

# Partners in Education

*A Program of the Mobile Area Education Foundation*

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## 800 Attend Partners in Education Appreciation Breakfast

The Partners in Education (PIE) Appreciation Breakfast was held on October 30th at the Mobile Convention Center with 800 in attendance. The keynote speaker for this year's event was Bill Canary, the CEO and President of the Alabama Business Council. The Outstanding Partners in Education for 2008 were announced and the PIE liaisons of the year were honored. Students from Hall and Turner Elementary Schools performed during the breakfast.



## 2008 Outstanding Partners in Education Liaisons

The success of the Partners in Education program in each school is significantly impacted by the PIE liaison. This person takes on the added responsibility of developing relationships in the community, attending training sessions, and doing the extra paperwork associated with the PIE program. This year's Outstanding PIE liaisons have done an exceptional job in all of these areas. The following PIE liaisons were honored at the PIE Appreciation Breakfast:

**Hartley Griffith—Phillips Preparatory**

**Anitra Small—Blount High School**

**Lisa Counselman—Hamilton Elementary**

**Deloris Barial—Washington Middle School**

**Larissa Adams—Burroughs Elementary School**

### Outstanding Partners in Education

**Ahavas Chesed  
Synagogue**

**Alabama Power  
Company**

**Alabama Power  
Barry Generating**

**ARKEMA**

**Chickasaw United  
Methodist Church**

**Copeland's Pet  
Motel**

**Chick-fil-A**

**E. I. Dupont**

**Exxon Mobil**

**Holcim, Inc. USA**

**Mount Hebron  
Baptist Church**

**Mobile Gas**

**Thompson  
Engineering**

## New Partner on Board at Belsaw-Mt. Vernon

Alabama 1st Credit Union joined the E. T. Belsaw –Mt. Vernon family as a Partner in Education in November. Mr. Jim Sigler will be the liaison for the business. Belsaw welcomed their new partner with a big “thank you” by delivering Thanksgiving Dinner to the employees at the Mt. Vernon Office. The new partners delivered large bags to the school for each teacher. The bags were packed with supplies for all the children at the school. Christmas came early to the students, thanks to the employees of Alabama 1st Credit

Union. The school’s returning partners were treated with a Thanksgiving Dinner at the school.



## ARKEMA Recognizes Outstanding Students at McDavid-Jones Elementary

ARKEMA has helped the students at McDavid-Jones have a great start for this school year. Judy Smith and Theresa Baker from ARKEMA were on hand to give out 1st quarter awards for Perfect Attendance, A and A/B Honor Roll as well as Most Improved. ARKEMA sponsored these awards which included tickets that the students could use to

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redeem for snacks and pencils. The school’s liaison, Rebecca Neighbors, states, “ The students were very proud of the awards given to them for their hard work and attendance.”



## Wilmer Elementary’s Partners Lend a Helping Hand

Wilmer students are encouraged in all areas of their school life through the support given by their Partners in Education. For the student council induction, Winn Dixie helped purchase a cake to honor those being inducted. A Domino’s Pizza representative served as a judge for the pumpkin contest and provided gift

certificates for the winners. Harvest Nursery provided muffins for “Muffins With Mom.” When Wilmer students reach 50% of their reading goal, they get to move their train to “Coupon Track” on the “Right Track to Reading Success.” Chick-fil-A gives a coupon for waffle fries or ice cream.



*Wilmer students proudly display their Chick-fil-A coupons*

## Wilmer Partner Activities Continued.....

Wilmer is proud to welcome a new Partner in Education, Century Bank. The school presented the bank with a framed PIE certificate. In addition, they presented the bank with a banner thanking them for supporting the school. The banner was signed by the majority of the students and staff and was presented to Ms. McDuffie. Wilmer United Methodist is



*Ms. McDuffie accepts banner from Wilmer students and staff*

another supportive partner at Wilmer Elementary School. The church gave each teacher a "happy". A pack of Ritz Bits was put in each teacher's box with a note that read "Just little 'bits' to let you know you are appreciated a whole bunch!" The pastor at Wilmer, Gail Baughman, serves as a "Wildcat Reader". She reads to a fourth grade class each Tuesday morning.

## Hamilton Elementary's Partners Make Significant Contributions to the Students and Staff

It has been a busy year for the partners at Hamilton Elementary School. The City of Chickasaw has donated uniforms to help needy students, in order for them to have a great start to a new school year. They have also volunteered hours of reading to classes, and hosted a Fire Prevention As-

sembly. The Kiwanis Club of Chickasaw, Hamilton's newest partner, donated school supplies to help students begin the year. Chickasaw United Methodist Church surprised all of the teachers with four giant gift baskets which included fruit, cookies, chips, and crackers to be enjoyed on teacher workday.

The church has donated many hours tutoring in reading and math. Southern Ionics has been tutoring fourth and fifth graders in math. Compass Bank of Chickasaw has volunteered their time tutoring third graders. Intertek Caleb Brett donated a considerable amount of money for teachers to purchase supplies.

## Fonde Welcomes New Partners

Fonde Elementary School is proud to welcome Volunteer Mobile and Veterinary House Calls as new Partners in Education. With the help of Volunteer Mobile and another outstanding partner, Mobile Gas, Fonde has a beautiful new garden area.

## Evans' Partners Provide Needed Help

Victory Health Partners has donated much needed supplies to the Evans' first aid room. Pictured on the right is Susan Brown, R.N. Sam's Club, another partner, awarded Evans a thousand dollar community grant to fund field trips for needy students.



## Outstanding Partners in Education

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### Lott Middle School Invites Partners in Education to Thanksgiving Luncheon

Lott Middle School showed appreciation to their partners by inviting them to have Thanksgiving lunch at the school. The Mayor of Citronelle, Loretta Presnell and Citronelle councilman, Jeremy Reynolds attended from the City of Citronelle.

First Community Bank provided a pizza party for all the students who were on the A and A/B Honor Rolls. Pizza Pro and Movie Gallery also awarded coupons to honor students.



*Partners enjoy Thanksgiving lunch*



*Mayor and City Council members enjoy visit school*

### Griggs Elementary School Partners Help School to Reach AYP Attendance Goals

Through their generous donations for the AYP attendance push, Griggs Elementary Partners in Education helped the school achieve its attendance goal. The partners provided incentives to students for being in attendance. School officials feel this was instrumental in helping them meet their AYP goals. Griggs would also like to recognize Johnny's RV for their donation of Thanksgiving baskets. Their donation helped to provide a better holiday for several Griggs' families.

