

Samples of Community Involvement Best Practices

The following are examples of the type of community involvement that would meet the criteria for Community Involvement Best Practice on the Five Star Application Form. Note that each example is small enough to fit in the space provided for on the Application. Find a similar example of some practice at your school.

- 1) We held a poetry night at Barnes and Noble. Students and their families attended and became interested in poetry. Students received certificates, books, and prizes.
- 2) A parent/student after-school book club was started with the help of Borders. This club was formed to increase student achievement and to teach parents reading strategies to implement at home.
- 3) McDonald's gives our school coupons for free French fries. We give them to students who make the honor roll.
- 4) The Kiwanis club provides our school with certificates for students who bring up their grades.
- 5) Papa Johns provided coupons for students that have earned A's and B's. This increased their motivation and achievement.
- 6) The Anne & Sam Klein Jewish Coalition for Literacy helps to improve our students' reading abilities by having their volunteers come in on a regular basis and read with the children.
- 7) Staff from Home Depot came to our school and gave presentations which taught students that they can make projects if they read instructions, prepare, and don't quit! This makes them ready to be successful in life.
- 8) Subway sponsors a luncheon for students who bring up their grades in each quarter.
- 9) Our school participates in several reading events. Community members come to school and read to our students. Two readers visit each classroom to read.
- 10) Business partners from National City and the Solid Waste Authority participated in the planning and planting of a butterfly garden. They provided our students with supplies and expertise.
- 11) We have a volunteer grandparent program that has volunteers help first and second graders with reading. This has helped student achievement in the academic areas. School based referrals have also decreased.
- 12) Some parent volunteers come in each morning and help welcome our students as they arrive on campus. Their contact with students has increased the morale of some students and behavior referrals are becoming more infrequent.