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IGNITING FLAMES OF HOPE

'And I myself will be a wall of fire around it,' declares the Lord, "and I will be it's glory within.' Zechariah 2:5

Student Edition

With all the growth the Firewall program has experienced this year, we never forget why we do what we do. Our impact on the lives of the teens we work with each day is tremendous, whether it is academic, social, spiritual, or all three! In this month's newsletter we want to highlight some of the activities that make Firewall Ministries such a special place for students.

Learn– At Firewall, we use every available opportunity to teach students everything from better decision-making to study skills to how to live a God-centered life. In this picture we see Janeth interacting with our middle school students as they learn about the importance of having the right attitude towards school. We want them to understand that they can achieve great success in their future simply by taking a proactive approach towards their education.



Help Others– We want our youth to understand that giving back is something that is expected of a Firewall student. Our youth learn that by helping others they are positively impacting the future of that other person. We remind them that just as Firewall is there for them, they need to be there for others. Pictured on the left is Krystal one of our freshman students from Western High who is helping 7th grader Elizabeth complete some of her science homework.

Make Friends– At Firewall, we constantly encourage the students to develop positive relationships with others whether in school, at home, or at our center. We teach them that you are who you hang out with and building friendships with people that drag you down will cause you to pay a heavy price over the long haul. Here we see Nicholas H., Nicholas S., and Servio enjoying some video games after all their homework is complete.



Serve– We teach our students that servant leadership is modeled not just in words but also in actions. These actions include being responsible not only for their behavior and academics but also for completing the routine daily tasks that make up so much of our lives as adults. Our youth take ownership of their Firewall center and always want to maintain it well organized and clean. Here Kevin is pictured as he completes his weekly task of mopping the floor.

Servant Leaders of the Month

We are excited to announce that we will be choosing “Servant Leaders of the Month” for each of our centers. The students that are acknowledged have met several criteria, including good grades, a positive attitude, a good work ethic, and respect towards authority. This honor allows them to not only be highlighted here, but also to receive bonus points towards rewards we have available for all the students.

Firewall West Davie



Evelyn is a third year Firewall student. She is now in 9th grade and has really blossomed into an incredibly confident young woman. She earned impressive report card grades of six A's and two B's. Her words:

“I have been chosen Servant Leader of the Month because I have good grades and met all my academic goals. I am a good role model to younger students. I stay on task and do my work when I am told. I am good to the staff and listen to what they have to say. Firewall has always taught me that it is important to do my homework. This has been good for me because without them in my life, I would probably be lazy and end up not doing my homework. They also help me strengthen my relationships with God and others.”

Kathia is also a third year Firewall student. She is an 8th grader who is a true pleasure to have in our center. She always has a contagious smile on her face and is more than willing to serve others in any way she can. Her words:

“Being Servant Leader of the month means a lot to me. Even though it does not mean I'm smarter than everyone else, it does mean that I'm responsible for all I do. I don't just try to do something, I do my best on that something to prove that I can learn if I believe in myself. Being Servant Leader of the Month takes responsibility, doing your best, and showing integrity. To be honest, I don't know what I would be doing if it wasn't for Firewall. They have taught me to take responsibility for my actions and to be proactive. Firewall has some awesome staff that are there to help us with everything. Because Firewall is on top of us to do our work we can get good grades. Thanks to Firewall, I reach my goals.”



Firewall Boca



From our new Boca center Theresa, a 7th grade student was chosen: Her words: *“I am a trustworthy person. I treat my teachers with respect and I pay attention during teaching time at Firewall. When I joined Firewall, I brought my grades up in school. Firewall kept me out of trouble after school and also brought me closer to God, friends, and family.”*

We Need Your Support!

We need your constant prayers and support as we continue to run three centers that impact lives on a daily basis. The number of students that we minister to and educate is increasing daily, and every dollar that you provide is going directly toward ministry to provide these youth with the education and God-focused message that they need to have successful futures. Thank you for your faithful support and may God continue to bless you!



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