

MANUEL JARA ELEMENTARY

Creating a Culture of Excellence!



Manuel Jara El. is a **TITLE I** Campus serving 679 students in grades 1 – 5
The school has **MET STANDARD** for each of the last two years of STAAR

- Minority enrollment is 98% Hispanic
- Attendance rate is 96%
- LEP – 497 students 73%
- Economically Disadvantaged – 672 students 98%
- Special Education / LINC– 37 students .05%
- Dual Language program – 490 students 72%

“If we empower the parent, we change the home life, if we change the home life, we empower our kids”.

2016 Graduates



THE VISION = Use a research based curriculum that empowers parents to be full partners in their student's educational success .

- Parent University was established in 2013 by Principal, Marta Plata to help parents at Manuel Jara Elementary learn skills that will enable them to become a part of their student's educational success.
- It is our desire that what parents learn by attending Parent University will help their children succeed now, and for the rest of their lives.



Imagine parents coming to school, committed to learn together across all cultures to improve their children's education.



#101- Raising Highly Capable Kids Curriculum

by RezelientKids.org



- Raising Highly Capable Kids[®] serves as the introductory course for MJE's Parent University. It is the first course parents take and it is a prerequisite for all other courses.
- Raising Highly Capable Kids[®] course #101 is a 13-week curriculum that is based on the Search Institute's 40 Developmental Assets. The Search Institute has found that there are 40 building blocks that every child needs to mature and succeed in life. The more of these assets that a child has in their life, the more successful they will be in school and in life.

Search Institute has identified 40 building blocks of healthy development—known as Developmental Assets—that help young children grow up healthy, caring, and responsible. These Assets are embedded in Raising Highly Capable Kids Curriculum.

Positive Behaviors	0-10 Assets	11-20 Assets	21-30 Assets	31-40 Assets
Exhibits Leadership	48%	66%	78%	87%
Good Health	27%	48%	69%	88%
Values Diversity	39%	60%	76%	89%
School Success	9%	19%	34%	54%

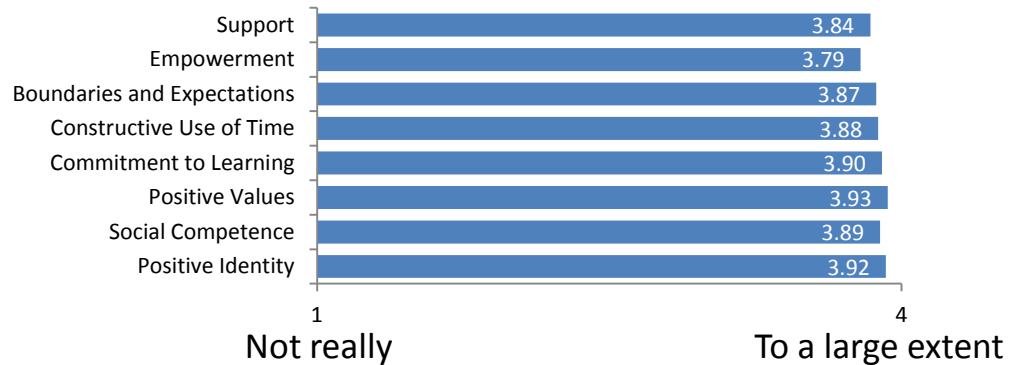
NEGATIVE Behaviors	0-10 Assets	11-20 Assets	21-30 Assets	31-40 Assets
Problem Alcohol Use	45%	26%	11%	3%
Violence	62%	38%	18%	6%
Illicit Drug Use	38%	18%	6%	1%
Sexual Activity	34%	23%	11%	3%



Raising Highly Capable Kids™ Program

Evaluation Public Information Brief

Parents considered Raising Highly Capable Kids™ to be a high-quality parent program. On both surveys and in focus groups, parents rated the program as highly informative and enjoyable and would recommend the program to a friend. Parents particularly saw the value of promoting commitment to learning, promoting positive values through communication and modeling, and understanding the importance of having neighbors and other adults in their children's lives who care about them. Parents increased their knowledge and skill level of all eight assets, as shown in the graph below:



Children whose parents participated in the program were observed by their parents to have changed and acquired assets as a result of parents changing their behaviors. Parents reported their children used time more constructively, were more motivated to learn, had stronger positive values, learned to plan ahead, felt better prepared to resist peer pressure, and assumed a more positive identity.

First Parent University Graduation 2013-2014

- 29 Graduates – 19 with Perfect Attendance

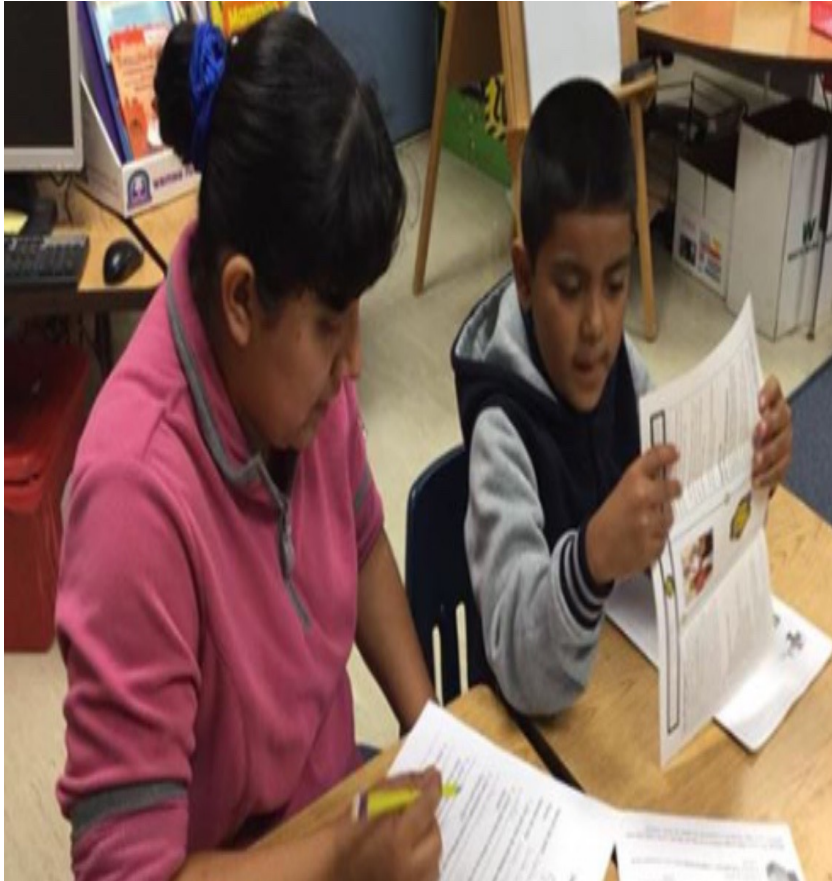


Catch The Vision

- Imagine a school that not only prepares children for success, but also empowers parents to raise successful children.



Imagine parents sitting with their kids as they learn together, how to live a more healthy, caring and responsible family life.



#201- Second Year Continuing Parents

Parent & Child Application of #101

- This is the second level of courses in MJE's Parent University. The classes were written and designed by Marta Plata and intended to facilitate good parent/child communication while applying concepts learned in #101 Raising Highly Capable Kids.
- The first ten classes are for parent and one or two children learning together to create trust that will in turn allow for better parent/child communication.
- The last three classes are designed for parents only. Intervention techniques will be discussed for common problems that children face.

Parent University Graduation Year Two - 2014-2015

- 41 Graduates/ 101 kids / 21 Perfect Attendance



Imagine parents coming to school, committed to improve their own education.



Parent **U**niversity

Graduation

Thursday, February 26, 2015



#301-Third Year Continuing Parents

MJE/TCC Parent Leadership Academy

- This is the third level of MJE Parent University. The 13 week course was written and designed by Marta Plata to facilitate parent leadership skills that will empower parents as leaders of their school and community. The classes are facilitated at MJE on the same night as the rest of Parent University classes.
- Parents are dual-enrolled as MJE and Tarrant County College students. This provides the added opportunity for continuing education credit through Tarrant County College.

TCC Partnership

Robert Muñoz, Ed.D.
Vice President for Continuing Education



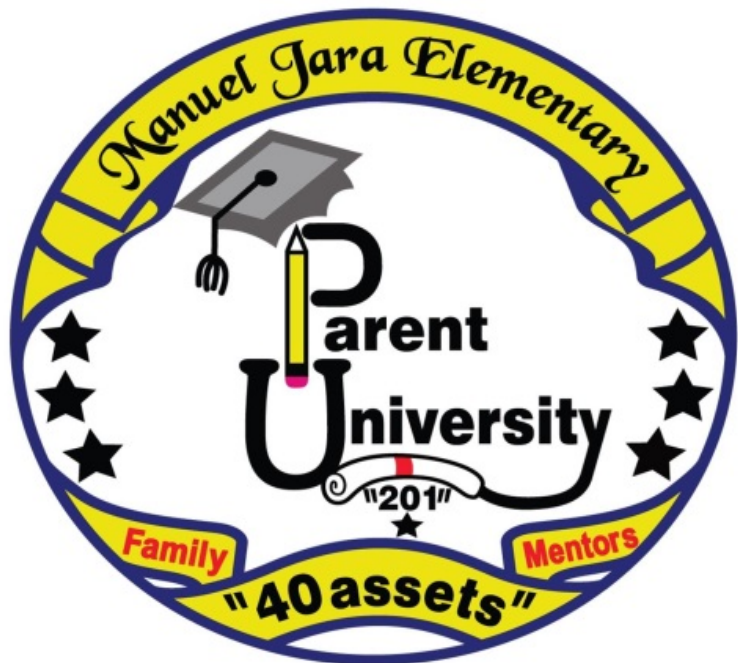


TCC FIELD TRIP



Manuel Jara Elementary PARENT UNIVERSITY

- Class Patches Designed by Participants



57 Parents in course #101

2015
2016



90
GRADUATES
*28 with
Perfect
Attendance*



18 Parents in course #201



15 Parents in course #301

Testimonials from Parents & Kids



'I have Dyslexia and my parents didn't know how to help me and now that they come to parent university they help me and my grades are better'



"We have been attending for two years and we love it. We have learned how to help our kids and how to discipline them. Our kids are getting better grades and they like to see us at school"

Parent Enrollment Trajectory

YEAR	COURSE 101-Raising Highly Capable Kids	COURSE 201- Parent Child Application of #101	COURSE 301- MJE/TCC Parent Leadership Academy	Total Enrollment
2013-14	29			29
2014-15	20	21		41
2015-16	57	18	*15	90

- 21 parents returned after the first year
- 36 returned after the second year
- Enrollment almost doubles each year
- **100% of #301 graduates will continue their education at Tarrant County College**
 - Continuing education career plans
 - 4-Associates Degrees
 - 3-GED
 - 8-ESL

#401- Parent Leadership Academy Graduates Give Back Parent to Parent Learning





Success Stories

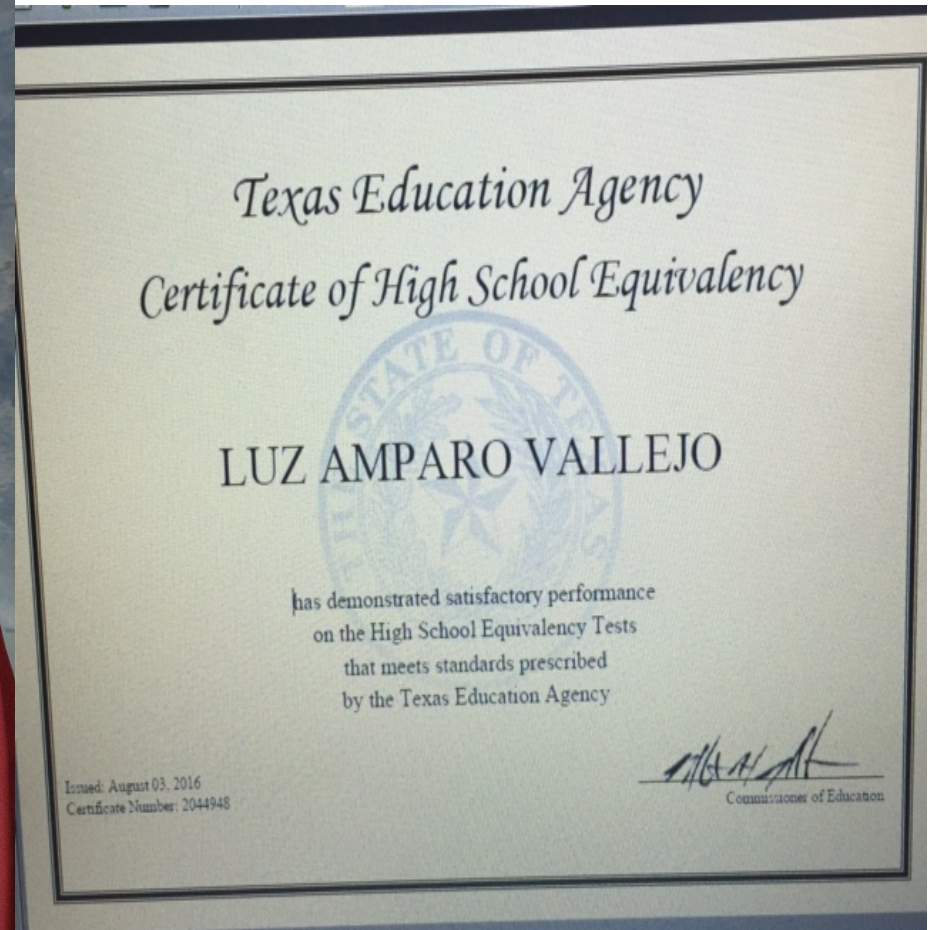


Sara Perez 3 yrs Perfect Attendance

Richard Perez 3 years Perfect Attendance & Spelling Bee Champion



Luz Vallejo- Success Story

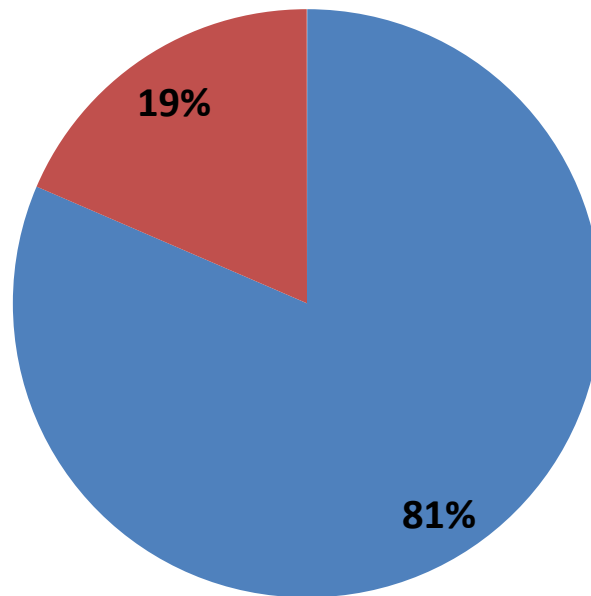


Diamond Hill Elementary- Success Story *'New Beginning'*



Parent University Student I-SIP Reading Data

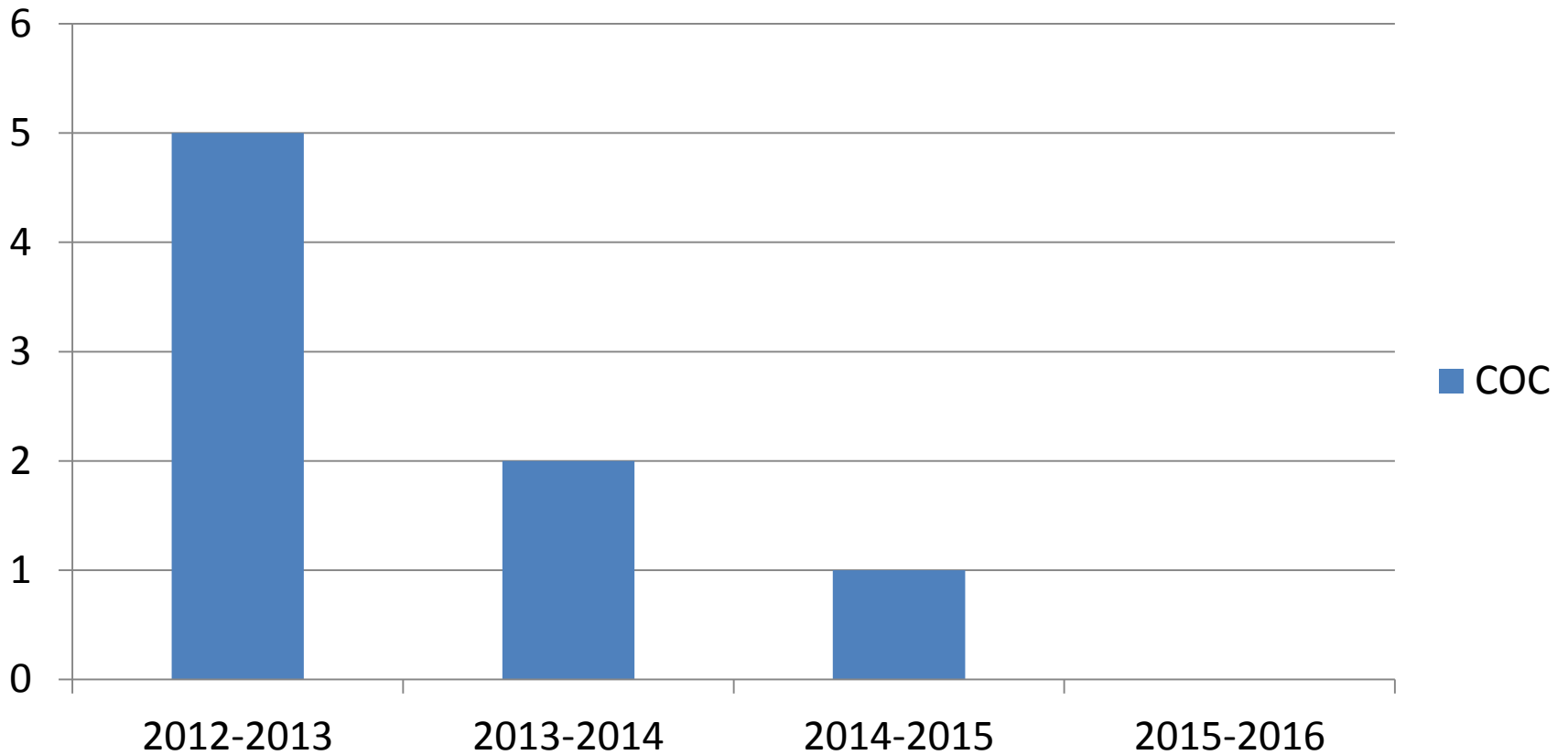
Above grade level	81%	66
On reading level	19%	15
Total Number of Students		81



Discipline DATA

Discipline DATA for PU students

Central Office Hearings & Student Suspensions



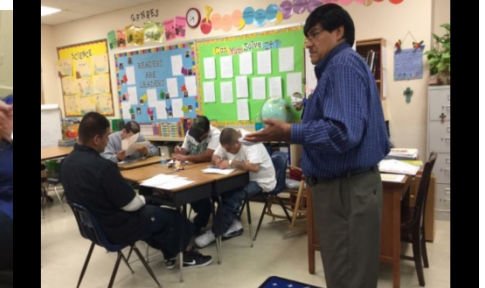
Imagine community partners, like churches, therapists or the city soccer team working alongside the schools to help parents learn parenting skills.



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Our Faith Based & Business Partners

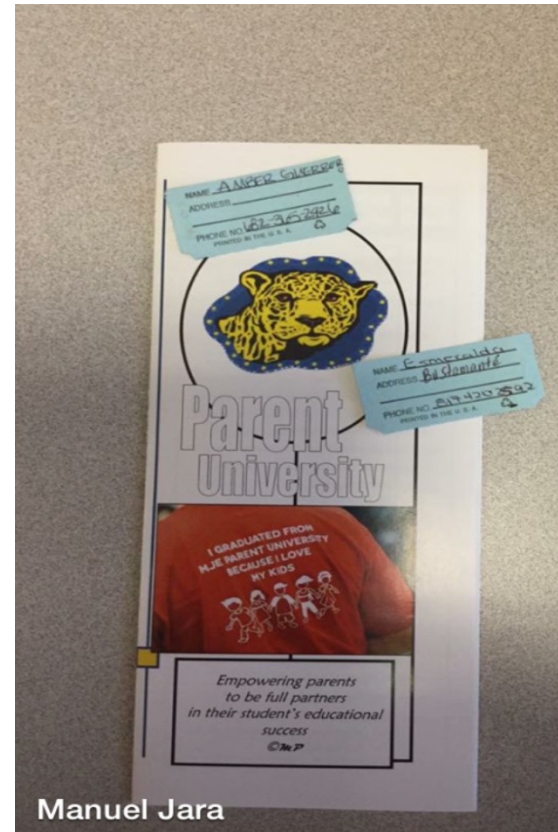


INCENTIVES

ATTENDANCE RAFFLES



DOOR PRIZES



Manuel Jara Elementary Neighborhood Family Partners

Jo Linda Jara



**Amador Molina Family
Scholarship**

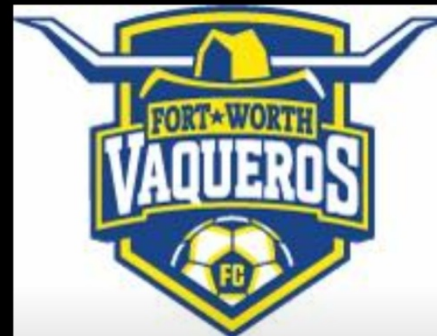
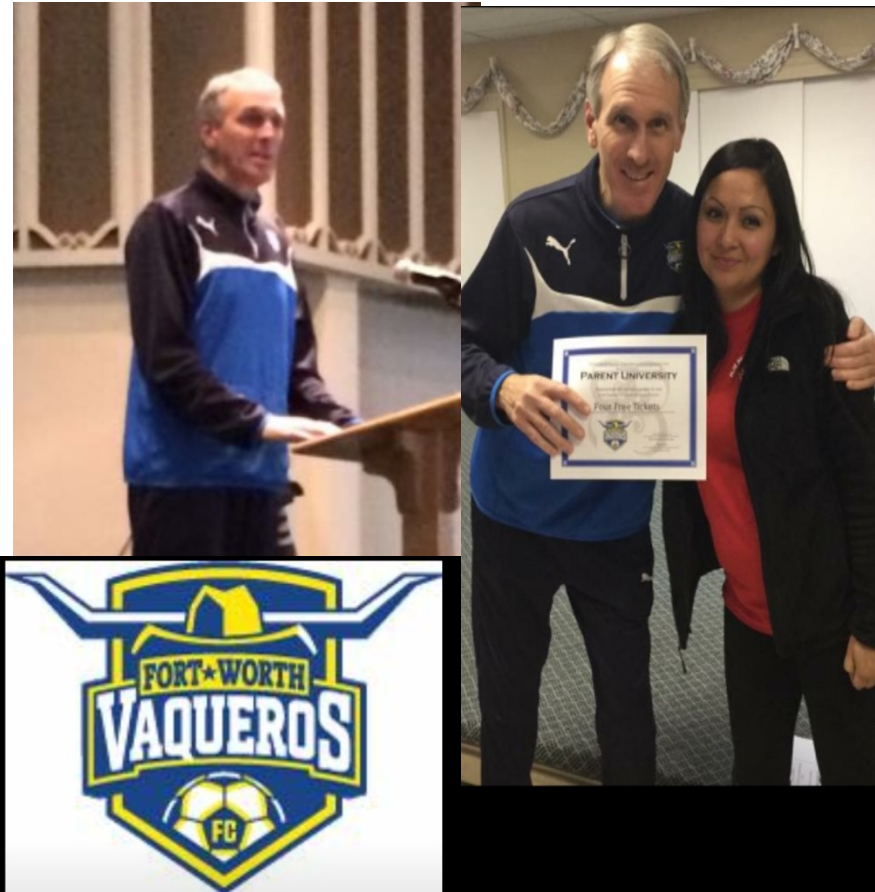


Community Support

Mayor Betsy Price



Mark Snell, Head Coach



Parent University Cost Analysis

Manpower
@40 volunteers
per 100 parents
& 140 children

Approx. \$180 per participant for 13 weeks.

Itemized cost per class:

- \$15 Classroom supplies
- \$10 Class Shirt
- \$15 Cap & Gown
- \$10 Patch & Stole
- \$5 Certificate & Tassel
- \$25 Snacks

= **\$ 80.00 + Individual Course materials**

Course #101 – Raising Highly Capable Kids *Maximum 15 participants per class*

- \$25 English Teachers Guide
- \$18 English workbook

\$26 Spanish Teacher's Guide
\$20 Spanish Workbook

Course #201 – Parent & Child Application of #101 *Maximum 10 families per class*

- \$5 workbook
- \$8 Taking the 40 Assets Home Resource
- \$2 Conversation Wheel Resource
- \$100 set of children's books

Course # 301- MJE/TCC Parent Leadership Academy *No maximum*

- \$5 workbook
- \$120 Field Trip bus fee
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Logistical Costs:

Childcare – \$300 – 13 weeks of activities

- \$65 per volunteer for 13 weeks of light dinner snacks (1 volunteer per 15 kids / we had 40 volunteers =\$2600)
- \$26 – per child for snacks (we had 140 children =\$ 3640)

Incentives:

- \$100 (Wal-Mart gift card) Perfect Attendance Raffle
- \$1040 (4 -\$20 value) Attendance Door Prizes per class