



## Mulick Park Collaborative Participants

- Eastminster Presbyterian Church
- Fifth Reformed Church
- Mayflower Congregational Church
- Plymouth Heights Christian Reformed Church
- Shawnee Park Christian Reformed Church
- Cornerstone University

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# Mulick Park Reading and Mentoring Program

## Mulick Park Elementary School

1761 Rosewood Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506

## About Our School

Mulick Park Elementary School serves over 250 students in grades Pre-K through 5th, including students who are cognitively impaired. The school is a part of the Michigan Integrated Behavior and Support Initiative that emphasizes positive behavior and improved reading skills. Mulick Park students typically continue their education at Alger Middle School and Ottawa Hills High School.

Principal: Thomas Standifer II



## The Program



Our program focuses on serving 2nd - 5th grade students who are below grade level in reading. Mentors meet with their mentees for one hour sessions once a week during the school day. Our sessions focus on five parts of literacy that have been identified by research as essential for literary success. . We train mentors in different activities so they know how to practice these skills with their mentees.



**Phonics**

**Writing**

**Fluency**

**Vocabulary**

**Comprehension**

## The Need

In the past, Mulick Park had been designated by the Michigan Department of Education as a Priority School. Its performance test rating scored a 1 out of 10, placing it in the bottom 2% of schools in the state. As a result, a new principal was brought in, and the school was required to submit an extensive Transformation Plan to ensure academic improvement. (Our reading/mentoring program is listed as one of the interventions in that plan). Efforts are proving to be successful. Recent test scores moved Mulick Park off the Priority list and raised their percentile ranking by 7 points.

## Become a mentor!

Mulick Park's mentors develop strong relationships with their mentees and realize they can make a difference in the academic and personal lives of their mentees.

Mentor training: Week of Sept. 18, 2023

Mentoring fall start: Week of Sept. 25

Mentoring fall end: Week of Dec. 11

Mentoring spring start: Week of Jan. 8, 2024

Mentoring spring end: Week of March 25

**Contact Deborah to be a  
mentor!  
(see backside)**

## Statistics

In Spring 2023, we had 26 mentors meeting with 33 students for 1 hour a week.

We also had 5 mentors meet with students for 30 minute interventions and a reading specialist meet with 15 students per week.

Overall, in Spring 2023, we mentored 53 students which is more than double what we have served in previous years!