

# STUDY BUDDY

**BE A LIFESAVER: AN HOUR A WEEK MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE IN A STUDENT'S LIFE!**

## **WHAT IS THE STUDY BUDDY PROGRAM?**

-STUDY BUDDY IS AN EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOL/METRO CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM WHICH OFFERS CURRENT UNIVERSITY STUDENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTEER WITH STUDENTS FROM KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 12

-THE PROGRAMS FOCUS IS ON LITERACY AND OVERALL ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

-A PROGRAM THAT HAS RUN FOR OVER 20 YEARS

## **WHAT DO THE SCHOOLS DO?**

-MATCH STUDY BUDDY VOLUNTEERS WITH STUDENTS IN NEED OF EXTRA SUPPORT

-PROVIDE MATERIALS, SUPPORT AND INSTRUCTION AS NECESSARY

-OVERSEE AND MONITOR THE WORK OF VOLUNTEERS

-PROVIDE A CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION WHEN A VOLUNTEER HAS COMPLETED THEIR REQUIRED 10 WEEKS

-A LETTER OF REFERENCE CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED FOR YOUR PORTFOLIO (YOU MUST SPEAK WITH YOUR COORDINATOR DIRECTLY)

- PROVIDE A GREAT PLATFORM FOR NETWORKING AND MAKING CONNECTIONS WITH EDUCATIONAL PROFESSIONALS (REFERENCES, PRACTICUMS, STUDENT TEACHING)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE:

<http://www.metrocontinuingeducation.ca/>  
(CLICK ON -THE STUDY BUDDY LINK)

## **WHY SHOULD I GET INVOLVED?**

-TO HELP STUDENTS MAKE STRIDES IN THEIR LEARNING

-GAIN EXPERIENCE IN A SCHOOL SETTING

-INTERACT WITH STUDENTS FROM ALL BACKGROUNDS (ELL, SPECIAL NEEDS, BEHAVIOR)

-BRING YOUR TALENTS AND KNOWLEDGE TO THE FOREFRONT (FRENCH, READING, MATH, SCIENCE, PHYSICAL LITERACY ETC.)

-BRING YOUR GAINED KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCES BACK TO YOUR LEARNING AT THE U OF A

-BUILD COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

-GREAT FEATURE ON A RESUME

- SCHOOL COORDINATORS STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF SUCH VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE AND SEE THE VALUE IT PROVIDES TO STUDENTS FROM ANY FACULTY (EDUCATION, MEDICINE, SCIENCE, BUSINESS ETC.)

## **WHEN IS IT OFFERED?**

-STUDY BUDDY TAKES PLACE DURING SCHOOL HOURS (830-330) AS YOUR SCHEDULE ALLOWS

-MINIMUM REQUIREMENT OF ONE HOUR PER WEEK FOR A DURATION OF TEN WEEKS

-DURING THE POST SECONDARY SEMESTERS: FALL: SEPT-DEC AND WINTER: JAN-APR

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**"THIS PROGRAM GAVE ME AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO PUT INTO PRACTICE THE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE I LEARNED IN MY UNIVERSITY CLASSES. IT WAS REWARDING TO OBSERVE THE STUDENT'S POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENT. I HIGHLY RECOMMEND THE PROGRAM."**

**HEATHER, U OF A STUDENT**