



Partners News



PARTICIPATE INSPIRE & EDUCATE (Partners In Education)

Partners In Education has redesigned the look of the logo and incorporated the heart of our mission — a child's face. After eight years of seeing the red apple and briefcase as the Partners' benchmark, you now see a child's face, which brings to mind the importance of the mission at Partners, "*student success through community involvement.*" Partnerships are about building relationships, between business, the school and the student.

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Give us your opinion on the new look!

In My Opinion

I am happy to join Partners In Education and work with the Board of Directors in setting a new direction with this important organization. People who know me know I have never been shy about making changes and have left my mark on different arenas in this city.

I am proud to be a second generation Toledoan that enjoys the challenges of staying upbeat in a sometimes difficult economy, but that factor alone gives me a reason to be involved rather than not. We can make things happen, if we don't close ourselves away from the community and its needs.

Partners In Education is a mission driven organization, by encouraging all students success through effective school-community partnerships. Opportunities with companies, businesses and community organizations are growing, reaching many children in our schools. This year the business partnerships are over 130 businesses, and community organizations, up 10% from recent years. The goal is both short term and long term to interface with the student so they become empowered to be a better student and strive to the goal of being a productive adult. Working with the principals to enhance the school so it is safe and conducive to learning, is a team effort. Each group has a contact person and every effort is made to communicate at least monthly.

I know first hand the importance of that 1:1 interface, I was a tutor for two years at McKinley Elementary. I tutored reading, but it was so much more. It was a time for the students to tell me about their highs and lows, but it was more importantly a time for them to focus on an element of learning that would hopefully impact their lives. National statistics show that school children that have tutors, have more consistence attendance. That is an awesome impact statistic. Your time is important and priceless, and your dedication is important. Thank you for making the time in 2007.

Eileen Kerner
Executive Director

Mark your Calendar

- ✓ TPS Board of Education meeting Tuesday, December 18
- ✓ Action Plans were due October 19, 2007
- ✓ Winter break begins December 24
- ✓ Semester Reports due January 25, 2008
- ✓ March/April Principal/Teacher For A Day
- ✓ Beethoven & Bar-B-Que Picnic-June 17
- ✓ June-Faculty In The Workplace

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Action Plans:

The Action Plan form can be found in the Partnership Guide, at the website: www.partnerstoledo.org or by calling Partners at 419.242.2122

Schools Needing Tutors:

If your school is looking for volunteer tutors, please contact Partners In Education. If you have tutors in your building, please be sure that they have a current background check.

Wanted:

More Companies and Individuals

Everyone's time is valuable but giving an hour a week, could change a child's life.

Give Partners In Education a call and we will try to link you to a needed school resource. All volunteers are required to have a security clearance done through the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigators, which is good for two years.

Read all about it

Working with Partners In Education and Toledo Public Schools Director of Education Dorothy Batson, *Toledo Free Press* is coordinating an effort to work with several TPS high school newspapers. We are visiting the schools and talking to the staffs of the Start High School *Galaxy*, Woodward *Tattler*, Libbey *Crystal*, Roger *Rampage* and others to discuss how their efforts match expectations in the business world.

The Start paper, under editors Taylor Conley and Jenny Casertano and adviser D. Shawn Prephan, spent a few hours with Editor in Chief Michael S. Miller and our metro editor, Justin R. Kalmes, and offered great insight into where young journalists are heading; they offer all the idealism and thirst for change with little of the cynicism and jaded tiredness they will one day battle.

Their papers are an important venue for expression and education, and it is an honor to work with this program and trade ideas. The exchange is in its early stages, but we have already made new friends and begun some mutually profitable projects..



Model Partnership Kits
If you have one or more of the five kits, we hope that you are using them and have found them very helpful. If you find that you won't be using it, please return it to Partners In Education.
You will be receiving a letter with a brief questionnaire attached to see how it is working for you and your partnership.
If you would like to pick one or more up at our office, just call ahead to be sure the kit you want is available. 419.242.2122

If you wonder about the level of investment today's youth have in our school system, pick up a high school paper; there is more news and insight into the issues on students' minds than you would expect.
We are proud to be working with TPS on this program and look forward to a long and beneficial relationship.
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**Great
Maumee River Dragon Boat Festival—
July 26, 2008**

If you would like more information, please contact Gretchen LeBoutillier at 419.242.2122.