

A group of approximately ten students and one adult male are gathered outside an ice cream stand. The stand has a red and white striped awning and a sign that says "Rita's OPEN". The students are holding ice cream cups and some are eating. The adult male is standing in the center, looking towards the students. The background shows a brick building and some trees with pink blossoms.

# SENIOR PROJECT: VOLUNTEERING AT THOMAS HOOKER

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# MY PROJECT

My project was to be a volunteer at the Lighthouse Program in Thomas Hooker School in Bridgeport. This was my Spanish 6 Community Outreach Project.

- Homework tutor
- General volunteer



# WHAT IS LIGHTHOUSE?

The Lighthouse Program is an after-school program for K-8 graders with working parents throughout Bridgeport.

Every day consisted of:

- An hour of homework
- An hour of activity
  - Rugby
  - Tennis
  - Puzzles
  - Much more

# WHAT DID I DO?

- 17 visits (34 hours)
- Homework help
- Help facilitate the activities
- Taking photos and interviews for Spanish class
- Maintained the Senior Project website



A group of students, mostly in white polo shirts, are gathered around a red plastic table outdoors. They are eating from small white cups with spoons. In the background, there is a brick building with a large glass window. The window has a circular logo with the word "Ritas" and the word "OPEN" in large blue letters. A sign on the window lists "STORE HOURS" and "CASH ONLY". To the left of the building, there are pink cherry blossom trees. The scene is set during the day.

# THE SPANISH PROJECT

# GOALS (SPANISH)

- Learn about the academic perspectives of Hispanic children, and compare them to our community
- Speak Spanish more fluently
- Learn about the Hispanic-American culture for young children

# VOCABULARY

Cociente, dividendo, divisor, división larga	Quotient, dividend, divisor, long division	Bola	ball	mascota	pet
ajedrez	chess	Fracciones mixtas, fracciones impropias	Mixed fractions, improper fractions	El soccer	soccer
Segundos nombres	Middle names	Pato	duck	Parque infantil	playground
lapicero	pen	Disculpe	Excuse me	Alubia	beans
gringo	White foreigner (derogatory)	Cinco y tres de cuatro	5 $\frac{3}{4}$	pilla-pilla	Tag (the game)
coreografia	choreographed	Darse bien	To be good at [something]	Helado italiano	Italian ice
Fracción, denominador, numerador	Fraction, denominator, numerator	rugby	rugby	Volúmenes de prismas	Volumes of prisms
terapeuta	therapist	La simulacro de incendio	Fire drill		



A large mural of an underwater scene covers the back wall of a room. The mural features various sea creatures including dolphins, a squid, a whale, a crab, a turtle, and several fish. There are also coral reefs and seaweed. In the center of the mural, the word "REFLECTION" is written in large, black, sans-serif capital letters. The room has a curved ceiling with fluorescent lights. In the foreground, there are several long, dark-colored tables and benches. A clock is mounted on the wall above the mural. A door is visible on the right side of the mural.

# REFLECTION



# COMMUNITY IMPACT

- Helped out students in the greater Bridgeport area
- Helped take care of students whose parents were working
- Helped students with their homework, encourage learning

# FACETS OF WELLNESS

- **Intellectual:** tried to encourage fun in learning, help them with homework
- **Physical:** the kids did many physical activities during the activity period, such as:
  - Rugby
  - Soccer
  - Tennis
  - Tag
  - Basketball
  - Football

# PERSONAL GROWTH

- First time volunteering for an extended time
- First time working with children
- Learned how to be a responsible volunteer and role model





Thanks for watching!



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- **Mr. Poulos**, Spanish teacher and Spanish Project Advisor
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- **Mrs. Días**, Lighthouse Program volunteer coordinator
- **Mrs. Perez**, Thomas Hooker School site coordinator
- **Other volunteers and workers** at Thomas Hooker School
- **The Spanish-speaking students** at Thomas Hooker School
- **The other students**