

## **PALS Mission**

PALS is an acronym for Peer Assistance and Leadership in School. The primary mission of this organization is to ease the transition of sixth grade students from an elementary school setting to a middle school setting. However, it serves dual purpose in empowering a select group of seventh and eighth grade students to assume a leadership role here at Kawameeh Middle School.

There will be regular interactions between the PALS and sixth grade students. This will happen in two ways. One will be during the advisory period each Wednesday. The other interaction will be each Friday. Each PAL will be assigned a small group of sixth grade students. They will be responsible for monitoring each of their sixth grade students' progress on a weekly basis. This will provide support in both academic and social areas for the sixth grade students.

PALS will have a second component as well. Its focus will be providing sixth grade students with a social gathering each month. What these gatherings will be has yet to be determined. There is a separate group of seventh grade students who will plan these activities under our careful supervision.

The PALS Committee anticipates, through the regular interactions and planned social events, sixth grade students will feel more comfortable with their environment here at Kawameeh Middle School. That comfort level will result in both academic and social success. This success cannot be done by our committee alone. It must be noted that the cooperation of the sixth grade homeroom teachers is essential to what we do. We look forward to having your continued understanding and patience that we received in our first year in operation. The PALS Committee truly believes that this organization can have a positive impact on our students in all areas.