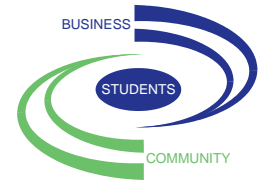




2005-2006 Partnership Wall of Fame Winners



Partnership Wall of Fame: Recognition of School/Business/Community Partnerships. The Community Partnership Advisory Council recognizes partners in education each year. From nominations made by staff members, one partnership has been named as outstanding and will be represented on the Partnership Wall of Fame in the main hall at the Maxfield Training Center. Three other partnerships have been named as notable. These partners were honored at the Tuesday, May 23 Board of Education Meeting.

OUTSTANDING PARTNERSHIP

Kids Hope USA - Nardin Park United Methodist Church and Lanigan Elementary School Susie Cook, Director

Nardin Park United Methodist Church's Kids Hope USA program provides Lanigan Elementary School with 20 mentors who come in once a week to work with students. The partnership is an excellent example of an interactive experience. While working with students one-on-one, the mentors not only work on academics but also talk with their students about their lives. One child, one hour is the heart of Kids Hope USA. One caring adult is mentoring an at-risk child one hour every week. When kids feel loved and valued, they are better able to learn, grow and succeed. Lanigan Elementary School is only the second school in the Detroit area to initiate this program and would like to see it expand throughout the community.

NOTABLE PARTNERSHIPS

1. Bob Kuznia, General Manager, from Nino Salvaggio's with Eagle Elementary School

Nino Salvaggio's provides a unique educational experience to the first graders at Eagle Elementary School. Each year, the first graders go on a field trip to Nino Salvaggio's. This is part of the first graders study of "Healthy Bodies" and "Communities." Workers at Nino Salvaggio's explain to the children about healthy foods and the different departments within the store. Students get to smell and touch various fruits and vegetables as they walk through the store. They also actually get to sample the treats along the way! Nino Salvaggio's is a true community partner who cares about the educational experiences of children.

2. Beth Cooke from LOC Federal Credit Union with Eagle Elementary School

LOC Federal Credit Union has partnered with Eagle Elementary School to create the 1st Eagle Credit Union. 1st Eagle Credit Union is a student-run credit union serving the students and staff at Eagle. Beth Cooke, marketing specialist at LOC, works side-by-side with Eagle student employees. This partnership allows Eagle students to learn about how to apply for a job, take on added responsibility, and manage money. Beth Cooke's enthusiasm about this project is truly contagious and touches every person she meets. Learning at school is too often filled with theory. It is great that students can participate in this real world experience which prepares them for their future.

3. Adrian Owens from Papa John's with Visions Unlimited

Students work on universal work skills (attendance, listening to a supervisor, being flexible, attitude, showing initiative, etc.) at Visions Unlimited. Papa John's owner, Adrian Owens and his staff assist Visions students in using their job skills, as well as learning new ones by serving as a daily work site for students. Having the time to "practice" their job skills in an authentic work environment gives our students an opportunity to make mistakes in a safe environment. Being at Papa John's allows the staff at Visions to supplement the school curriculum with authentic real-life experience and practical application. Papa John's staff has embraced the students at Visions and has given them meaningful experiences. This team approach of both business and educators working together definitely serves our students as they display confidence in their job performance. Mr. Owens is a true cheerleader for the students and the program at Visions Unlimited.