September 12, 2012

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are so excited that your child has been selected to participate in the **Warrior Guides** program and we hope that after careful consideration, you will allow your child to take part in this exciting new opportunity. Once you are ready to do that, we will need you to sign the “Brave” Commitment and Waiver form and return it to his or her school right away. We’ll need your child’s signature on the Waiver form as well.

B. Reed Henderson High School, in West Chester, PA, is continuing in its second year with the mentoring program, called **Warrior Guides** with the support and encouragement of the **Andrew L. Hicks, Jr. Foundation**. The goal of the Warrior Guides program is to provide some selected Chester 5th graders with a mentor from Henderson High School students who can provide friendship and be a significant influence to a child who may want or need supplemental support and/or encouragement.

Membership in the club comes with distinct responsibilities for both parties. Each high school student will be expected to participate in at least 5 organized, community events with their Chester mentee. In return, the Chester students are expected to commit to participating in at least 5 events throughout the school year with their Warrior Guide. These events will take place once a month from October through May and will include a Henderson High School football game, bowling, roller skating, Field Day, etc. For more information about the Andrew L. Hicks, Jr. Foundation and to see photos from last year’s Warrior Guides program, please visit [www.AndrewLHicksJrFoundation.org](http://www.AndrewLHicksJrFoundation.org).

Your child will receive an invitation from his or her Warrior Guide each month to attend the next month’s event. A tentative calendar is included in this invitation. Most events will take place on Saturdays with the exception of a Friday night football game and possibly one or two Sunday afternoon activities. Your child’s Warrior Guide will be responsible for personally inviting your child to each event and registering him or her for the activity. There is no cost involved for the Warrior Guides program, and all transportation and food are provided by the Andrew L. Hicks, Jr. Foundation.

80 high school students have committed to be Warrior Guides to 5th Grade Braves from Widener Partnership Charter School, Chester Community Charter School, Chester Charter School for the Arts, and the Frederick Douglass Christian School. There will be a **mandatory “Meet and Greet” in Chester on Sunday, October 14th at 3:00pm** and then the first Warrior Guides event will be a **Henderson High School Football Game on Friday, October 26th**. All Chester children who make the commitment to the program should plan to attend the “Meet and Greet” on 10/14. The event will be held at the Chester Boys and Girls Club located at 2300 W. 4th Street, Chester at 2pm promptly and will conclude at 4:30pm. Transportation to and from this event is not provided.

Every “Brave” will have the opportunity to meet their “Warrior Guide” that evening and we will have lots of activities planned that night to get them acquainted. Parents are invited to come at 4:15pm to meet their child’s Warrior Guide.

Our first real Warrior Guides event will then take place at Henderson High School, on Friday, October 26th. All Braves will be picked up by bus at 3:45pm at Widener Partnership Charter School’s parking lot on Friday, October 26th and transported to Henderson High School in West Chester. Upon arrival, and meeting up with their Warrior Guides, the pairs will go into the gymnasium for some get-to-know-you games and activities. The pairs will then head to the cafeteria and enjoy dinner together. Then the group will head to the football stadium where we’ll watch the varsity football game. The Braves will get back on the bus at 8:30pm and will be transported back to Widener Partnership Charter School where we expect that their parent will pick them up at 9:15pm.

Although your presence is not expected at any of the Warrior Guides events, we are always looking for additional chaperones for the events. If you would be willing to chaperone once or twice during the school year, please call me at 484-390-0689. It would be my pleasure to meet you and get to know you better.

Please read over the Warrior Guides program description, which is attached. **Both you and your child will need to read through and sign the Brave Commitment and Waiver forms**. Those forms need to be returned back to your child’s teacher as soon as possible. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 484-390-0689. We look forward to meeting your child at the Meet and Greet on October 14th.

Sincerely,

Karen C. Hicks
Secretary