

ADOPT-A-SCHOOL IDEAS

- **Academic Enrichment/Career Awareness:** Provide readers for classes; host job shadowing opportunities; conduct interview skills workshops; participate in career days; provide newspapers for classroom instruction; conduct tours, site visits and excursions; serve as resource speakers or tutors; assist with student research projects; teach them about their community and heritage; to have lunch with student (s); to work at field day; to act as story teller, field trip chaperone, sewing instructor, computer instructor, chess coach, etc., be a mentor for a student through the Mentorship Program.
- **Student Motivation:** Provide recognition for bringing up grades, most improved student, perfect attendance; sponsor recognition banquets, citizenship projects, students of the
- **Improving School Environment:** Donate time to participate in clean up days or beautification projects at school, and participate in the Principal for a Day Program at your adopted school.
- **Faculty Support and Recognition:** Recognize staff during national recognition weeks such as American Education Week, Teacher Appreciation Week/Day, Counselor Appreciation Week/Day Administrative Professionals Week/Day, Bus Driver Appreciation Week/Day.
- **Community Service Projects:** Help students realize that they have something to offer their community by leading a student volunteer project: helping them make something for a nursing home, paint homes or community buildings; doing whatever it takes for them to make a contribution.

“Children Learn What They Live”

by Dorothy Law Nolte, Ph.D.

- ♥ If children live with sharing, they learn generosity.
- ♥ If children live with kindness and consideration, they learn respect.
- ♥ If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.
- ♥ If children live with acceptance, they learn to love.
- ♥ If children live with approval, they learn to like themselves.
- ♥ If children live with recognition, they learn it is good to have a goal.

For an application to be a mentor or the Adopt-a-School program, please contact the School Liaison Officer

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MISSION

The Laughlin Building Up Dynamic Del Rio Youth (B.U.D.D.Y.) Program provides the framework for positive relationships between the military, schools community and the community at-large. These relationships allow the student to improve positive connections between the world of the military, school and their community.

The mission of the Laughlin B.U.D.D.Y. Program is to improve the academic achievement, self-esteem, social competence, and avoidance of problem/high-risk behavior by providing a relationship with a caring adult friend who works to help youth achieve their academic potential.

This partnership program offers an opportunity for Laughlin AFB and a local school to work together in a collaborative fashion for the benefit of both parties.

The long-term partnerships are reciprocal in nature and both Laughlin AFB and the school benefit from the relationship.

Students and teachers in the program will develop their understanding of the military and its positive contributions to our way of life. Together everyone will gain from their sense of accomplishment, teamwork and enjoyment.

MENTOR

Mentors spend time with young people encouraging positive choices, promoting high self esteem, encouraging academic achievement and introducing new hobbies and experiences.

Mentors and youth will develop their relationship at the child's school, when the mentor visits each week to talk, play games, and assist with school-work.

All **mentors** develop a relationship with a child reinforcing the values and cultural heritage that parents have instilled.

Share the importance of these values with youth through fun activities and exposure to new experiences.

A **mentor** can play many roles including coach, teacher, advocate, friend, cheerleader and opener of doors.



ADOPT-A-SCHOOL

Adopt-A-School/Classroom Program fosters a better understanding of the community's school system, strengthens and improves school programs and curricula, and creates a sense of personal involvement and interaction between Laughlin AFB and our schools.

Adopt-A-School programs do not require financial support from the sponsor. Neither party in the adoption is the sole beneficiary. The squadron/organization derives a sense of satisfaction in service and benefits from excellent public relations throughout the community. The adoptee reaps benefits when the squadron/organization makes a commitment to assist in the development of the full educational potential of a school.

In an **Adopt-a-School** program individuals or groups generally work with a school to provide volunteers or financial resources to support instruction in the classroom. It may be focused on a single classroom or program within a school or it may be a school or even system-wide initiative.