

School Partner Ideas

- Get snacks for custodial staff
- Take out own trash
- Bring flowers to secretary
- Small tokens for teachers/other staff
- Tooth pouches for medical aides
- Thank you cards/shout out cards
- Sidewalk chalk messages
- HERO signs at parking spots
- Encouraging signs around the building
- Happy Birthday shout outs
- Care packages for bus staff
- Touch base with teachers about students
- Weekly meeting with principal
- Para on Wednesdays, connection to office
- Included in newsletters from principal
- Space coordination with PE teacher
- Sign contract with custodial staff on daily cleaning duties
- Collaborate with food service staff on food/snacks
- Have a relationship with support staff: secretary, custodians, nutrition services, office staff, security staff, nurse, counselor/behavior specialist, coaches
- ESU?
- Volunteer for activities
- Communicate with teachers about homework, etc.
- Parents – whole day
- Share resources with teacher, staff
- Respect the building, staff, etc. as guests
- Clean up
- Include staff if we can – meals, instruction, etc.
- THANK YOU'S
- Create relationships with volunteers and staff
- Bring your own materials or get permission to use
- Be flexible
- Communication with custodial staff
- Help out nutritional staff
- Consistency, follow-through, follow-up
- Smile, be nice, be positive
- Foster one-on-one student relationships
- Be professional
- Be aware of policies, new info, changes in the buildings you're in

Program Partner Ideas

- Letting volunteers choose what they want to do
- Goody bags for staff
- Hero awards awarded to students
- Same person greeting parents/building relationships
- Making at least one positive phone call home
- Taking support partners to lunch
- Monthly/weekly staff meetings
- District and site staff together/meeting with other elementary schools
- Provide treats/breakfast at meetings/trainings
- Ask parents and students to post on the site Facebook page
- Nectar App for employee recognition
- Communication – send them the school schedule
- Planning – dates for activities, supplies
- Meet with school providers at the beginning of the year
- Acknowledge your partners (can pick one every year to recognize)
- Parent Night – invite the whole family
- Raffle/door prizes for the kids
- Public library programs
- Communication with staff
- Contact with parents often – updates, flyers, app, social media
- Pictures and texts with parents – positive
- Remind App/Seesaw App
- Calendar of events mailed to families
- Family nights

Community Partner Ideas

- Public library comes to family night
- Title 1 teachers/admin invited to family events to see things in person and not just in reports
- Be a presence on social media
- Having club (& band) members volunteer at events
- Send thank you's
- Staff help/support community partner (lead by example)
- Open communication about updates
- Clear expectations
- "Happy Birthday" video for funders
- Reduce silos and increase buy-in by bringing community partners to conferences/trainings
- Recognize volunteers on social media
- Work study programs
- Communicate staff changes, incidents, etc. with partners
- Share data, etc. on how money/funds are used (outcome from the year)
- Radio station, newspaper – "free advertising"
- Open door opportunities
- Extension Program – USE THEM!
- Collaborate, don't just consume
- Connect outside of the work world
- Feed partners during events, family nights, etc.
- Include partners in the fun
- Open-minded to all community partners
- Field trips
- Thank you's or letters
- Attend meeting with other community partners