

DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHOOL AND THE AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

ELEMENTARY NEWCOMER ACADEMY



- ✓ opened in the winter of 2018 in response to Hurricane Maria to support the increasing number of English Learner children fleeing Puerto Rico after that natural disaster
- ✓ offers intensive English support and academic instruction for immigrant and refugee children new to the United States with minimal English skills
- ✓ employs seven classroom teachers working with 180 students in grades K-6
- ✓ provides students with Art, Music, Physical Education, and Library Science
- ✓ utilizes their bilingual and bicultural auxiliary staff to provide students with Social and Emotional learning opportunities including, Wellness, Counseling Groups and a visiting therapy dog
- ✓ staff supports families with monthly parental involvement activities like Open House, Trunk-or-Treat, quarterly conferences, and Adult ESL classes
- ✓ the student population represents 21 countries and six languages, including Haitian Creole, Swahili, Arabic, and Spanish
- ✓ staff work diligently to support students through the transition process of a new country and culture



21ST CCLC AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM AT ELEMENTARY NEWCOMER ACADEMY



- ✓ began in the Fall of 2022
- ✓ serves newcomer English Learners in grades 3-5
- ✓ has two bilingual tutors who are both full-time teachers at Elementary Newcomer Academy
- ✓ addresses the student's needs in the areas of English language acquisition and foundational math skills
- ✓ provides additional support to students for homework
- ✓ provides students with opportunities in the areas of STEAM, which includes Physical Education, Art Quest, Wellness, and Creative Moves

21ST CCLC AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM EXTERNAL ENRICHMENT PROVIDERS



The afterschool program collaborates with local providers to offer enriching opportunities for students. The following providers offered 61 sessions to the afterschool program:

- ✓ Art with Natalie Hartman
- ✓ Born into Arts (BIA) Dance
- ✓ Camp Fit
- ✓ Cohesion Network (character and leadership)
- ✓ Creativity Moves
- ✓ Mad Science
- ✓ Physical Wellness
- ✓ Pratyush Sinha Foundation (mindfulness)
- ✓ Wildland Conservancy



PARENT FEEDBACK ABOUT THE 21ST CCLC AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM

PARENT QUOTES:



- ✓ I am delighted with the afterschool program.
- ✓ The afterschool program helps reinforce my daughter's interaction with English and allows her to complete schoolwork.
- ✓ My daughter has made new friends in the afterschool program.
- ✓ Our daughter really enjoys the activities they do within the program.
- ✓ The afterschool program allows me to work without worrying about my daughter after school.
- ✓ I am very grateful for the program and its partners.
- ✓ We are very grateful for how helpful the 21st Century afterschool program has been for our family.
- ✓ The program helps my daughter complete her homework when I cannot help her because of my work schedule.
- ✓ My daughter has progressed in school because of the support she gets in the afterschool program.
- ✓ My daughter is always happy in the afterschool program.

DESCRIPTION OF STAFF (OVERALL AND INDIVIDUAL STAFF MEMBERS)

NEWCOMER ACADEMY STAFF

- ✓ is committed to fostering student-teacher relationships, which are crucial to student engagement and success.
- ✓ strives to build solid relationships with their students and make them feel more supported and motivated to learn.
- ✓ helps students learn new skills and helps to create a positive learning environment.
- ✓ relate everyday English vocabulary and pronunciation to the student's native language, demonstrating a deep understanding of non-native speakers' challenges. This approach not only helps students understand the language more efficiently but also helps them feel more comfortable and confident in using it.
- ✓ focus on building self-confidence through speaking, reading, and personal interactions
- ✓ help to make the students feel less insecure or intimidated by the challenges of learning a new language and culture.

MS. DALIA MOHAMED

ELEMENTARY NEWCOMER ACADEMY AND 21ST CCLC AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM STAFF MEMBER

- ✓ is a founding member of the Elementary Newcomer Academy Program
- ✓ tutors four nights per week in the 21st CCLC afterschool program
- ✓ was born in Luxor, Egypt, and came to the United States in 1998.
- ✓ earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of Alexandria, Egypt
- ✓ earned a master's in education and a master's in teaching Learning Technology from Lehigh University
- ✓ has been teaching elementary children since 2018
- ✓ is a wife and mother of 4 children
- ✓ enjoys cooking, going for walks, and attending Zumba classes



WHY DID MS. DALIA MOHAMED HELP TO ESTABLISH THE ELEMENTARY NEWCOMER ACADEMY?

- ✓ provide more opportunities for children to learn and become their best version
- ✓ assist students and families with learning a new language and adapting to a new environment
- ✓ create a school where all students and parents feel safe and supported
- ✓ show parents that they made the right choice in coming to America for their children's education.

MS. DALIA MOHAMED SHARES HER QUOTE WITH FAMILIES,



“**START FROM WHERE YOU ARE, BUT DON'T STAY THERE.**”



SANAA ALAHMAR ELEMENTARY NEWCOMER ACADEMY TEACHER

- ✓ her greatest dream has always been to be an educated, independent woman
- ✓ is from a small village in Syria where she attended elementary, middle, and high school
- ✓ attended college in Syria and earned a master's degree in environmental engineering
- ✓ at 28 years old, married a Syrian American man, came to the USA, and started a family in 2006
- ✓ has a Master's degree in Education and holds an ESL certification

WHY DOES SANAA ALAHMAR FEEL NEWCOMER ACADEMY IS HER DREAM JOB?

- ✓ able to ensure the students feel supported, valued, accepted, and loved
- ✓ creates a safe and loving environment that will increase the student's academic achievement
- ✓ can share her story and assure students they will achieve their dreams together

ANA MERCEDES PROJECT COORDINATOR FOR COHORT 11C AT RITTER ELEMENTARY, MOSSER ELEMENTARY, AND THE EARLY NEWCOMER ACADEMY (ENA)

- ✓ oversees approximately 144 students and 30 staff members across the afterschool programs, which include highly certified teachers, paraprofessionals, and safety officers
- ✓ qualities of patience, friendliness, and exceptional organizational skills make her a standout figure
- ✓ serves as a mentor to younger coordinators, sharing invaluable best practices for their success
- ✓ approach to serving her students is marked by enthusiasm, passion, and empathy
- ✓ takes great pride in achieving enrollment goals, executing practical recruitment efforts, and ensuring the well-being of her staff and student community
- ✓ creates family engagement activities that show thoughtfulness and have a meaningful impact on attendees.
- ✓ serves as an invaluable resource, an exemplary leader, and a true team player, embodying the essence of collaborative success



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