



WHAT is GALAXY?

What Galaxy Is:

GALAXY is the acronym for: Growing America's Leaders and eXcelerating Youth. It is an innovative enrichment program taught by volunteer leaders and special guest speakers. The class is held for one hour each week through the entire school year. Students will participate in GALAXY during their lunch break and will need to bring a sack lunch that day.

Who Participates?

Selected sixth-graders who demonstrate a desire to become stronger leaders and improve their home, school and community.

The Mission of Galaxy:

To better prepare students for the future, by increasing self-confidence, teaching them life skills, and by providing "hands-on" opportunities to work together and solve problems.

Areas of Focus (in Addition to Leadership):

- Communication
- Problem-Solving
- Self-Confidence
- Teamwork
- Service





How

GALAXY

works

What Do the Schools Provide?

We need 12-14 motivated, well-behaved students who are ready to learn, explore and grow. We also need two volunteer leaders that are enthusiastic, flexible, positive, and who are committed to implementing the program for the entire school year.

What Does the Galaxy organization provide?

We provide handbooks, supplies, training and support.

How is it Funded:

Volunteers donate their time, and businesses donate money for the necessary supplies.

Our Goal:

To expand the Galaxy program to five additional elementary schools for the 2012-2013 school year.

Every school needs Galaxy! Help us expand to five additional schools for 2012/2013.



September: Leadership – Growing America’s Leaders

- Leaders listen to others' ideas and feelings
- Leaders try to see other points of view
- Leaders are good communicators. They express their own ideas and look others in the eye
- Leaders know that together is better!
- Leaders work well with teams
- Leaders know that through teamwork they can find better solutions than they can by themselves
- Leaders set priorities ... work first, then play

October: My Life is Amazing... and I Know That I am in Charge of my Own Life

- Life is amazing
- I am in charge of my own life
- I am important
- I am responsible
- I take initiative
- I choose my own attitude, actions and moods

November: I Have Many Things to be Grateful For - I Will Always Be Grateful and Not Entitled

- I am grateful for my life
- I don't blame others for my situation
- I will take care of my body and practice healthy habits
- I am grateful to live in an amazing country

December: I Will Find Someone to Help Today - Every Day I Will Begin With a Goal to Find Someone to Help

- There are many things that I can do to help others
- I will help at home, at school, and with my friends
- When I am helping others, I am happy

January: I Will Plan and Create a Great Day Today, and That Will Help Me Plan and Create Great Weeks, Great Months and Great Years

- I have the power to create my future
- I plan ahead and set goals
- I will prepare for my financial future and make good choices
- I will set priorities and follow my plans

February: I Always Think Win/Win

- I believe that there are no losers
- No one should be left out
- We always encourage and support each other
- We have enough resources and success to share with others

March: Pay It Forward Experience

- The two advisors for each Galaxy class will assist the group in creating a “Pay It Forward” experience. This will be a real-life project that requires hard work, teamwork, and will result in success that the students will remember for the rest of their lives.
- For Example: The first two Galaxy pilot groups participated in the Ken Garff Literacy challenge. The students set a goal to earn enough money to donate a free book to every student in their school. The students earned the money for the books by giving presentations to businesses. They created their own Powerpoint presentations, worked in small groups, and learned many lessons in the process. Both groups experienced major success for their efforts.

April: I Believe in Myself, My Family and My Future

- I will respect my parents and help make my home a better place to be
- Communication is key in everything we do
- Things I do now will prepare me for my future roles

May: Wrap-Up

- We will use the month of May to review the topics covered throughout the year and celebrate the progress each student has made.



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Founders

Sydne Jacques



Sydne is the owner and President of Jacques & Associates, a leader in the field of Public Information. Sydne is a facilitator, strategist and Public Information Manager. She has 22 years of experience in the engineering field as a design team leader, project manager and partnering facilitator, and she is a leader in the State of Utah in the area of public information for construction projects.

She is also passionate about volunteer work, having won the “Best In State” Educational Volunteer Award for 2011. She is the Mother of four children, all of whom attended Suncrest Elementary School.

Amy Green



Amy is the President of the Rural Water Technology Alliance, a non-profit organization founded by Sydne Jacques. She has 25 years of organization and management experience. Amy is an active community and school volunteer, as well as a committee chairperson for a charity organization.

Amy has spent the past 22 years as a volunteer in the public school system. She has served in many positions on the PTA Board and has been a room parent for each of her seven children. Amy has organized carnivals, fundraisers, history events, art programs, talent shows, read-a-thons and walk-a-thons. She has always been a champion for the education of children and is passionate about doing everything possible to give them an advantage in an increasingly difficult world.

GALAXY Application

Name of Applicant:

6th Grade Core Teacher:

Circle One

AM or PM

1) You must complete at least **2 hours** of service at Home, School, and/or Community.

Act of Service:

Time Spent:

Signature of person who observed your act:

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2) Teacher Recommendation:

3) You must have your parent's signature, supporting your desire to be in GALAXY, and giving permission for your involvement in GALAXY activities.

Parent Name:

Parent Email:

Parent Phone Number:

4) Write a **100-200 word typed** essay on what GALAXY (Growing America's Leaders And Xcelerating Youth) and leadership mean to you and staple it to your application.

5) Turn in the stapled, completed application to the office by Friday, August 29th

If you have any questions, please contact us:

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