

Samples of Community Involvement Best Practices

The following are examples of community involvements that would meet the criteria for Community Involvement Best Practice on the Five Star application. Each example is small enough to fit in the space provided on the application. Please use a similar example of a practice at your school.

1. We held a poetry night at Barnes & Noble. Students and their families attended and became interested in poetry. Students received certificates, books and prizes.
2. We started a parent/student afterschool book club with the help of Borders. This goal of this club was to increase student achievement and to teach parents reading strategies to implement at home.
3. McDonald's gives our school coupons for 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 students.
7. Staff from Home Depot came to our school and gave presentations that taught students that they could make projects if they read instructions, prepare, and do not 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. 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.
10. 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 due to this program.
11. Some parent volunteers come in every morning and help welcome our students as they arrive on campus. Their contact with students has increased the morale of some students and we are seeing a decrease in referrals.