

Hello Partners,
This school year, Suffolk Public Schools is trying something new. We want to keep you informed about what is going on in our schools and how you can help our students.

Each month, we will send you a brief newsletter with the latest information about the Partners-In-Education program. We know you and your co-workers are busy, but we want to share our successes with you, give you new ideas for helping in our schools and spotlight a few partner activities that have taken place over the past month.

Please feel free to share these emails with anyone you wish.

Pioneer's Learning Garden



Partner Spotlight

This month's Partner Spotlight is on... Several organizations who came together to create the Pioneer Outdoor Learning Area with the help of a local Girl Scout.

After the principal Danielle Belton attended a workshop, she was inspired to create a garden at the school.

Through help from **Holland Baptist Church, David March, the Virginia Tech Tidewater Agricultural and Extension Center, and Shelly Barlow with Healthy Suffolk**, the garden came to be. As the garden grew, students became excited about it and more classes began using it.

After the garden was started, Alexis Alston chose the garden to be the focus project for her Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouting. With the help of donations from Pioneer's Partners-In-Education, PTA, and more than 100 hours of community service, the school now has a beautiful outdoor learning area.

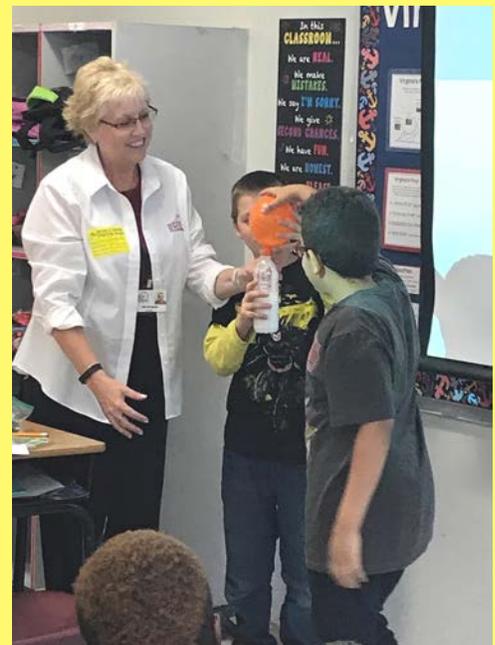
Thank you Partners-In-Education!

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...

Columbia Gas of Virginia presented lessons on natural gas safety to fourth-graders at Mack Benn, Jr. Elementary. Students learned about the benefits of using natural gas as well as learning the signs that there could be a leak.

What knowledge or skills do your employees have that they could share with students?



The **Suffolk Sheriff's Office** spoke to students at Pioneer Elementary to teach about stranger danger, bullying and gun safety with the "Eddie Eagle" program.

Is there an activity or topic your employees could share with students?

Members of the **United States Coast Guard** meet with fifth-graders at Driver Elementary once a week to review and reinforce math skills.

Do you have staff that can read with students or practice math problems once a week?

How can you help next month?

- **King's Fork Middle School** needs people to help students attending **VIP Lunch on Fridays**. Call 923-5246 for more information.
- **Booker T. Washington Elementary** is always looking for help and resources for their garden. Call 934-6226 to help!



- **John F. Kennedy Middle School** needs mentors to eat lunch with students and encourage and inspire them through conversations about goals, interests, etc. Call 934-6212 help mold future leaders.