

DePaolo Leadership Program

As students gain more independence in their adolescent years, it is important that we provide leadership opportunities for them and offer the training and support required to make their leadership experiences successful.

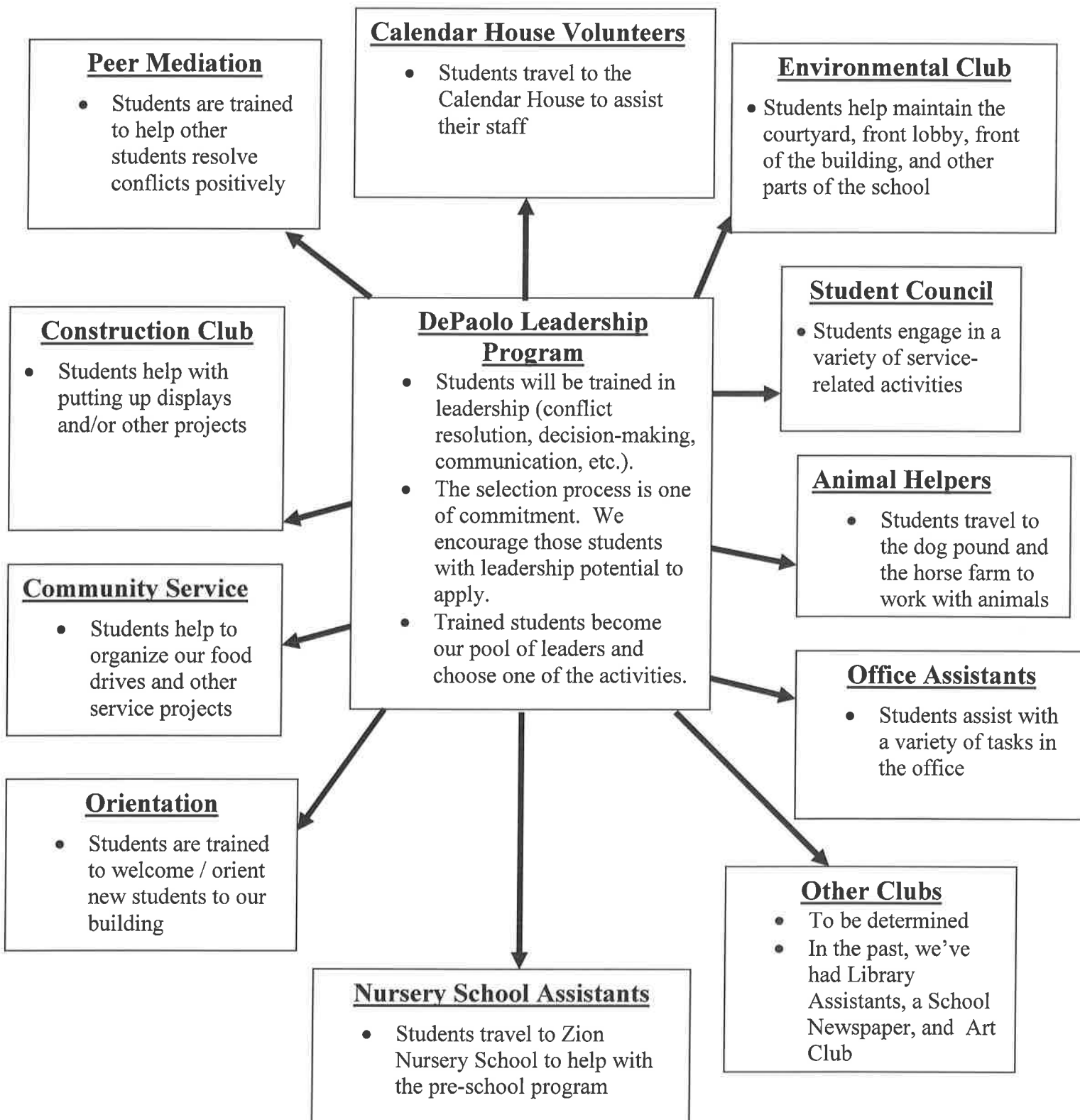
Fifteen years ago, we began the extremely popular DePaolo Leadership Program. Last year we trained over 400 students in leadership skills and each and every one of these students took a leadership role during the course of the year. Activities students took part in included Peer Mediation, Student Council, assisting at Zion Nursery School and Calendar House, beautifying our cafeteria / courtyard / outside, Office Assistants, Animal Helpers, and more. We would like to make this program even better this year!

The structure of the DePaolo Leadership Program is as follows:

- The DePaolo Leadership Program is designed to offer leadership opportunities to committed students, and to give training designed to make these leadership experiences successful.
- All interested students should apply for the Leadership program. We will be looking for students who have never been involved in leadership activities, as well as those who have been previously involved. *We welcome ANY students who would like to take part in this opportunity!*
- Students taking part will attend a Saturday morning training session at **Camp Sloper** by YMCA staff (either September 14th or September 21st from 8:30 AM until 12:45 PM – they don't attend both), during which time students will be trained in communication, team-building and leadership. **The training is different from year to year** and is a great way to meet new friends. Thanks to a very generous donation from "Ben was Here" the cost for this training this year is only \$5; however, we will not deny any student the opportunity to be part of this program for financial reasons – any concerned student or parent can contact Mr. Palmieri and a scholarship will be offered.
- Any students unavailable for the training, but wanting to take part in the Leadership Program, should contact Mr. Palmieri.
- After the training all members of the Leadership program will be matched with clubs/committees/activities based on their interest.
- **If you are interested, please fill out the attached application and return it to Mr. Palmieri by September 12th.**

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(Below are just a few of the opportunities available in the Leadership Program)



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Name: _____

Grade: _____

Team: _____

HR #: _____

SSR Teacher: _____

Please answer the following questions as completely as possible and return to Mr. Palmieri

1. Were you a part of the Leadership program last year? Yes No

If yes, what activity/group were you a part of: _____

2. Why do you want to be a part of the DePaolo Leadership program? _____

3. What personal leadership traits do you have that would make you a good leader? _____

4. Have you had any personal experiences (clubs, sports, activities...etc.) that allowed you to demonstrate leadership? If yes, please explain. _____

5. Are there any leadership activities that you'd like to see at DePaolo Middle School that aren't in place right now? Please describe the activity. _____

6. The "Patriot Pride" program that we stress at DePaolo involves taking Pride in Yourself, Pride in Each Other, and Pride in your School. Why are each of those traits necessary to be a good leader? _____

The Leadership training will be occurring at YMCA Camp Sloper, from 8:30 AM until 12:45 PM, on September 14th and again on September 21st. Half of the students will attend the first training and the other half will go to the second training. *Students do NOT attend both sessions.*

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In order to assign everyone to a day in which they're available, please check one box below and return it to the Office with cash or a check for \$5 (checks should be made out to DePaolo Middle School) by **Thursday, September 12th**. Please bring any cash in an envelope with your name on it; please try to bring exact change – we may have difficulty making change. The fee will pay the YMCA staff for the training.

I am ONLY available September 14th

I can go to either workshop.

I am ONLY available September 21st

I can't attend either day.

Parent Name: _____

Date: ____/____/2019

Parent Signature: _____

Phone #: _____

Student Signature: _____