



Partner News

Strengthen Your Partnership Evaluation, Planning and Collaboration Key

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The strongest partnerships are those that evaluate what they've done and create a new plan based upon evaluation outcomes, identification of needs and collaboration of the school and its partners. Right now is the perfect time to begin that process for the 2007-08 school year!

Here's a process for you to use in order to make the most of the limited time and resources that are available:

1. Gather data from this and prior school years

- Partnership reports including allocation of resources — volunteer time, students served, financial
- Tutoring data (if applicable) including tutor hours, number of students served, measurement of student outcomes
- State report card
- Other relevant data

2. Evaluate outcomes

- Which efforts worked, what can be improved?

3. Organize a meeting with all stakeholders represented and present evaluation outcomes, anticipated needs and other relevant information and get feedback on the development of the new year's plan

- All partners including liai-

sons and/or decision makers

- Principal
 - One or more teachers (building representative)
 - One or more parents
 - One or more students (if age-appropriate)
- ### 4. Create a plan including:
- Project names
 - Volunteer, financial and in-kind resources needed
 - Timeline for each project's implementation
 - Specific dates and times
 - Names of responsible individuals for each project (one person from the school, one person representing the partner)

5. Get back together to review and agree on plan elements

- This is your opportunity to adjust, edit and refine

6. Make sure all stakeholders have a copy of the plan

- Partnership liaisons
- Key partnership volunteers
- Principal
- All teachers in the building, grade or department
- PTO president or designated liaison

7. Start the year in August READY TO GO!

OhioReads Update: Call to Action

Governor Ted Strickland has proposed making some changes to what until now has been known as the OhioReads program. His administration's recommendations for the new state bi-annual budget include the continuation of the classroom grants, but does not fund building coordinator stipends. The building coordinator is the teacher or administrator in the building who is responsible for organizing the program, materials, curriculum, student selection and volunteer recruitment, retention and management.

Currently the Ohio Senate is considering the proposed budget. Contact your state senator to express your interest in the program and the continuation of building coordinator stipends as essential to the having successful in-school volunteer tutoring programs.

Senator Teresa Fedor:

614/466-5204 or fedoroffice@maild.sen.state.oh.us

Senator Randy Gardner:

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Mark your Calendar

- ✓ Student Achievement Testing April 30 through May 11
- ✓ No School May 28 — Memorial Day
- ✓ TPS Board of Education meeting Tuesday, May 29 at 5:30 pm in the Thurgood Marshall Building

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**Principal For A Day/
Teacher For A Day
March 27, 28 & 29, 2007**



Regional Growth Partnership President Steven Weathers (center right) served as Principal For A Day at East Broadway Middle School with Principal RC Morrison (right) on March 28. Fifty-two community and business leaders shadowed Toledo Public Schools principals and teachers during this year's program.

**Faculty In the Workplace
High School Teacher
"Externships" begin June 11**

Toledo Public School high school teachers are invited to participate in the annual Faculty In the Workplace program taking place the week of June 11 through 15.

The program is designed to give teachers an opportunity to experience what it's like today in business, industry and government. Teacher placements are matched to teacher subject areas and interests.

If your company or organization would like to host a teacher for one 40 hour work week, please contact Partners In Education. There is no cost to the host organization.

**Partnership Kits Completed
Free kits available to schools and partners on May 15**

With a grant from the Toledo Rotary Foundation, Partners In Education has completed the first two of five partnership activity kits. The first two kits are focused on in-school volunteer tutoring, and math activities.

The kits contain how-to-manuals and support materials to assist in the development of new partnership activities. Each kit provides tips for targeting resources, project evaluation and achieving measurable outcomes. Using the kit will help your partnership utilize "best practices" information and avoid pitfalls in creating start-up projects.

REMEMBER —

**It's not too early to register for the
Great Maumee River Dragon Boat Festival**



Saturday, July 28, 2007

Limited space available

**Contact Gretchen LeBoutillier at
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