ASCEND PROGRAM – STUDENT/PARENT INFORMATION

What is Ascend?
Ascend is an exciting program designed to help students prepare for future educational goals through tutoring, hands-on enrichment projects, cultural field trips, and special events. Ascend is managed by Wesleyan University Public Schools Collaborative and is funded by Wesleyan University and the Middletown Board of Education. Approximately twelve students from your school in grades 4 and 5 will be accepted into Ascend.

What will students do in Ascend?
Participants are required to meet after school twice each week with a Wesleyan student who will assist with homework assignments and schoolwork. Hands-on enrichment sessions in math, science, music, art, social studies, language arts, music, and technology, along with guest presentations, are some of the other elements of the Ascend experience. The Ascend Coordinator will have periodic contact with parents to let them know how their child is doing in the program. In addition, there will be field excursions. In past years, Ascend students have visited Hartford Stage Company, Bushnell Theatre, IceCapades, Boston Museum of Science, SONY Wonder Technology, Science Center of Connecticut and other cultural and educational institutions. A tour of Wesleyan’s campus to explore college options and a workplace visit to introduce and spark career interests may also be included in the year’s programming.

When does Ascend meet?
Ascend starts the week of November 1st 2011 and ends on April 26th 2011. Sessions take place after school twice each week from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m., on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

How do I qualify for Ascend?
• You must be committed to attend afterschool sessions
• You must possess the ability and motivation to continue your education beyond high school

What does it cost to participate in Ascend?
Students pay $40 annual fee to participate in Ascend. Checks should be made payable to Wesleyan University and, if necessary, can be paid in two $20 installments due November 15th, and March 15th.

How do I apply to Ascend?
Complete the application with your parent/guardian and return it to your school office. For more information, contact Kathy Krywinski at kkrywinski@wesleyan.edu or 860-685-2970.

Keep this page for your reference
Student Name _______________________ Birth Date _________ Age ___

Student Address _________________ Home Phone __________ Grade ___

School _________ Gender: ___ Female ___ Male Race/Ethnicity ________

Allergies (food, insect bites, etc.) ________________________________

1st year Ascend student _____ 2nd year Ascend student _____

With whom does the student reside?
Both Parents ___ Father only ___ Mother only ___ Guardian ___
Grandparent ___ Other ___ (Specify relationship ________________)

Father/Stepfather/Guardian:
Name______________________ Occupation _________________________
Work Phone ________________ Cell Phone _________________________

Mother/Stepmother/Guardian:
Name_______________________ Occupation ________________________
Work Phone _________________ Cell Phone _________________________

Emergency Contact ____________________ Phone ____________________

Name of person who will pick up your child? ______________________
Relationship ___________________ Phone # _______________________

Parent e-mail _____________________ Is your child in Kids Korner? ____

Return to one of the following:
Principal of your elementary school or:
Beverly Hunter-Daniel, Director - UB, UBMS and Pre-Collegiate Programs
Wesleyan University, 41 Lawn Ave., Middletown, CT 06457
Ascend Parent/Guardian Contract

If my child is accepted into the Ascend program, I agree to the following minimal cooperation:

1) I will attend special events honoring my child.
2) I will review reports sent home by my child’s Advisor and discuss areas of concern with my child.
3) I will encourage and participate actively in my child’s education.
4) I will make sure that my child attends field trips for which he/she has signed up or will notify staff in advance if my child is not able to attend.

Student Name______________________  School ______________

Parent Name_______________________  Grade _______

Parent Signature___________________  Date___________

Comments/Questions:
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