

What is

Partners In Education?

The Partners In Education Program was started in 1987 as a joint venture of the Muscogee County School District and the Greater Columbus Georgia Chamber of Commerce, originally known as "Adopt-A-School."

PIE is based on the concept that "human capital" is the most important resource a partner can provide.

Although partners sometimes provide funding for specific needs, the greatest benefit to education is derived from the personal involvement of volunteers in schools. Businesses, civic groups, churches and military units have created many successful partnerships.

There are four fundamental success factors to ensure a successful partnership. They are:

1. Improving Academic Performance (tutoring programs, homework hotlines, etc.)
2. Growing Career Opportunities (career fairs, tours, etc.)
3. Enriching the Life Experience for the Student (mentoring programs, community service projects, etc.)
4. Faculty Development and Enrichment (faculty workshops, teacher shadowing, etc.)



PIE is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. Careful consideration is given to match the needs of the school with the resources of the business.

What are the Benefits?

... For Students

- Builds Self-Esteem
- Provides Identification with Successful Role Models
- Increases Motivation to Achieve Success
- Enriches Curriculum
- Heightens Awareness of Career Opportunities

... For Teachers

- Provides Support in Instruction
- "Helping Hands" for Projects/Events
- Recognition for Achievement
- "Real World" Application of Education

... For Businesses/Organizations

- Rewarding Experiences for Employees and Members
- Excellent Opportunity to Enhance Public Image
- Ample Chances to Make a Difference in the Education and Lives of Future Employees and Customers
- Investment in Future Workforce Development and Training

... For Quality of Life

- PIE deemed instrumental in Columbus ranking **100 Best Places to Raise a Family** list for 3 consecutive years
- PIE cited in MCSDD being granted reaccreditation
- Five school districts participate in PIE; Chattahoochee, Fort Benning, Harris, Muscogee and Talbot
- More than 200 PIE partnerships exist between 86 schools with partners comprised of businesses, civic organizations, churches and military units

What's the Recipe for PIE?

- 1 Elementary, Middle or High School
- 1 Business, Civic Group, Church or Military Unit
- 4 Cups Dedication and Commitment
- 2 Cups of Communication
- 2 Cups of Kindness
- 1 Cup Care
- 4 Tablespoons of Imagination
- 1 Teaspoon of Courage
- 3 Ounces of Hope
- 2 Ounces of Inspiration
- 1 Pinch of Optimism
- 4 Dashes of Time
- Lots of Laughter
- 1 Sprinkle of a Dream

Take dedication, commitment and communication, mix it thoroughly with kindness. Blend it with care, imagination and time. Slowly stir in hope and courage. Let it stand for awhile then mix in inspiration and optimism. Sprinkle abundantly with laughter and a dream. Bake it with sunshine. Serves everyone!

