



Partner News

Mark your Calendar

- ✓ Semester Reports Due
- ✓ Principal & Business Mentoring—April 23, 2008
- ✓ Principal & Teacher For A Day—April 15, 16 or 17th, 2008
- ✓ Faculty In The Workplace—June 9-13th, 2008
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The January weather brought in lots of changes, snow blizzards, weather in the fifties and back to snow. But one gleaming light is the 20 Principals and the 20 Business Partners that are working together, implementing business strategies that will assist each school as they develop positive strategies for future programs. The commitment by each group, includes tours of the business locations and corresponding school building, assessment of where the strengths and weaknesses, meeting 1:1 as well as attending community education sessions.

The twenty business leaders and their corresponding principal partners are:

Rollie Abel: National City Bank / Jeff Taylor: East Broadway Middle School
Anne Baker: Toledo Zoo / Diane McGee: Rosa Parks Elementary
Greg Bollin: RGB Productions, Inc. / Lori Reffert: Arlington Elementary
Gary Corrigan: Owens Community College / Larry Black: Bowsher High School
Kim Davis: Talent Track / Gary Thompson: Toledo Technology Academy
Dick Eppstein: Better Business Bureau / Keith Miller: Scott (Human Services Academy)
Bill Fall: The William Fall Group / Tracy Knighten: Oakdale Elementary
Loren Frendt: Loren Frendt & Affiliates / Stacey Scharf: Edgewater Elementary
Tom George: Robison, Curphey & O'Connell / Gretchen Bueter: Grove Patterson
Christy Gordon: West Toledo YMCA / Elizabeth Wray: Start High School
Dennis Hellmann: AT&T Ohio / Katherine Taylor: Navarre Elementary
Patricia Hogue: University of Toledo / Bill Keaton: Stewart Academy for Girls
Yolanda Jackson: KeyBank / Deborah Washington: Harvard Elementary
Robert Kolodgy: ProMedica Health System / Dennis DeLucia: Crossgates Elementary
Mike Nye: The Andersons / Emilio Ramirez: Woodward High School
Al Pilz: Lathrop / Sue Joseph: Longfellow Elementary
Dan Rice: Fry Heating & Air Conditioning / Tom DeMarco: Burroughs Elementary
Andrew Stuart: Clear Channel / Linda Meyers: Beverly Elementary
Gary Thieman: Findley Davies, Inc. / Robin Wheatley: Toledo Early College High School
Fletcher Word: Sojourner's Truth / Janice Richardson: Nathan Hale Elementary

Integrated in the 2008 program, sponsored by TAAP and First Energy Foundation.

The program focus is "Developing Parental Involvement", and a grant of \$1,000 will be awarded to the school principal that comes up with an implementation idea that will afford higher parental involvement. The grant will be awarded on June 13th at the program luncheon to be held at the University of Toledo, in Libbey Hall on the university campus, Dr. Lloyd Jacobs will be the speaker.

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Principal /Teacher For A Day

Take your notes, sharpen your pencils - the 2008 Principal /Teacher For A Day is almost here. Registration is still taking place and the deadline is March 20th. Each community leader will be assigned to a school to shadow a teacher or a principal in the Toledo Public Schools. The dates are April 15, 16, and 17th. A luncheon with Superintendent John Foley will be at the Waite Brand Auditorium on April 18th for all business participants. This event is open to community leaders, elected officials and business leaders in the community, who want to experience an "inside view," of what a school day is like from either the principal or a teacher's desk. Join us in this once a year opportunity, and share your perspectives with Superintendent Foley as together we work to make our schools a place where individual academic success is measured one student at a time.



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Schools Requesting Partnerships

If you have a company that would like to be a partner with a local school, please review the list and know that partnerships impact the students by providing opportunities for tutoring, student incentives, and interaction with the faculty, students and the business partner.

National statistics state, "there is a direct correlation with interaction by volunteers with students, shown by an increase in attendance, self esteem, and academic success." Rhodes, JE (2002) *The Risks and Rewards of Mentoring Today's Youth*, Cambridge, MA.

Schools seeking partnerships.:

Elementary: Lagrange; Oakdale; Navarre; Garfield; Raymer; East Side Central
Middle School: East Broadway
Pre K-8: St. Thomas and Sacred Heart

UPS-United Parcel Services



UPS has started an innovative program that they hope will be replicated across the country, entitled "I Know Who I Am." They have partnered with Partners In Education and Toledo Public Schools. The course is over eight weeks and focuses on aspects of life that make the juniors and seniors aware of career and life goals. Over twenty students are in the class and local high schools represented are Rogers, Waite, and Scott. Each student will be introduced to developing career and life goals, opportunities in job shadowing, etiquette, cultural diversity, and finances. Terrance Thomas, UPS Hub Division Manager, and Rebecca Henderly, Labor Relations invited Partners In Education to assist them in recruiting TPS students. The plans are underway for a summer class for another twenty students. This is a great example of working together and strengthening students' future opportunities.

2008 Dragon Boat Teams committed do date:

BCSN
* BP
Brooks Insurance Agency
Campbell Soup
Fifth Third Bank
*McElheney Locksmiths
Medical Mutual
Middough, Inc.
NAMSA
ProMedica-Toledo Children's Hospital
Savage & Associates
Silgan Can Company
Stautzenberger College

* indicates 2 teams



7th Annual Great Maumee River Dragon Boat Festival—July 26, 2008

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