retired from her career and been volunteering in her own kids' schools. As her kids grew, their teachers no longer needed parents in the classroom. Luckily six years ago, a good friend told her about ASM. Lori was matched with a 3rd grade teacher and worked with several students including Amir, who had social difficulties, trouble focusing, and could be disruptive in class.

Together, Lori and the teacher devised a plan. "When I was in the classroom, he was sitting next to me." The teacher would give her Amir's independent work and the two would work together one-on-one for 20 minutes. Then, rather than Amir returning to his table, Lori would say, "I'm going to work with Jose now, and you're going to sit quietly and work independently right here with me."

"It was challenging at first," said Lori, but "when that plan worked, when he started to really focus with me, that was the moment I started to feel like there was something special between us."

And what does Amir say about

Lori? "She's nice and she's kind," then he smiled, "and she makes me more smart, more intelligent, and with math I can be a scientist and a doctor one day." And then he seemed to look inward, adding "I always keep her in my heart."

Amir's teachers say he has made tremendous progress over the past two years with Lori. Fourth grade teacher Ms. Baik explains, "Amir has so much potential but it was hard for him to focus in a class of 31 students. Working with him one-on-one, Lori helped Amir develop an improved attitude and accountability for his own learning. I've seen Amir improve in many ways including sustained reading, note taking during lessons and perseverance to work through problems."

This year will be Lori's third year supporting Amir. "I'm in it for the long haul. I love the work."



**Our nearly 200 volunteers donate about 1,100 hours per month to Ravenswood schools at no charge to the district or families. That's the equivalent of 7 full time employees.**

## OUR VOLUNTEERS INSPIRE US

**TO READ MORE VOLUNTEER STORIES, VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

[www.allstudentsmatter.org](http://www.allstudentsmatter.org)

*"Thank you, All Students Matter volunteers, for your support and dedication to our students and instructional program! Your commitment is critical during this time. The individual tutoring you provide to students makes a tremendous difference and will be instrumental to ensure the future success of every student."*

Gina Sudaria,  
Superintendent,  
Ravenswood City School District

## STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM OUR SUPPORT

Every year, 100% of teachers surveyed say ASM volunteers have a measurable impact on the academic and social-emotional skills of their students. The individualized support meets each student's unique needs and our one-on-one approach builds strong bonds.

*"Now that I have worked with ASM volunteers in my classroom, I realize what a valuable contribution they can make and how much it helps my students. In just a few hours per week, the volunteers are able to provide more one-on-one time with my neediest students than I ever could on my own. I am a real believer in the value that volunteers can provide in my classroom. I don't know how I ever survived before I had them."*

Carmen Garcia, Willow Oaks 3rd Grade Teacher



## NEW THIS YEAR

### Expansion into Middle School

ASM will deepen its support for Ravenswood students by offering one-on-one tutoring designed specifically for 6th-8th grade students. As with our elementary school program, volunteers will be trained in using the school's online tools, building academic skills and providing social-emotional support. Middle school tutors will also mentor students, encouraging and inspiring them to pursue their passions, explore new subject areas and strengthen self-confidence before they enter high school.

### Virtual Tutoring

ASM is committed to addressing inequities from distance learning. Incorporating best practices from our summer program, we have launched two virtual tutoring programs:

#### Synchronous Tutoring

- Partnering with TK-5th grade teachers to connect with students during virtual class time
- Working one-on-one with students in virtual breakout rooms
- Focusing on guided reading

#### Asynchronous Tutoring

- Connecting with students outside of class time using an online platform
- Working one-on-one with 2nd-8th grade students
- Focusing on literacy and writing





## BECOME A VOLUNTEER

Do you want to help students achieve their potential and thrive? Join us and discover how rewarding the ASM experience can be. These students need you more than ever. Volunteers say:

"I love working with the kids, establishing a connection with them and seeing their progress throughout the year."

"That hour of tutoring is a huge joy to me. I have become very bonded with those kids. They're all extraordinary children."

"I think everybody needs to have purpose. For me, it is supporting kids and especially education - there is no bigger impact, which is why I do it."

## BECOME A SUPPORTER

Your donation makes a difference for students who could benefit from extra support and will help them achieve their potential. Donors say:

"By supporting ASM, I am making an impact in local public schools where the need is greatest."

"There are few nonprofits that have such a direct impact on the daily lives of the Ravenswood students."

"ASM is an effective, well-organized, efficient organization that serves the children in our community who need the most support. Thousands of children have been helped by mentorship, improved reading skills, confidence boosts, and having a caring adult in their lives."

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