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Franklin Street DREAM Update May 2006

May was quiet month for Franklin Street DREAM, as the year closed up and summer plans are being made. The main event of the month was a huge community wide end of the school year barbeque that was held in the Franklin Street community.

Organized by DREAM mentors with the support of DREAM parents, this event was a tremendous success. Every DREAM family was able to make it with a large majority of parents and grandparents represented! The barbeque was filled with games and activities, and ended with a round of goodbyes and thank yous. Mentors presented each DREAMer with a card that had their picture and a message for the summer and one parents stood up to say thank you to the whole group for an amazing year.

At the same time parents and children were learning about the D-Unit summer interns and all of the programming and trips that are planned for the summer. DREAM staff were on-site to help answer questions and concerns about summer at Camp DREAM.

In the DREAM Central Office plans have been well underway for Summer 2006. The month of May involved preparation for summer staff training, development of programming calendars, and road construction!

As of the end of May Camp DREAM has a new main road and turn-around, allowing the DREAM bus to easily access Camp property. DREAM's homesteading site is also currently under development. This site at Camp will consist of a pole-barn tool shed (constructed by DREAM staff, alumni, and mentors last fall), a large organic garden, an orchard, and a chicken coop. During the summer months the homestead will be kept by Camp staff and campers who will reap their rewards in fresh vegetables, fruits, and eggs!

D-Unit Interns will begin their orientation during the first week of June and programming onsite in the Franklin Square community beginning the week of June 12th starting with an afternoon of introductions, food, and planning with Franklin Street families.

Please feel free to contact the Central Office with any questions or thoughts.

Happy Summer!

Keep DREAMing!

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