



PENNSBURY PARTNERS PROGRAM

2016 - 2017

The Pennsbury Partners Program (PPP) has forged over 1,000 partnerships with businesses and local community organizations for the last 20 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 YEAR-END SUMMARY

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

1. Established a diverse group of new partnerships this year, including Framed-2-Perfection, TGI Office Automation, Red Paws Emergency Relief Team, Newtown Bookshop, UTC Aerospace Systems, Trash Daddy LLC, and the Zero Gravity Jump Rope Team. We are also expanding our pre-existing partnerships with the PA Resources Council and St. Mary Medical Center.
2. Celebrated the 18th year of recognizing outstanding business and non-profit partnerships via the Annual Partnership Recognition Reception. Approximately 120 business people, non-profits, administrators, school board members, teachers and community members attended. The **Non-Profit Partner of the Year for 2016-2017** was **The Fallsington Library**. The **National Aerospace Training and Research Center (NASTAR)** was honored as the **Business Partner of the Year for 2016-2017**.
3. The Pennsbury Partners Advisory Board Mini-Grant Committee awarded eleven schools with 18 special **corporate-sponsored grants** totaling just over \$6,400. The main purpose of the annual PPP Mini-Grant program is to foster partnership development in each school. *See next page for more information.*
4. Corporate sponsorships received for next year's PPP Mini-Grants topped over \$5,600.
5. This year, the PPP Office provided over \$2,000 for transportation costs to school classrooms for seven different partnership opportunities.
6. In addition to the PPP Mini-Grant Awards, a STEM partnership continued for the fourth year; this is a partnership activity with all three middle schools and the National Aerospace Training and Research Center (NASTAR). Three grants were awarded, \$500 to each middle school, for a total of \$1,500 for the **Middle School Young Adults in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math Partnership Program**.

PPP MINI-GRANTS

Applications were reviewed by the PPP Advisory Board Committee, and the following nine schools received eighteen PPP Mini-Grants totaling just over \$6,400.

Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary (\$535):

- Kathryn Royal – *K'Nex STEM Design Challenge with UTC Aerospace Systems*
- Alisa Myles – *Eleanor Roosevelt Family Fun Night at the Fallsington Library*

Fallsington Elementary (\$1041):

- Diane Mount/Edward Obert-Thorn – *Habitats and Ecosystems with the Fallsington Library*
- Sheila Miley/Jennifer Tietz – *Leaves & Trees Treasure Hunt and Leaf Printing with the Fallsington Library*
- Kristen Cahill – *Let's Learn about Personal Safety with NOVA*
- Chris Rosica – *Metal Detecting with the Fallsington Library*
- Duane Kolar – *Family Board Game Night with Barnes & Noble*
- Courtney Gould/Sara Long – *The Museum of the American Revolution*

Makefield Elementary (\$500):

- Donna Merriman – *5th Grade School to Work*

Manor Elementary (\$500):

- Lauren Jacoby – *RAZ Kids/Nor'wester Reading Initiative*

Oxford Valley Elementary (\$1000):

- Cherie Lynne Kooker /Karen Hearn/Liz Roberts/Heather Ryan/Nicole Raven/Lotus Deiss/Julie Samples– *Litterless Lunch*
- Heather Ryan – *Unless with the Philadelphia Zoo*

Penn Valley (\$500):

- Stephanie Myers/Kiersten Harrington – *Flexible Seating with Performance Spine & Sports Medicine*

Quarry Hill (\$500):

- Barbara Pesature – *Makerspace in the Library with Barnes & Noble*

Walt Disney (\$485):

- Lorie Becker – *Habitats Around the World with the Philadelphia Zoo*

Penwood (\$350):

- Holly Fellows/Tracey Arndt/Marsha Herb– *Zero Gravity Jump Rope*

William Penn (\$500):

- Kristin Slota– *Middle School Energy Ambassadors with The NEED Project*

Pennsbury High School- West (\$500):

- Frank Mayo – *Career Fair*