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There was something remarkable and unique about having RAP come to our school this past school year. RAP was remarkable because of the enthusiasm and energy it brought to our students and their families centered around the wonderful world of reading. RAP was unique in that it generated more consistent parent involvement than any other endeavor that our school has presented.

When you have RAP come to your campus, you are fortunate to have the dynamic support of the founder and President of the program, Mr. Jed Gaines, and his Program Director Natalie Hayek. They are so organized, enthusiastic, and up-beat, this is truly a program that can only bring huge rewards to your students, staff and families. And what can be more fun than having a family Read Aloud Program every other Thursday night! Food, family, fun, and reading was a blast!

The RAP program does require a commitment from your staff, but the reward they receive back is tenfold then what was given. I highly recommend any school to bring this program to their community so that they too can reap the rewards for their students and families that we were able to bring to ours.

As one of our students said to me one night when we were just finishing up, "Reading is totally awesome!" As they say in the commercials, PRICELESS!

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kris Kosa-Correia".

Kris Kosa-Correia  
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