



Parents Support SAVE

Deshler Elementary is a school located on the south end of Columbus. Many of the children who attend our school come from disadvantaged backgrounds or broken families and lack the basic support system needed to succeed in school. They lack both educational and emotional support at home and many end up having behavioral problems in the school setting. This is where a program like SAVESNet becomes an amazing asset. It gives these students a place to learn how to deal with their own issues as well as how to relate to others in positive and redemptive ways. It also equips those students without behavior issues to know how to help others who are struggling. It gives students a window into ways they can help prevent violence and what part they can play in creating a more peaceful and positive school environment. Students are empowered to take a stand and become positive role models for their peers. Many are given a boost of self-esteem as they see they can take on leadership roles and influence others toward positive behavior.

Mary Burgett, Parent and School Staff Member
(Excerpt of Letter of Support Written in 2008)

I am very pleased to write a letter of support for SAVE. I know the SAVESNet Program really does make a difference. My son was a member of SAVESNet last year. Before he joined he had very little interest in school. Once he started learning about non violence and how important it was for students to feel safe at their school, he realized that he too could make a difference. Because of the resiliency training he was able to apply what he learned. He became a role model for other students. He learned to make better choices. Because he made a change for the better, he got serious about his grades. He improved in every class as a result of the help and support he received as a SAVESNet member. He is in college today and I know it would not of happened without SAVESNet at South High. The teachers and staff appreciate outside organizations that help students realize that what they do today has a direct effect on their future.

Carolyn Peterson, Parent and School Staff Member
(Excerpt of Letter of Support Written in 2008)

This program teaches kids how to respect themselves and others. It also teaches the importance of resolving their disputes by talking about the problems they are having instead of resorting to violence. SAVESNet gave my daughter affective ways to deal with her anger. It gave her a place that she could go to when she needed to leave the class to get herself together. She was sent to the SAVESNet Coordinator so that they could process the

situation. This allowed her to look at the situation from a different perspective and make a better decision. My daughter reduced the amount of time she needed interventions greatly by being in the SAVESNet program. The things she learned will help her the rest of her life.

**Ms. Ransom, Parent
2008**

I would tell other parents that their child should be involved because it teaches the youth to be productive and non-violent in a world of violence and crime. The program teaches everyday life skills to kids that may or may not be getting those lessons at home. I have two children in the program. I would recommend this program to all parents. I wish all of my kids had the opportunity to get involved with the program. My daughter is usually very quiet and shy. Since joining the program, not only has she been more outgoing but her confidence level has drastically increased. She is able to initiate new friendships. Sometimes it is as if I am look at a different child. Her grades this school year have been at it's best since entering elementary. I believe a lot of this is due to her self-esteem. Now that she has seen her capabilities, I see her growing in so many areas.

**Ms. Loving, Parent
2008**

Since my daughter has been a member of the SAVESNet program for a couple of years now I have seen her mature. She has learned to deal with conflict and adversity in a positive way. She was very diligent in finding out about her responsibilities after we moved and she had to go to a different High school. I believe the resiliency training helped her to adjust to her new school. She stayed in touch with the South SAVESNet Coordinator. She did her end of the year project and was able to go on the end of the year trip. SAVESNet is one of the best school and community programs that I know about. Students learn to not be selfish, and to help others less fortunate than they are. I know this is a good program for all students.

**Irene Robinson, Parent
2008**

My daughter has been active in the SAVESNet program at South High this school year. From what I have seen it has really made a big difference in the school. My daughter has really learned a lot about non violence and becoming a Peacemaker. Her involvement in SAVESNet has given her an opportunity to mature. I know the program is very positive and it is needful in the school. The community service projects helped her to be more aware of the needs of others.

**Ms. Yolanda Hairston, Parent
2008**