



## ***The Association of Washington Student Leaders***

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# ***¡La Chispa!***

## **Guide to Family Engagement Activities**

Welcome to the Association of Washington Student Leaders ¡La Chispa! Program. Parents and families play a vital role in the success of this program. We believe all students can lead and should lead. The concepts, activities, and lessons support schools in building the next generation of leaders.

This resource guide is:

- **Linked to the learning** – Families will be able to engage, discuss, and understand the same concept students are learning at school.
- **Relational** – Through discussion questions and conversation prompts, families, will be able to strengthen relationships with their children, other students, and the school community.
- **Developmental** – By living the concept of *Becoming while Doing*, families grow as the students learn. Rich experiences, reflection, and family engagement allow everyone to grow.
- **Collaborative** – This guide allows families to share a common experience, develop common language and learnings, and expand their school community networks.
- **Interactive** – ¡La Chispa! allows for active engagement through interviews, conversations, and activities that go beyond the school day.



## Lesson #1: ¡La Chispa! *Dream, Learn, Serve*

*“Some people shy away from boldly claiming what they most wish for. Maybe they fear it’ll make them look pushy. Or greedy. Or ungrateful for what they have. But when you keep your dreams hidden away, when you hide them under a sofa cushion, they never get the light they need to grow.”*

***Diane Guerrero, Actress and Author***

### **Introduction to the Concept:**

The past, present and future are all a part of our dreams. Our names mark the beginning of our life’s journey and they act as guideposts to our cultural and family roots. Our education can be a lifelong process. Through education, we gain tools that allow us to utilize our talents and skills. Education does not equal intelligence; it equals opportunity. Goals are important to our dreams as well. Knowing where we want to go is the first step in getting there. By setting goals, we establish a path of action.

### **Questions to Ask Students About Their Learning**

- What is your first impression of the ¡La Chispa! program?
- How many other students are participating in the program from your school?
- What do the words Dream, Learn, Serve mean to you?
- What are some of your dreams and goals for the future?
- What is the most interesting thing you have learned through the ¡La Chispa! Lesson: *Dream, Learn, Serve*?

**Student-led Opportunity:** Directions for students to lead the family through the lesson and activities in the ¡La Chispa! Student Notebook: *¡La Chispa! Dream, Learn, Serve* p. 1-2.

#### **Option: Family Engagement Activities**

*Share your answers with your family regarding the past, present and future questions; then ask your family members to express their answers to these same questions.*

#### **Conversation Starters:**

- *What do you find the most interesting about the story of our family names?*
- *What do you feel is some family wisdom that will be present in our family tree 50 years from now?*
- *How can we as a family help each other with our future dreams and goals?*