



Murphy Academy Volunteers

Who is Domus:

Since 1972, Domus has helped thousands of our region's most vulnerable high-risk youth experience success. About 160 full and part-time staff operate three alternative schools, two group homes, a community center and several out-of-school and after school programs. As a registered nonprofit, we are funded through local, state and federal grants, foundation support and individual donors. No fees are charged to families whose children are enrolled in a Domus program.

Murphy Academy

Murphy Academy is housed in **KT Murphy Elementary School (KTM), 19 Horton Street, Stamford, CT 06902**. It operates Monday through Thursday from 3:25 to 5:45. Students are divided into 9 classes of 8 to 10 students each. Each class is led by a certified elementary school teacher or para-educator. A Domus counselor/volunteer rounds out the team.

Student Profile:

90 students (aged 5 to 11) in kindergarten through fifth grade are enrolled in the afterschool program. Approximately 80% of the students are Latino and 15% Black. The students are all English speakers with about 15% identified as English Language Learners. The majority of students qualify for free or reduced lunch, did not attend pre-school, and have challenging home lives. As a result, they lag behind their peers in reading and math.

Program Description:

Monday-Thursday 3:25p-5:45p

- 3:25-3:45 snack time in the cafeteria. It's acceptable to start at 3:45 if necessary.
- 3:45-4:45 homework help for struggling students that concentrates on reading and math. The hour includes 20 minutes of reading, FastMath, a computer game, and remedial support.
- 4:45-5:45 STEM Fun Clubs: promote physical health, social/emotional wellbeing and enhanced learning through interactive games and activities such as cooking, bowling, Dance Revolution, Smart art, and learning about animals from the New Canaan Nature Center.
- On Wednesday students enjoy the Enrichment or STEM clubs for the full 2 hours.

Volunteer Engagement and Commitment

This is an ideal volunteer opportunity for high school students aged 15 and above, college students, and adults who enjoy working with elementary aged youth. Volunteers must commit to at least one day a week; complete the session; and stay for the full two hours. Session 1: 10/17-12/22; Session 2: 1/3-4/27.

How to Volunteer

The volunteer applicant schedules a meeting with Julia Wade at **83 Lockwood Avenue** for a Domus orientation and to complete the intake documents. Julia introduces the applicant to Ayshia Jaeger, the KTM Domus family advocate, via email, who then schedules the orientation meeting at KTM and sets the weekly schedule.

To find out more and to schedule the meeting, contact:

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