

One More Reason!

The Fulton County school system enjoys recognizing its partners. Each year schools nominate exemplary partnerships for the Blue Ribbon Award, given at the annual Employee of the Year Gala (Main Event). Of these partners, several are chosen as Prestigious Partners and honored as the best of the best. We hope to see you there!



Partners in the Spotlight

Front cover: A member of the Kiwanis Club of Historic Roswell helps Crabapple Middle School students with computer skills.

Inside: An Energy Fitness employee incorporates math skills into the P.E. curriculum

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A Guide to Partnering with Fulton County Schools



And How Businesses Can Get Involved

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Why Businesses Go Back to School

Growth in Fulton County connects directly to the quality of the school system. Parents often say they moved to the area because of the reputation of the schools. Businesses agree that there are wonderful things to be learned here, with a “curriculum” designed just for them!

Reasons for participating in a partnership are as varied as the businesses in Fulton County. Some feel partnering is the perfect way to make a personal impact on the community. Others may find direct interaction with students very fulfilling, or simply enjoy seeing the big differences even a small financial contribution can make. Business partners:

- help raise academic and personal achievement by acting as mentors or tutors
- provide role models for life and business skills
- help make a school’s dreams come true with financial or in-kind donations.

Business involvement can range from participation in one classroom activity to serving on the partner school’s Local School Advisory Committee. Businesses can make a huge difference for our children and our future.

Need a few more reasons to get involved? Here’s what some of our business partners have to say.

3 Powerful Partnerships

WHO? Southside Seafood/Creekside HS

WHY? *Sense of ownership and responsibility for the school and community.*

WHAT? Helped start and support “Fish Fry Friday,” a program that allows special needs students to prepare and deliver lunches for staff. Students learn math skills, life skills, and responsibility while gaining self-esteem and independence.

WHO? UPS Supply Chain/Mimosa ES

WHY? *The thrill of knowing they made a difference for the students they tutored as well as the joy of reading, speaking, and giving to larger groups of students.*

WHAT? UPSSC participates in many school programs and their employees do everything from reading to children to supplying gifts during the holidays.

WHO? Chick Fil-A/North Springs HS

WHY? *Sense of responsibility for educating high school students about how to function in a business environment, from interview to employment.*

WHAT? Chick Fil-A employees serve on the Local School Advisory committee and work with the Future Business Leaders of America and drama club. They have hired and mentored North Springs students, and are always happy to provide speakers for business classes, job fairs, and career days.

How to Get Involved

There is a place for every partner! Here are a few ways to get involved:

- Be a Schoolwide Partner. This traditional partnership supports more formal agreements and encourages two-way relationships with shared resources.
- Be a Friend by participating in a one-time specific project or program. Friends provide needed products, services, and financial or hands-on support.
- Volunteer! Reading to students, working on landscaping projects, or being a guest speaker are just some of the ways partners can volunteer.
- Be a Classmate. Offer to work with one teacher or grade level and get a close-up view of life in the classroom.
- Mentor or Tutor. So many students need just a little extra attention from a caring adult. Ask your principal or volunteer coordinator if this is a need at your school.
- Sponsor. Partner with the Fulton Education Foundation as a sponsor for system programs and events. You can view the Foundation web site at www.fultoneducationfoundation.org

For more information or ideas, contact a school in your neighborhood, or call the Partners and Volunteers office at **404-763-6772**. We can help you identify a school and get in touch with the Partnership Coordinator. We’re happy to answer and questions you might have and do everything we can to help facilitate a satisfying partnership.