The Pennsbury Partners Program (PPP) has forged over 1,000 partnerships with businesses and local community organizations for the last 18 years, benefiting Pennsbury students, families and the community. These partnerships enable the School District to:

- demonstrate real-life applications of the Pennsbury curriculum;
- offer opportunities for students to provide community service; or
- offer mentoring programs and other career awareness and development activities to prepare students for satisfying careers.

Each partnership helps to prepare students for higher education and the workforce of our future.

**PARTNERSHIP & GRANT SUCCESSES SUMMARY**

The Pennsbury Partners Program had another busy and successful year. Some highlights include:

1. Established eight new partnerships including: Bright Farms, H&R Block, Morrisville Lanes, Philly Soft Pretzels, Top It! Frozen Yogurt Café, Uno Chicago Grill, Rite Aid Distribution Center, and Office Max Distribution Center.

2. Celebrated the 14th year of recognizing outstanding business and non-profit partnerships via Annual Partnership Recognition Dinner. Approximately 175 business people, non-profits, administrators, school board members, teachers and community members attended.

3. The Pennsbury Partners Advisory Board Mini-Grant Committee awarded ten schools with 19 special corporate-sponsored grants for a total of $7,769 or a 20% increase from last year. The main purpose of the annual PPP Mini-Grant program is to foster partnership development in each school. See pages 8-9 for more information.

4. The online, interactive partnership database, PAK (Partnership Activity Knowledgebase), received a facelift with many redesigned web pages, providing a more user-friendly interface. Additionally, a new PAK report was developed to sort all partnership activities by year and by school.

**14th ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP RECOGNITION DINNER**

With an attendance of almost 175 guests, the Pennsbury Partners Program celebrated its 14th year of recognizing outstanding business and non-profit partnerships.

The William Penn Middle School Cafetorium was transformed with red, black, and silver decorations as well as a red carpet to complete an “Oscar-Themed” night to remember! Sipping cranberry juice spritzers, our partnership guests networked with District School Board members, administrators, and teachers who attended.

Metz Culinary Management prepared a fantastic “Italian Fiesta, Family Style” Dinner. Guests were treated to a wonderful musical performance by the Pennsbury Concert Jazz Band.
As in previous years, the prestigious Pennsbury Partners Program Recognition Awards were presented to the outstanding school/business and school-non-profit partnerships. The recipients of the awards were:

**2012-2013 School-Non-Profit Award**
Charles Boehm, Pennwood and William Penn Middle Schools and American Association of University Women

**2012-2013 School-Business Award**
Afton, Eleanor Roosevelt, Fallsington, Oxford Valley, Penn Valley & Walt Disney and Pennwood Middle School and Solvay

**Special Recognition Awards**

 Pennsbury High School and McCafferty Auto Group

 Penn Valley Elementary and Rite Aid Distribution Center
ADDITIONAL PARTNERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

In the 2012-2013 school year, more than 100 partnership activities were logged into PAK, the District’s partnership database. Listed below are examples of outstanding school partnerships by school, focusing on Curriculum, Career Awareness and/or Community Service opportunities:

**Afton Elementary**

**Southwest Airlines**- Fourth grade students once again adopted a pilot. They learned how short and long term goals helped him become a pilot for Southwest Airlines. The classes discussed geography and illustrated time zones across the world. The visiting pilot distributed workbooks about flight to all of the students in the 4th grade class.

**Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary**

**Bucks County Performing Arts Center**- Charlotte Blake Alston, an international Storyteller and Musician, performed at Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary. She shared stories, poems, and music, as well as the history and culture of Africa. She brought a wealth of knowledge to the students. Since Ms Blake Alston was a teacher, she delivered a program that involved both students and adults who were present in the assembly.

**Makefield Elementary**

**Center for Cooperative Learning and Collaboration**- Mrs. Janthor, teacher at Makefield Elementary, has been instructing her students about the different biomes. She was able to set up a video conference with the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery. The students were able to visit “virtually” with the animals from the discovery zoo and were able to ask questions and engage in various writing activities.

**Manor Elementary**

**Dr. Gina Genin (Chiropractor)**- First grade students learned all about the bones in their bodies, the number of vertebrae in their backs, their largest, smallest and widest bones, during a recent visit from Dr. Genin. They learned to compare and contrast the similarities and differences between animal and human skeletons. Additionally, students were also interested to discover how important good nutrition and exercise were to maintaining their healthy bones.
Oxford Valley Elementary

**Bristol Riverside Theater**- Staff members from the **Bristol Riverside Theatre** came into each classroom and read "How I Became A Pirate" to the children. They were a great example for pitch, rate, and expression while reading. The students helped by "ar"ing at the turn of each page. The kids got a free ticket to the show “How I Became a Pirate” being performed at the theater.

Penn Valley Elementary

**Rite Aid Distribution Center**- Fifth grade students from Penn Valley visited the **Rite Aid Distribution Center** to learn about their business. The students stopped at various work stations where employees discussed with the students what they do and what is important to their jobs.

Quarry Hill Elementary

**McCaffrey’s Supermarket**- Local supermarket, **McCaffrey’s** generously donated food items needed to help the student make bird feeders. Students enjoyed making their feeders, knowing they were helping to provide food for wildlife throughout the winter months.

Walt Disney Elementary

**Philadelphia Zoo on Wheels**- The **Philadelphia Zoo** brought four different animals for the Kindergarten students to learn about. The animals were from different continents around the world. The instructor had the students involved by asking questions and touching various animals she brought along.

Village Park Elementary

**Starwalk Kids Media (Seymour Simon)**- Children in grades Kindergarten through fifth grade had the wonderful opportunity to see **Seymour Simon**, the most respected author of science books for children. Mr. Simon discussed how he gets his ideas, his writing process, his photography, and his love for science. He was very skilled at making real life analogies to science for our students in Village Park Elementary.
Charles Boehm Middle School

Zubaida Foundation- The Zubaida Foundation provided a tour of the mosque and an introduction to Islam. This presentation was an excellent addition to the current 7th grade curriculum, and a provided a positive avenue towards the understanding of others in our own community and our world.

William Penn Middle School

Lockheed Martin Space Systems - During National Engineers Week in November, Lockheed Martin engineers visited a group of forty-six 8th grade boys at William Penn Middle School. The goal was to provide students with greater exposure to career opportunities in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math). Personal anecdotes and educational background were shared, and a lively discussion ensued, regarding the rigors of space flight and the testing of commercial satellites at the Lockheed Martin site in Newtown.

Pennsbury High School

Yardley Inn- The Pennsbury High School Classic Cooking students recently attended a luncheon at the Yardley Inn. Executive Chef Eben Copple spoke to the students about the business end of the restaurant industry, explaining all of the different responsibilities that are involved in the restaurant business. He also discussed how the Yardley Inn plans and prices their menu. He talked about menu planning and food choices based on the seasonal variety of foods and customer satisfaction. He also demonstrated the preparation of one of the popular food items on the menu while giving the students background information and a cooking lesson. Each student was served a sample of a delicious dish, gnudi, as an appetizer before dining on a wonderful luncheon.

Pennsbury High School

Elizabeth Pitcairn- Elizabeth Pitcairn, a virtuoso and charismatic violinist, presented a master class to Pennsbury High School string students. Additionally she played her very famous and classic vintage 1720 Red Mendelssohn Violin, bought in auction for 1.6 million dollars.
Charles Boehm, Pennwood and William Penn Middle Schools

**Lockheed Martin Space Systems**- Forty-five 8th grade young women from each middle school were invited to **Lockheed Martin**. Students learned about the possible careers for women in science and math. These students were treated to a tour of the Lockheed Martin facility, presentations and a question and answer session by women scientists. This was another wonderful experience where young ladies can see applications of science and technology in the real world.

**District-Wide**

**Barnes & Noble “Pennsbury Reads”**- "Pennsbury Reads" summer reading event was well attended despite being held on a sweltering summer day at our local **Barnes & Noble** store. This event was held for our students, families, administrators and teachers to share their favorite summer read, and encourage our students to continue reading all summer long. Everyone enjoyed listening to our guest readers (Pennsbury faculty) and published authors, Eli Kowalski and Debbie Dadey.

**District-Wide**

**Bucks County Performing Arts Center**- With many songs in their hearts, 61 students at the Elementary grade level had the time of their lives being actors and actresses in the 32nd annual Children’s Musical Theatre Camp at William Penn Middle School run by the **Bucks County Performing Arts Center**. The Children’s Musical Theatre was led by veteran vocal teacher, Nancy VanDerBas.

**District-Wide**

**Top It! Frozen Yogurt Cafe**- Top It! Frozen Yogurt Café joined on as a new partner in 2012. Since becoming a partner, Top It! has held fundraisers for many programs here at Pennsbury. In addition to school PTO fundraisers, they have also held fundraisers for sports programs including: PHS Cheerleading, Football, PHS Drama Club and the PHS Marching Band. Top It! has also supplied **over 2,000** gift certificates to reward students for Honor Roll, Reading programs, 5th grade graduations, Dare graduations, and team sport award banquets.
District-Wide

Solvay - Solvay is a world leader in the development and production of specialty chemicals. Over 1,000 Pennsbury elementary students were given the opportunity to work with Solvay scientists to perform experiments as part of the company’s Chemistry Connection or Microscopes/Molecules and Chemical Reaction programs. Students also engaged in hands-on explorations with microscopes and viewed molecules and chemical reactions. In addition, the eighth grade students at Pennwood Middle School had the opportunity to participate in Solvay’s Algebra in Real Life Program. Walt Disney Elementary School Principal, Laurie Ruffing, presented the awards to two Solvay scientists and to the Principals of the participating schools across the District.

PARTNERS HELP PENNSBURY FAMILIES AND STUDENTS IN NEED

Families and students in need were not forgotten this year, thanks to the generosity of many valued partners.

Zubaida Foundation donated 50 book bags filled with school supplies to each of our three middle schools

United Way of Bucks County contributed 10 filled book bags to Village Park Elementary

Hand Maiden Ministries provided 80 book bags filled with school supplies for students at Manor Elementary

Rite Aid Distribution Center adopted Penn Valley Elementary students for Thanksgiving, providing food baskets for families in need. Additionally, every child received a toy for the holidays.

Davis Acura Car Dealership donated 25 Halloween costumes for students at Oxford Valley Elementary.

Exelon Power partnered with Fallsington Elementary, and donated 100 winter coats to be distributed wherever there was a need throughout the school district.

Levittown-Fairless Hills Rotary - Children Helping Children food drive - Once again this year, the Pennsbury Partners Program collaborated with Rotary members and Pennsbury elementary school students, collecting over 2 tons of food for homeless families in the community. Additionally, several Pennsbury High School students were recognized during Student of the Month program.
SUCCESSFUL DISTRICT & SCHOOL GRANTS and SPONSORSHIPS

The Partners Program is happy to announce another successful year with various grants awarded to the Pennsbury School District. Competitive and partnership awards included:

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PPP MINI-GRANTS

This year, the PPP Office opened their applications to include multiple winners from the same schools. As a result, several schools were awarded well over $500! Applications were reviewed by the PPP Advisory Board Committee and following ten schools received nineteen PPP mini-grants for a total of $7,769.

Fallsington Elementary – (Language Arts, Safety, Career Awareness, World History, Cultural Studies)
- Let's Learn About Safety, Kristen Cahill, $100
- Japanese Culture Experience, Monica James/Sherri Cohoon, $140
- Holiday Sing at Sunrise Assisted Living, Marta Grothman, $140
- Visit to Waste Water Treatment Center, Shea Miley/Ed Obert-Thorn, $120

Makefield Elementary – (Social Studies, Career Awareness, Language Arts)
- 5th Grade Goes to Work, Nicole Bond, Michele Greenockle/Mary Ellen Wells, $500
Oxford Valley Elementary – (OV Bldg Initiative: Respect, Responsibility, Sportsmanship, and Cooperation, Language Arts)

- Have you filled your bucket?, Cherie Lynne Kooker, $500
- Assisting Teachers with Language Arts, Donna Fay, $484

Penn Valley Elementary – (Language Arts, Reading Incentive Program)

- 100 Book Challenge Model, Betty Zabrycki, $500

Village Park Elementary – (Science)

- Village Park welcomes Seymour Simon, Jennifer Dillon, $500

Walt Disney Elementary – (Science)

- Zoo On Wheels, Lorie Becker, Katie Duncan, $385

Charles Boehm Middle – (Language Arts, Arts, Science)

- Exelon Renewable Energy, Melissa Vitucci, $400
- Les Miserables, Sandra Hollenbaugh, $500

Pennwood Middle – (Language Arts, Arts, Career Awareness)

- The Odyssey (Interactive performance from McCarter Theatre), Stacy Kirsh, $500
- Career Connections For Special Ed Students, Linda Alampi, $500

William Penn Middle – (Science, Physical Education, Fitness)

- Energy Education in the Elementary School, Kristin Slota, $500
- Fitness/Circuit Training, Jeff Arndt, $500

Pennsbury High School – (Career Awareness)

- 16th Annual Career Fair, Frank Mayo, $500
- Yardley Inn, Nancy Quigley, $500
- Sports and Entertainment Classroom Extension, Matthew Ott, $500

To learn more about the Pennsbury Partners Program, visit www.pennsbury.k12.pa.us/partners or call 215.428.4217 and speak with Dr. Christine Zervos.