

## Hawk-tastic Buddies

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like my child to participate in this program.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, I would not like my child to participate in this program.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Contract between participants/parents and the Hawk-tastic Buddies Program**

By signing below I agree to:

- Attend to my training session with an open heart and an open mind
- Ask questions to the Autism Coach (Mrs. Andujar), the School Counselor (Mrs. Tanke) and to the classroom teachers during my sessions.
- Be responsible with my classwork
- Let my coach know if I have any problems with my schedule or during my sessions
- Let my coach know if I can't attend sessions due to testing or classroom work. It's OK. School work is always first!!

\_\_\_\_\_ Student name \_\_\_\_\_ Student signature ☺

Parents, by signing below you agree to:

- Encourage your child to participate in their training process, to be receptive, and to attend ALL sessions that his/her testing/classwork schedule allows.

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent(s) name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent(s) signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date

\*\* Parents, please sign and return to Mrs. Andujar, Autism Coach

\*\* Teachers, please place signed permission slips in Mrs. Andujar's mailbox.

January 11, 2019



Dear Parents:

Congratulations! Your child has been selected by his/her teacher to participate in the "Hawk-tastic Buddies" program. They were chosen because of their leadership potential, trustworthiness, and compassion. As a part of the "Hawk-tastic Buddies" program, your child will be spending 30 minutes, twice per month, paired with a student with autism.

Our Hawk-tastic Buddies program includes training sessions in which your child will learn about the characteristics of autism and other disabilities. They will be trained in listening skills, responding, problem solving techniques, characteristics of autism, and how to interact and "teach" play skills to their peers with autism. The interactive "Hawk-tastic Buddies" sessions are scheduled with your child's classroom teacher so as not to impact their studies.

We are very proud of our program. This program encourages awareness and acceptance of people who are "differently-abled". Helping peers promotes self-esteem and sensitivity towards others. Please indicate approval of your child's participation in this program and return the attached form to your child's teacher. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

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Kristin Andujar  
Autism Coach

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Desiree Tanke  
School Counselor