

PARTNERS iN EDUCATION



SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2009-2010 Annual Report
Office of Community Relations and Strategic Planning



Raising
Helping
Hands for
Our Schools



Lend a Hand to Partners In Education

Springfield Public Schools' Partners In Education program is designed to link businesses and community organizations with the district in a joint effort to develop mutually beneficial relationships that will enrich the educational experience for our students.

There are many options available to potential Partners In Education. For more information on the opportunities below visit springfieldpublicschools.org/community or contact Josey McPhail at 417.523.0050.

DISTRICT & SITE PARTNERS:

These are supportive community businesses and organizations that provide a variety of services to the students and staff at SPS. By choosing either one school site or making services available district wide, these Partners In Education make a lasting impression in our district.

MARKETING PARTNERS:

Those businesses or organizations sponsoring individualized SPS advertising packages, sponsoring a district event, or donating in-kind advertising exposure. All contributions have a tax-deductible option. Visit springfieldpublicschools.org/adspace for an online media kit.

VOLUNTEERS:

Community members, parents, grandparents, local business professionals, and others associated with a non-profit organization who acknowledge the importance between community involvement and education by giving their time to our schools.



Upcoming Events Benefitting Partners In Education & Other District Programs

SUPPORT SPS RUN & COMMUNITY FAIR

Saturday, June 12, 2010 at JFK Stadium (Parkview High School)

This event will bring the community together utilizing the school district to showcase Springfield's business community and non-profit resources. A 5K run/walk will start in the morning which will be followed by a community fair featuring 150-200 businesses and non-profits. Nick Ruell & Ned the Band will perform, student groups will provide entertainment, and a raffle prize including tickets to Disney World will be given away. Also, KSPR's Joe & Christine Daues will be hosting the event. Sponsorship opportunities are available and booth space registration is also open. Businesses are asked to donate \$50 to participate as a vendor, and that fee is \$25 for non-profit organizations. For more information, contact Josey McPhail at 523-0050.

SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS HALL OF FAME PRESENTED BY 417 MAGAZINE

October 2010 (location and date TBD)

Outstanding SPS graduates will be honored at a reception later this fall. Candidates can be nominated by the public via 417mag.com from May 19 to June 22, 2010. A selection committee of influential Springfieldians from various industries will narrow the nominations and choose six individuals to be inducted into the Springfield Public Schools Hall of Fame. Sponsorship opportunities and event ticket information will be available in the coming months.



Students Get a Global Perspective at Chocolate University

Students attending Boyd, Pipkin, and Central are experiencing a tasty lesson through the Chocolate University program funded by Askinosie Chocolate and Drury University. Through the lens of artisan chocolate making, Springfield students are learning real-world business practices, global perspectives, and social responsibility.

In 2007 Shawn Askinosie approached Boyd Elementary School about creating a partnership that would provide an innovative classroom experience to engage students in the learning process. Students make regular visits to the Askinosie Chocolate factory, where children get a hands-on experience in chocolate making and entrepreneurship. But that's not the tastiest part of the partnership.

One early project was to create a Spanish club for students at Boyd; much of the cocoa used to make the chocolate comes from suppliers in Latin American and the Philippines. Next, they created a computer lab at the Missouri Hotel to provide students at the facility a place to study and share in the trip logs Askinosie sends the students. Throughout the year, Askinosie makes appearances at Boyd to share stories, lessons, and pictures from his travels outside of the United States. Classroom teachers use Askinosie's international trips a step further by providing curriculum-based lessons for Boyd students focusing on global business practices.

Askinosie didn't stop at Boyd. He and several teachers at Central High School created the Cocoa Honors program. In fall of 2009, 13 juniors were selected out of over 60 applicants to help Askinosie Chocolate choose the next cocoa bean source in Africa. Led by members of Drury University's Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE), this 18-month cooperative learning project will provide Central students an understanding of the cocoa industry within the context of the history, culture, and economy of Africa. Students are learning aspects of direct trade, social entrepreneurship, project management skills, and Askinosie's "Stake in the Outcome" business principal created by Jack Stack. Weekly meetings have helped students narrow down their potential cocoa sources to the countries of Liberia and Tanzania.

After selecting the cocoa source, students and staff of the Cocoa Honors program plan to travel to Africa with Askinosie. The goal of this trip is to establish long-term partnerships with cocoa farmers and perform service projects in the farmers' region, such as clean water well drilling or educational support. Upon returning to Springfield for their senior year, Cocoa Honors students will continue this "bean to bar" experience through packaging and market research. Literally, the students will have a chocolate bar in hand by the time they graduate from Central. This unique experience provides a one-of-a-kind educational opportunity.

Currently, students are fundraising to make the trip to Africa a reality, needing to reach \$65,000 by August. If you would like to help, please send donations to: Askinosie Chocolate, 514 E. Commercial, Springfield MO 65803. Checks should be made payable to Drury University with "Cocoa Honors" written in the memo line.

The newest venture of Chocolate University is with Pipkin Middle School and is called "Cocoa Cares". The Malagos Elementary School in Davao, Philippines, lies in the heart of where Askinosie Chocolate cocoa beans are sourced. During a recent journey to the region, Askinosie visited the school and explained the Chocolate University program with our local students. Lacking access to technology, the idea is to have Pipkin Middle School students raise money to enable the school in Davao to purchase the necessary equipment and services to connect to the web. Once connected, students will participate in an online pen-pal program using Skype, e-mail, social networking, etc. Access to a different world view will be one of the many benefits for students and fits with Pipkin's focus on international education and their recent authorization as an International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program.

Askinosie Chocolate is the sole funding source of Chocolate University, donating 100% of all proceeds from factory tours. For more information visit chocolateuniversity.org.

Askinosie
Chocolate
Factory



Partners In Education

These businesses and organizations made a year-long commitment to provide resources of time and materials to individual schools and/or district wide. Their efforts fulfill many needs that might otherwise go unmet.

Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc.
A-1 Electric Service, Inc.
AG Financial Solutions
All About Trees
American Legion Ladies' Auxiliary
American National Property and Casualty Co.
Andy's Frozen Custard
ARAMARK
Askinosie Chocolate
Associated Wholesale Grocers

BancorpSouth
Baptist Bible College
Bass Pro Corporate
Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ozarks
BKD, LLP
Borders
Boulevard Baptist Church
Boys & Girls Club of Springfield
Carnahan, Evans, Cantwell & Brown, PC.
Cash Family Orthodontics
Central Assembly Church
Central Assembly of God
Central Christian Church
Central States Industrial
Champion Athletes of the Ozarks
Chase Card Services
Chesterfield Family Center
Chestnut Labs
Chick-fil-A
Children's Choirs of Southwest Missouri
Christ Episcopal Church
City of Springfield Solid Waste Management
City of Springfield Workforce Development
City Utilities of Springfield
Coldwater Creek
Commerce Bank
Commercial Insurance Underwriters, Inc.
Community Blood Center of the Ozarks
Community Foundation of the Ozarks
Community Partnership-Caring Communities Initiative
Consumer Credit Counseling Service
Cornerstone Church
Dairy Farmers of America
Discovery Center of Springfield
Domino's Pizza
Double Tree Hotel
Drury University
East Grand Community Services
Educational Community Credit Union

Empire Bank
Evangel Temple
Evangel University
Fantastic Sams Hair Salons
First Church of God
Foundation for Springfield Public Schools
Fry-Wagner Moving and Storage
Golden Avenue Baptist Church
Graceway Baptist Church
Grant Beach Neighborhood Association
Great Southern Bank
Greene County Commission
Greene County Medical Society Alliance
Guaranty Bank
Hamels Foundation
Harshman Chiropractic Clinic
Hero's Coffee
High Street Baptist Church
Hoover Music Company, Inc.
Horace Mann Insurance
Immanuel Baptist
In & Out Car Wash
Incredible Pizza Company
Jack Ball Architects
Jack Henry & Associates, Inc.
James River Assembly
Jefferson Avenue Baptist Church
Jimmy John's
Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts
Jump Mania
King's Way United Methodist Church
KOLR/KSFX
Kraft Foods, Inc.
KSMU Public Radio
KY3, Inc.
Library Station
Macedonia Baptist Church
Martial Arts USA
McDonald's
Mediacom Ice Park
Med-Pay, Inc.
Messiah Lutheran Church
Metro Credit Union
Millsap Farms
Missouri Department of Transportation
Missouri State University
Missouri State University Career

Center
Modern Woodmen of America
National Heights Baptist Church
North Side Assembly of God
North Springfield Betterment Association
Oak Grove Assembly of God
O'Reilly Auto Parts
Outback Steakhouse
Ozarks Community Hospital
Ozarks Football League, Inc.
Ozarks Piecemakers Quilt Guild
Ozarks Regional YMCA
Ozarks Technical Community College
Palen Music Center
Papa John's Pizza
Parkcrest Assembly of God Church
Parkview Christian Church
Pasta Express
Pathway's United Methodist Church
Paul Mueller Company
Penmac Personnel
Praise Assembly
Pregnancy Care Center
Price Cutter
Price Cutter Plus #51
Professional Answering Service, Inc.
Race Brothers Farm & Home Supply
Ridgecrest Baptist Church
RiteWay Concrete
Rotary Clubs of Springfield
RSVP - Council of Churches of the Ozarks
Sac River Stables, LLC
Sam's Club
Schweitzer United Methodist Church
Second Baptist Church
Sell It Fast Auctions
Seminole Baptist Church
South Haven Baptist Church
Southern Missouri Containers
Southland Christian Church
Southminster Presbyterian Church
Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce
Springfield Area Human Resources Association
Springfield Business Journal

Springfield Council of PTAs
Springfield Host Lions Club
Springfield Little Theatre
Springfield Music
Springfield News-Leader
Springfield Web Printing, LLC
Springfield-Greene County Library
Springfield-Greene County Park Board
St. John's Health System
State Bank of Southwest Missouri
Stenger Homes
Subway
Temple Baptist Church
Texas Roadhouse
The Bank of Missouri
The Manor at Elfindale
The Waterford at Ironbridge
T-Mobile
University Heights Baptist Church
University of Phoenix
US Bank
Victory Trade School
Village Inn
Vogue Cleaners, Inc.
Wesley United Methodist Church
Westminster Presbyterian Church
Westside Neighborhood Betterment Association
Wonders of Wildlife
Woodland Heights Neighborhood Association

New Teacher Friends

As a welcome to new teachers, these businesses donated gift certificates, coupons, mugs, pens, notepads, and other useful items for inclusion in new teacher gift bags. On behalf of the 150 new teachers for the 2009-2010 school year, we say thank you!

American Family Insurance
BancorpSouth
Chick-fil-A
Cold Stone Creamery
Community Partnership of the Ozarks-Caring Communities

Cox Health
Discovery Center of Springfield
Drury University
Evangel University
Foundation for Springfield Public Schools
Horace Mann Insurance
Incredible Pizza Company
Jazzercise
Juanita K. Hammons Hall for the Performing Arts
Lakeland Regional Hospital
McDonald's
Med-Pay, Inc.
Midtown Carnegie Branch Library
Missouri Department of Transportation
O'Reilly Auto Parts
Ozarks Technical Community College
Seminole Baptist Temple
South Side Baptist Church
Springfield Cardinals
Springfield Little Theatre
Springfield News-Leader
Springfield Regional Arts Council
US Bank
Wonders of Wildlife

Financial Supporters

Through grants and financial contributions, the following organizations have made a direct impact on student achievement and student retention efforts by supporting programs that enhance literacy, learning, and school improvement. We would like to publicly thank them for their financial support of Springfield Public Schools and its students.

3M
Community Foundation of the Ozarks
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant
Afterschool Program/SAC
Community Education

Vocational Enhancement Grant
Foundation for Springfield Public Schools
Hamels Foundation
Missouri Foundation for Health
Project Lead the Way
US Bank/Schneider Foundation

A+ Enhanced Partners In Education

The A+ Program is a statewide initiative that rewards qualifying high school students with financial assistance to attend community college or career technical school in Missouri. These businesses help plan activities to prepare students for future success in the workplace or in obtaining post-secondary education.

Hillcrest
Cox College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Evangel University
Kraft
Tuthill Vacuum and Blower Systems
Kickapoo
American Dehydrated Foods, Inc.
ARAMARK Education/SPS Food Services
Cox Health Systems
Springfield Cardinals
Central
City Utilities
University of Phoenix
Glendale
Bass Pro Shops
Chase Card Services

Parkview
City of Springfield Workforce Development
Missouri State University Career Center
Jack Ball Architects

Educator Extern Sponsors

Each summer educators are given the opportunity to work in an area outside of education to acquire new skills and a better understanding of employers' expectations. This year an effort is being made to promote environmental science curriculum and to expand the WOLF program deeper through the district. The organizations below have come on board for the summer of 2010. We appreciate their involvement and thank them for welcoming educators into their workplaces.

Bass Pro Shops
Wonders of Wildlife

*Organizations recognized in this listing provided support through the Office of Community Relations and Strategic Planning during the 2009-2010 school year. The listing of grants and financial contributions encompasses awards made between April 1, 2009-March 5, 2010. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy and completeness of this list. If your name has been incorrectly listed or inadvertently omitted, please call 523-0021 so we may correct the error and properly acknowledge your contribution.

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Thank You To Our Partners



Teaming up with Chase for Financial Literacy

Each semester Glendale High School seniors take a field trip to Chase Card Services for a vital lesson in financial literacy and career building. Nearly 100 students per year benefit from this program before leaving high school.

The workshop begins with team building and a site tour of the Chase facility, which gives students a first-hand look at a professional work environment. Because the participants from Glendale will soon be venturing out on their own, Chase staff members provide them with budgeting advice, credit knowledge, and lessons regarding the importance of saving and investing at a young age.

A “paperclip” simulation helps students apply this new information. Each student is assigned a simulated job and given a specified amount of paperclips to resemble income. Based on the lessons they just learned, the students are required to pay bills, save money, and apply investment strategies all within the means of the assigned salary. Like most adults, the students are amazed by just how quickly the paperclips go.

After lunch, students gain insight on career building. Chase human resources representatives discuss interview tactics, resume and cover letter etiquette and how to dress for interviews and the workplace. Students are also reminded that interactions on social networking sites like Facebook and Twitter are public and could be potentially detrimental to a future job opportunity. Each future member of the workforce even gets a chance to participate in a mock interview with a hiring professional. Afterwards the pair reviews answers, body language, and eye contact. This helps students learn more about their strengths and also which areas need improvement.

The workshop ends with a game of “financial football”. Teams are created to play this interactive game that engages students while teaching them money management skills. Yardage and touchdowns are earned with each correct answer. This is a great way students learn valuable life lessons in financial security while having a fun experience.



Any Given Child Expands Arts Education

Springfield’s numerous arts opportunities provide the city’s children with a variety of enriching opportunities that expose them to a diverse and dynamic world of different cultures and perspectives.

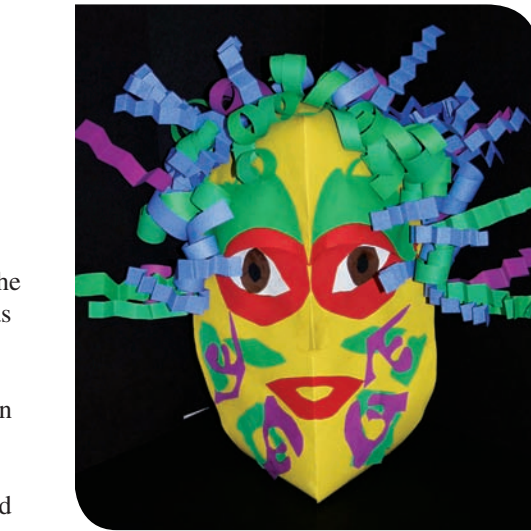
Through numerous partnerships over the years, Springfield’s arts community has partnered with our schools to provide thousands of students with unique educational experiences. Arts education increases student engagement in the learning process, supporting academic achievement. This collaboration has led to an exciting new opportunity for arts education in the community.

The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts has chosen Springfield as a partner city for Any Given Child, a program that will use existing resources of Springfield Public Schools, along with those of local arts organizations and the Kennedy Center to create a plan for arts education specific to Springfield.

Any Given Child seeks to bring access, balance, and equity to each child’s arts education, using an affordable model that combines the resources of the school district, local arts groups, and the Kennedy Center. With the assistance of expert consultation services provided by Kennedy Center staff and other professionals, community leaders develop a long-range plan for arts education that is tailor-made for the Springfield school district and community.

“Expertise available through Any Given Child will be invaluable to our district and our entire community as we work toward the goal of enhancing arts education offerings throughout our community,” Springfield Public Schools Superintendent Norm Ridder noted.

Springfield is fortunate to have such an active and vibrant arts community, especially since arts organizations here have made educational outreach one of their chief priorities. Those organizations and the district collaborated closely to make the Any Given Child program a possibility in our community. A special thanks to the Arts Programming Sustainability Initiative, Springfield Regional Arts Council, City of Springfield and Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce for their role in making this happen.



The children of Springfield are fortunate to be part of a community that supports these opportunities and recognizes their value in enhancing their education.



Faith-based Partners Show Continued Support for Students and Schools

Springfield’s many churches have always been valuable contributors to a rich community life. Our city’s diverse array of faith-based organizations fosters greater involvement through their volunteer and community service efforts. Students experience this commitment every day throughout Springfield Public Schools.

Schweitzer United Methodist Church has partnered with Pittman Elementary School for several years. Members of the congregation have spent hours working with students as tutors, in addition to donating supplies and assisting with improvements at the school. For the last two years, volunteers from the church have donated and planted trees at Pittman for Earth Day, and they donated bicycles for Pittman students who needed them at Christmas last year.

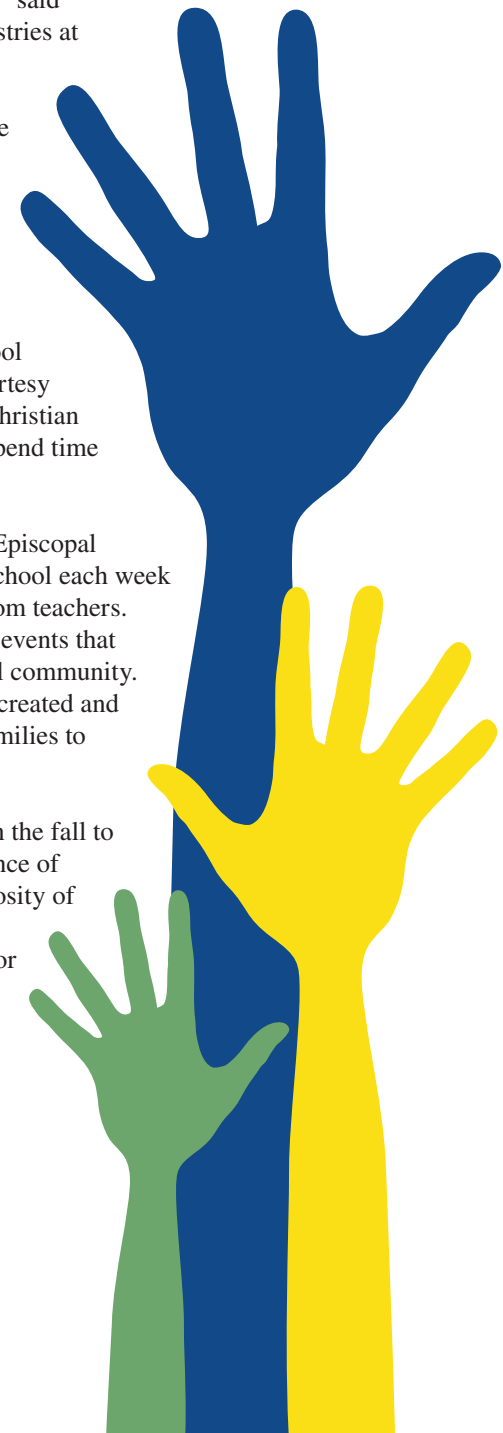
“We look forward to more opportunities to be involved with the families and teachers at Pittman,” said Stephanie Haase, director of service ministries at Schweitzer.

“Our partners at Schweitzer Methodist are always willing to help,” said Gary Tew, principal at Pittman Elementary. “They are an invaluable resource that helps us meet the needs of our kids and our community.”

Students and staff at Parkview High School can enjoy a complimentary breakfast courtesy of their neighbor and partner, Parkview Christian Church. Members from the church also spend time volunteering at Parkview.

A dozen or more volunteers from Christ Episcopal Church descend on Bissett Elementary School each week to read to children and work with classroom teachers. Volunteers from the church help with the events that promote parent participation in the school community. That includes Fall Festival Day, an event created and hosted by Christ Episcopal Church for families to enjoy a day of fun together.

Bissett first graders got the opportunity in the fall to see Springfield Little Theatre’s performance of Alice in Wonderland, thanks to the generosity of church members. Partner efforts such as this enhance the educational experience for children, getting them further engaged in the learning process.



Today's children are tomorrow's workforce.



That's why the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce participates in the Springfield Public Schools Partners in Education program.

Supporting the education of our children is an investment in the future success of our community.

For more information on how your business or organization can become a Partner in Education, visit www.springfieldpublicschools.org.

The Chamber is proud to partner with Campbell Elementary School. Go Cougars!

www.springfieldchamber.com

