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Ready, Set, Read!

After 6 years, Husky Sport has made some changes to the old reading program (*Read & Raise*) one of them included re-naming it: **Ready, Set, Read!**

Other new changes:

- Students are tracking of the number of *pages they read!*
- After reading, students choose a question from a ‘*menu*’ to practice *reading comprehension!*
- Each month, students can earn **individual goals AND classroom goals.**
- UCONN students remain a consistent presence in the schools.

READY, SET,

The weekly visits and readings in the classrooms remain the same with all K-3rd grade classes, while 4th-8th grade students read and complete ‘menu’ comprehension questions to earn monthly physical activity time with UCONN volunteers. The January individual monthly goal was for the **Most Responsible Student** in each classroom, while the classroom-based award was for the classes where students completed 6 menu responses for 1st-3rd graders and 10 menu responses for 4th-8th graders. The February individual monthly goal was for the **Most Engaged Student in Gym Class** per classroom, and for March it will be for the **Most Hard-Working Student** in each class.

Husky Sport’s Books of the Month:

“Yummy, Yucky!” by Leslie Patricelli

“The Busy Body Book” by Lizzy Rockwell

“Healthy Kids” by Maya Ajmera

“The Magic Treehouse: Lions at Lunchtime” by Mary Pope Osborne



Wish School RSR! team members Katherine Baker (left) and Catherine Cruz (right) after reading “Growing Vegetable Soup” with Mrs. Torres Kindergarten class.

Staff Highlight



Husky Sport is once again, for a third year, a host site for Public Allies in Connecticut. Two new AmeriCorps members had been serving since September, for a total a 10 months through Public Allies and contribute to the ongoing efforts, relationship building and partnerships both in Hartford and UConn.

Here is a glimpse to get to know Lauren Little: In School Program Coordinator.



Name: *Lauren Little*

Hometown: *Windsor Locks, CT*

Degree: *Currently working on a bachelor's in Psychology.*

Husky Sport Roles: *In School Program Coordinator.*

Who is one of your most influential public advocates and why?

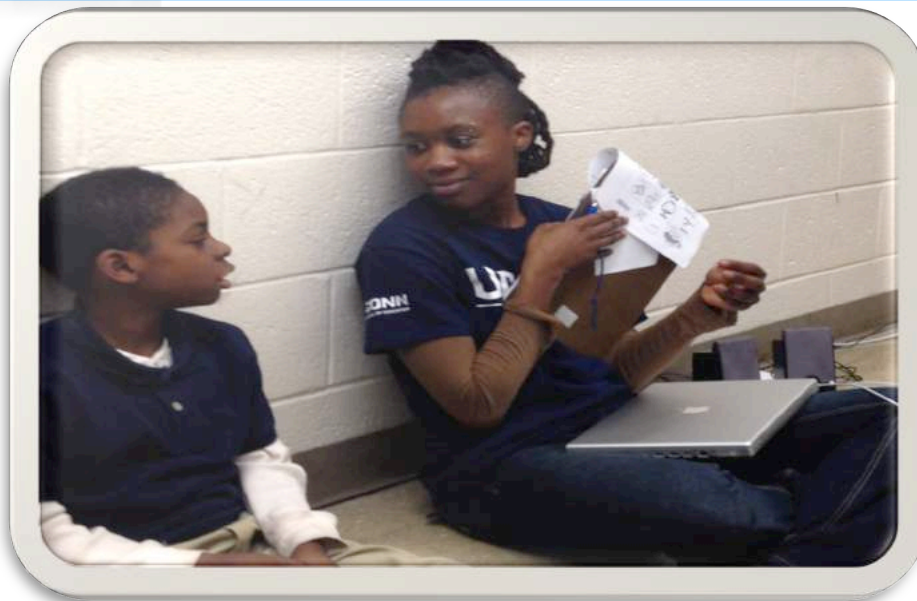
Hillary Clinton. I value her social justice accomplishments such as her child advocacy at Yale Child Study Center in New Haven, CT and Children's Defense Fund in Massachusetts.

What or who inspired you to serve through Public Allies?

I wanted to learn how to be an asset to my community. To empower youth in Hartford and to motivate life-long learners.

Why did you choose to work with Husky Sport?

I like to stay active. I agree with Husky Sport's mission to provide healthy nutrition and physical activities as a means of motivation towards academic excellence and positive life choices.



Lauren leading an activity with students at Clark School.

In School Program Update

***Focus
of
February***

<u>Program Pillars</u>	<u>Themes</u>	<u>Messages to Families</u>
Nutrition Education	Fruit	Make smoothies at home?
Physical Activity	Dance	Good for heart! Good for FUN!
Life Skills	Hygiene	Gotta Brush! Gotta Wash!

Students’ Voices Matter!!!

Read what kids shared during Mid-Year Focus Groups.

“I like listening to music when I do YOGA!”

“Something to be proud of is like when I get out of school and say ‘mother, I was so good.’ and she says, ‘I am really proud of you.’”

“Moderation means that you have a little bit now and a little bit later. So instead of drinking a whole soda you drink a little bit and save the rest for later.”

“Fun playing soccer and also reading about soccer with the ‘Froggy’ book.”

“Teamwork is what you do together.”

“Water doesn’t have any sugar.”

“I wanna get outside and do active stuff and be healthy and drink a lot of water and run around and do stuff so we can get healthy.”

“If a teacher lets you go to get water and come back, it is not responsible if you don't get water and come right back. It is responsible if you get water and come back to class.”

“I like trying new foods and taking home recipe cards to make healthy snacks with my family.”

“Bread, bagels, and some cheerios can have whole grains.”



Only 3 weeks remain in the IGNITE!
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Husky Sport won all three of the prizes awarded thus far:

\$500 – Most Overall Donors for Weeks 1-2

\$500 – Most Overall Donors for Weeks 3-4

\$1,500 – Most Current Students and Young Alumni Donors at the Mid-Point of IGNITE!



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