



### Commonly asked questions about the PLAYSMART Leadership Academy.

- **Bussing** – Busses will pick-up and drop off your children at their schools. Times will be announced as we get closer the Leadership Academy.
- **Food** – Snacks and lunch will be provided. Choices will be available for kids with allergies, or they can bring their own.
- **Who Attends** – There are 24 middle schools participating this year. Kids currently in 7<sup>th</sup> grade to be 8<sup>th</sup> graders are usually recommended. However, principals can make other requests as well.
- **Attire** - T-shirts, shorts and tennis shoes. Campers will be given a different color shirt each day to wear. When they finish the camp they will have 5 different t-shirts.
- **Agenda** - Students will work on developing leadership skills at this academy. The students will participate in the following:
  - 1.) Leadership Project – They will work with the other students from their school and design a Literacy Project that they will implement back at their schools. Upon successful implementation they will receive a \$250 grant to give to their school.
  - 2.) Community Project – The students will be mixed up with other students and will work with a teacher to develop a community project. They will be asked to present the community project on the last day.
  - 3.) Activities – The kids will be doing a wide arrange of activities (team/sporting activities and maybe swimming) where they will learn leadership skills and how to work with other to accomplish tasks.
  - 4.) Speakers – Each day two speakers from the community speak to the kids about leadership. We get GREAT speakers.
- **Location** – Kroc Center in Omaha
- **Date:** June 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am – 2:30pm
- **Cost:** Free (grants fund this for students)
- **Adults Supervising:** Certified Middle School teachers lead the Academy and counselors work with them. The counselors consist of former PLAYSMART Kids and college/high school students interested in helping students become leaders.
- **Is this the only time they will be together?** NO..... The students will get back together in February to present their projects at Werner Enterprises and have another day of leadership training. There will also be an event out at Werner Field this summer. Details will be sent out when we have more information.