



KIDS IN THE GAME

Your contributions to the Mighty Fine Drive are critical for supporting so many important programs. One such program is the **Kids in the Game** (KING) recess coaching.

In this week's *Mighty Fine Drive Spotlight*, meet **Owen Smith PS39's Recess Coach from Kids in the Game (KING)** and learn why KING is such an important program for our kids!

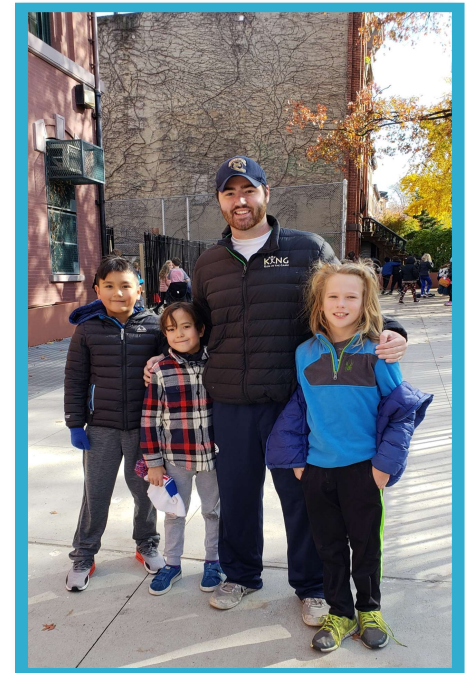
WHAT IS KING

KING coaches run organized activities during recess time in clearly defined areas of the yard for all grades. Coaches offer several unique game and activity options, facilitating the participation of students with a wide range of interests. While many children choose to join the games, others can utilize the designated free-play area to coordinate games on their own (usually, ones they have learned from KING coaches).

KING coaches help with the transitions from lunch to recess and recess back to the classroom, ensuring that recess time is fully utilized and supervised.

WHY KING MATTERS

According to Owen and Ms De Paz, KING at PS39 directly impacts our children's performance in and out of the classroom. KING programs lead to a decrease in bullying and trips to the nurse's office because they are engaging in inclusive games and concepts such as teamwork, spatial awareness, and sportsmanship.



Owen is from Rochester, NY and attended St. John Fisher College where he played basketball which was "a lot of work and a lot of fun!" He graduated in May and joined the KING team in July!

"If I had to describe it in one word, it is **TRANSFORMATIONAL**. The change on our recess and playtime culture has been remarkable. It has become much more positive for our kids, much more pleasurable for our kids."
- Ms De Paz

- FOUR REASONS TO SUPPORT KIDS IN THE GAME**
1. Increased active participation and inclusion during recess
 2. Students returning to the classroom ready to learn
 3. A sharp decrease in bullying and increases in prosocial behaviors
 4. Safer play during recess (fewer injuries)

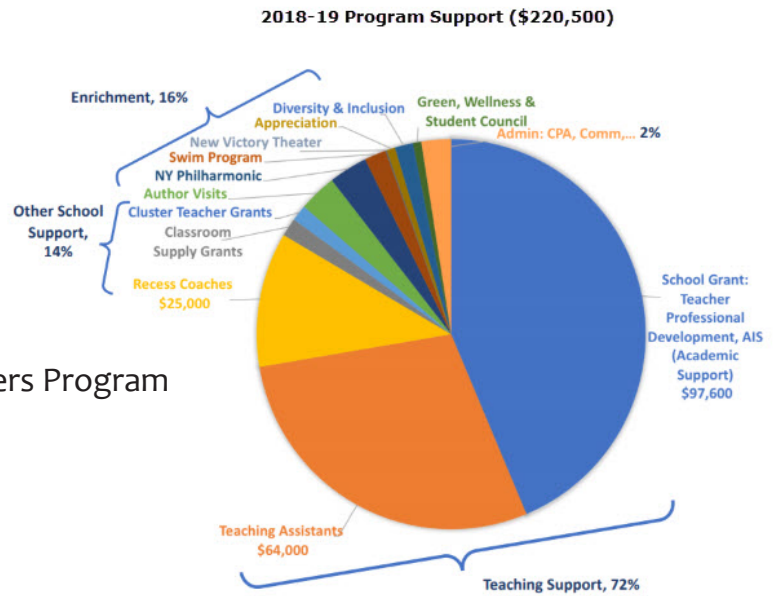
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MIGHTY FINE DRIVE

Your gift to the **MFD** and the **PS 39 Parent Association** supports our kids in and out of the classroom in the following ways:

- Teaching Assistant Program
- Kids in the Game Recess Coach Program
- New Victory Theater Partnership
- YMCA Swim for Life Program
- Literacy & Author visits program
- New York Philharmonic & Young Composers Program
- Diversity & Inclusion trainings and events
- Classroom grants to each teacher
- and so much more!



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