



PENNSBURY PARTNERS PROGRAM

2017 - 2018

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 in 2017-2018.

1. A diverse group of new Partners were welcomed during the past year, including Penn Community Bank, Pennsbury Racquet & Athletic Club, Republic Bank, Dow Chemical, Morrisville Senior Center, Problem Solved Math Tutoring, Cipollini Productions, and Plato's Closet of Fairless Hills.
2. The Partners Program celebrated the 19th 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 2017-2018** was **St. Mary Medical Center**. **Barnes & Noble – Oxford Valley** was honored as the **Business Partner of the Year for 2017-2018**.
3. The Pennsbury Partners Advisory Board Mini-Grant Committee awarded nine schools with 14 special **corporate-sponsored grants** totaling just over \$4,700. 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 \$10,600. The introduction of a Pennsbury Partners sponsorship tee shirt generated interest among several added donors to boost fundraising to more than double the amount raised last year.
5. The PPP Office provided over \$2,000 to support transportation costs for students to visit seven different Partner locations in the community.
6. In addition to the PPP Mini-Grant Awards, a STEM partnership continued for the fifth year; this is a partnership activity with all three middle schools and the National Aerospace Training and Research Center (NASTAR). Three grants were awarded, \$250 to each middle school, for a total of \$750 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 fourteen PPP Mini-Grants totaling just over \$4,700.

Afton Elementary (\$350):

- Coleen Jones – *STEAM for our Youngest Learners with Problem Solved Math Tutoring*

Fallsington Elementary (\$858):

- 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 – *Rocks and Minerals with the Fallsington Library*
- Duane Kolar – *Family Board Game Night with Barnes & Noble – Oxford Valley*

Makefield Elementary (\$500):

- Staci Northrup/Nancy Courtney/Karen Baran/Cortney Wible – *5th Grade School to Work with various community Partners*

Oxford Valley Elementary (\$500):

- Cherie Lynne Kooker/Heather Ryan – *Unless Program with the Philadelphia Zoo*

Penn Valley (\$500):

- Arlene Johnson – *PVTV with PHS Media Production Team*

Walt Disney (\$485):

- Lorie Becker – *Habitats Around the World with the Philadelphia Zoo*
- Duane Kolar – *Family Board Game Night with Barnes & Noble – Oxford Valley*

Charles Boehm (\$360):

- Sue Brennan– *Art Extension Study on Ancient Greece with the Fallsington Library*

William Penn (\$365):

- Kristin Slota– *Renewable Energy Topics with various Partners*

Pennsbury High School- West (\$500):

- Frank Mayo – *Career Fair with various Partners*