



## Partner Spotlight

This month's Partner Spotlight is on... **Lakeland High School's Rho Kappa National Social Studies Honor Society.**

This partnership is entering its third year for Kilby Shores and Lakeland High School's Rho Kappa students. The students visit Kilby Shores twice a month throughout the school year to mentor and tutor pre-kindergarten to third grade students.

For example, in October the older students carved the designs that their younger friends drew on the pumpkins and then they helped with a "foaming at the mouth" experiment.

They act as a reading buddy, help with math and vocabulary, and assist with other lessons during station time.

The high school students also help out in the library when they can by shelving books, reading with students and helping with the book fair. Elementary media specialist Allison Greene said "My students love seeing them come in and I think the extra support from high school students keeps our kids more engaged!"

The Lakeland students have donated more than 400 hours of their time this school year to working with the future Cavaliers.

When asked about their experience with volunteering with Kilby Shores, the students said...

Hello Partners,

As the school year winds to a close, some projects at the schools begin to ramp up.

Just because school is out doesn't mean we don't still need you!

Schools can use your help over the summer with:

- Setting up a "Teacher Store" for teacher's to get free supplies
- Beautification projects at all school levels
- Helping teachers move supplies into their new classrooms/schools
- Provide support to our elementary summer school program

If you are interested in helping over the summer with one of these tasks or one of your own choosing, contact the Partners-In-Education district office at 925-6752.



- "I really enjoyed that I was able to build a bond with the kids and I will cherish it forever." - Desire Gilmore, 10th grade
- "Working with the Kilby Shores children has meant a lot to me because I love spending time with children and witnessing their carefree innocent spirits. It has also taught me how to connect and relate to kids (which I'll need as a pediatric nurse practitioner" - Aliyyah Copeland, 12th grade
- "Visiting Kilby Shores to read with the kids will be something I'll remember forever." - Alexandra (Alex) Kinsey, 12th grade

# How Our Partners Are Helping

Partners-In-Education have been helping in our schools this past month in a variety of ways. Here are just a few...

**Smucker's** donated 100 snack packs for students at Mack Benn, Jr. Elementary School. The snacks help students who otherwise may go without a nourishing meal over the weekends.



The **Suffolk Sheriff's Office** coordinated with the pastors and congregations of Oak Grove Baptist Church, Canaan Baptist Church, Union Baptist Church and St. Paul Baptist Church along with Walmart to purchase and provide toys for the Early Start children attending Elephant's Fork Elementary School.

**BASF - The Chemical Company** visits elementary schools to teach them about chemical reactions with hands-on lessons like making slime.



**How can you help over the summer?**  
**To find out, call the Partners-In-Education office**  
**at 757-925-6752 or email [pamelaworkman@spsk12.net](mailto:pamelaworkman@spsk12.net).**