



Castle Park Middle School



"Celebrating Knights' Excellence"

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Dear Tony Perez,

I wanted to take a few minutes and talk to you about the wonderful impact your Golf program has had in our school. For over a year, we've had the great privilege of being included in several of the Pin Pals golfing cycles. Although we offer a variety of sports options through the after school program, cost limitations had prohibited us from including golf. Our student population is largely low-income and predominately Latino/a. Before the Pin Pals program, our students did not view themselves as golfers, and quite frankly, it was a challenge to generate interest in the sport. As the program continued and more and more students took part in it, our students' view began to change. We had several kids who never considered joining a sport before happily taking part in golf. Several of our football players asked for special permission to be excused from practice on golf days so they could be included in a cycle. Perhaps the most notable change was with a couple of our students who were notorious for discipline issues throughout the school day. Teachers noticed much improved behavior in the classroom and there were zero problems in the golf course.

One of the great joys reported by the teachers is a marked confidence in those students who participated. Perhaps because the golf group is small or because this is a new skill to all the students involved, but students who are particularly shy often take a leap of faith with this sport. These students often walk a little taller and interact with other students and teachers with an increased confidence.

We hope you continue on with this wonderful organization and that you keep us in mind. Thanks you for all you do for our kids.

Sincerely,

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