



The Exchange

Covestro & Johnny T. Clark Elementary



Covestro and Dr. Johnny T. Clark, Jr. Elementary are nearing the completion of another successful school year as Partners in Education. Covestro continues to be a proud partner with Clark Elementary by leading and participating in numerous events throughout the school year.

In January, Covestro employees enjoyed breakfast with the students that they will be mentoring for the duration of the school year at the Mentors Meet & Greet Breakfast. The mentor program gives selected children the opportunity to talk with Covestro professionals about any advice they may need in school. Covestro employees are asked to visit the student twice every month.

“The meet and greet breakfast was a great idea and a good way to break the ice with my mentee,” said Irene Martinez, Assistant Site Controller and Covestro mentor. “It was a good way to sit down and get to know a little bit about each other in a comfortable group setting.”

In February, Covestro employees volunteered at Clark Elementary’s Annual Family Science Night. More than 100 students spun a wheel and answered questions ranging from about the company, drugs and alcohol or patriotism. After answering correctly, they had the chance to pick a prize with the Covestro logo ranging from lunch boxes, umbrellas and cups.

“I had as much fun as the kids appeared to have,” said Coordinator Mike Wadley, Covestro employee. “Everyone enjoyed the experience and the evening, from the students and parents, to the volunteers from Covestro.”

In April, Covestro donated a tree for the annual tree dedication. By donating a tree for the graduates to plant, along with a special plaque commemorating the event, the student’s will have a special place to look back on for generations in the future. They’ve planted their roots in Baytown, but symbolically their branches will continue to grow.

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Calendar of Events

- ♦ **Tuesday, September 26, 2017, 4:30pm– Bowie Elem.**
- ♦ **Tuesday, October 24, 2017, 4:30 pm– De Zavala Elem.**
Newsletter Deadline
- ♦ **Friday, November 9, 2017— Cards for Troops Deadline**
- ♦ **Tuesday, January 23, 2018, 4:30 pm—Crespo & Jirrels.**
- ♦ **Tuesday, March 27, 2018, 4:30 pm—TBA**
Newsletter Deadline
- ♦ **Tuesday, April 3, 2018 – Annual Report Deadline**
- ♦ **Tuesday, May 2018— Recognition Luncheon – Baytown Community Center**

Aramark & Stuart Career Center/Culinary Art

In February, Richard Nunez, Aramark's K-12 Division District Manager, spoke to seven culinary classes at Goose Creek Memorial and Sterling High School about the many career paths one can follow within the culinary field. He handed out job requirements for a number of currently open positions to demonstrate the type of training and education students should pursue now and after high school.

In April, about 25 culinary arts students from Sterling and Goose Creek enjoyed a tour of the food service operations at the University of Houston, led by Aramark Chef Brent Gorman.

However, the most exciting news is that Aramark is sponsoring six-week paid student internships for two Goose Creek students this summer. The students have already been selected: Gabriela Cavazos from Goose Creek Memorial, and Jessica Rocha from Sterling. Both students are considering careers in food service management.

They will work with the Aramark management team at Goose Creek CUSD's Nutrition Services department this summer. The students will have opportunities to assist with food preparation, plus they will be learning the management side of the business, such as menu planning, managing costs, etc.



Sterling student Jessica Rocha is one of two Goose Creek CISD students Aramark hired for a paid six-week food service internship this summer. In this photo, Jessica practices her piping skills in preparation for her Skills USA competition in February.

Highlands Chamber of Commerce & B.P. Hopper Primary

We have been busy and excited as we have continued our partnership in the Highlands Community! We participated in the Christmas Tree Lighting night organized by the Highlands- Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce, HLCC, at Heritage Park, and B. P. Hopper Primary's tree was decorated with the Olaf's theme from the movie *Frozen*. In addition, Hopper 1st grade students sang Christmas carols at the December Chamber luncheon.

The winter festivities continued at Hopper with the traditional Polar Express Day and HLCC provided our school with 500 candy canes to be given to each student after taking their class picture with Santa Claus.



The HLCC sponsored our Accelerated Readers Night with a donation of 250 cookies for our families to enjoy while reading. Our marvelous students will continue being recognized with the "Outstanding Citizen" tags courtesy of the HLCC.

We are very fortunate that the Highlands-Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce continues to support our various events. What a collaborative partnership in a great community!



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Highlands Rotary Club & Highlands Elementary

The Highlands Rotary Club has been an outstanding partner with Highlands Elementary this school year. Many events and activities for students were possible due to the members of our Partner in Education.

Our traditional birthday celebrations have continued monthly throughout the year and are complete with cake, punch, and pencils for the students. Members of the Highlands Rotary Club are on hand each month to help with set-up and clean up, as well as to help us celebrate!



Members of the Highlands Rotary also donated their time to help beautify our campus atrium. They assisted in the clean-up of the atrium as well as helping to spread mulch.

In March, our Partners in Education provided a pizza party to the top three winning class boxes to celebrate our Thanksgiving box decoration contest.

In addition, our partners provided our Physical Education Department with Fitness Brag Tags that were awarded to each homeroom's "Outstanding Student," who demonstrated positive characteristics in all areas of physical education, each six weeks. The Highlands Rotary also will be providing trophies for students participating in the Highlands Jogging Club. Trophies will be awarded for the top five overall runners in grades second through fifth.

For perfect attendance each six weeks, the Highlands Rotary provided eight \$10.00 Walmart gift cards to be presented to two students from each grade level, awarded by random draw. Forty-eight gifts cards were provided in all.

The Highlands Rotary recently gave Highlands Elementary a verbal agreement to contribute up to \$20,000 for ground cover on our future playground.

At the end of May, bicycles and helmets will be awarded to one boy and one girl in each grade level for perfect attendance the entire school year.

We greatly appreciate all of the support the Highlands Rotary Club gives to Highlands Elementary and look forward to a continued partnership in the future!

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CenterPoint Energy & Gentry Junior School

CenterPoint Energy has two amazing representatives, Mr. Jeffery Hulon and assistant Janette Narvaez. They are more than willing to lend support to our faculty and students when needed. For the 2016 school year, they contributed financially a total amount of \$3251.27.

To help ensure the safety of our students and staff and help with testing, they provided funds for new radios in the 2015-16 school year. Once the 2016-17 school year began, they supported our efforts to raise awareness of the growing problem of drugs and the negative consequences using can have. Along with the safety theme, they provided identification cards for students to use when leaving a class. This system allows teachers to know where students are at all times.

As the 2016 year came to a close, we realized that supplies for teachers, that directly affected student progress, was

limited. Mr. Hulon and Mrs. Narvaez graciously offered to help! CenterPoint supplied two gift cards to be used as needed to support teachers in their effort to drive students to success.

PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) is a district and campus wide initiative that rewards positive student behavior. CenterPoint provided incentives to students for doing the right thing. By rewarding good behavior, our safety goals were easier to meet.



As we roll into the 2017 year, we continue to strive for student success and safety for all. Already, our Partners In Education are hard at work to help our school. They will be providing safety vests and other products that support our students.

Our STEM students were awarded a field trip to visit the CenterPoint plant where they learned how electricity was sent out and used by customers. They enjoyed the day and learned a lot!

Mr. Hulon is planning a motivational talk with our athletic classes next month. We are excited to have such a great role model visit with our students.

As the new principal of Gentry Junior School, I am honored to have such a great partner to help us meet the needs of all students.

**THANK YOU
CENTERPOINT FOR YOUR
CONTINUED SUPPORT!**

Baytown Buick GMC and James Bowie Elementary



The spring semester involved many opportunities to collaborate as partners. During the month of February for Dr. Seuss Day, our representative, Ms. Dryden visited the school to read a book to our first graders. Bowie had a Math and Science Family Night and Baytown Buick GMC hosted the Discovery Dome/Houston Museum of Natural Science. It was well attended by students and parents. It was a fabulous learning event focusing on different phases of the moon, which captivated both students and parents alike. Baytown Buick GMC employees

participated as judges during our Relay for Life Chili Cook-off and provided prizes for the winning team. This helped to promote cancer awareness and raise funds to honor all people that have battled with cancer. In May, our partner will be providing 12 bicycles to be awarded at the end of the school year for our students with perfect attendance. Gift cards will be donated for our teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week, May 1st – May 5th. In addition, they will be volunteering man hours at our school to help teachers and students with Field Day and Track Meet providing refreshments and encouragement to our participants. The partnership continues to grow every year and we sincerely would like to thank our partner for their dedication to James Bowie Elementary.



ExxonMobil BTEC West and San Jacinto Elementary

San Jacinto Elementary School and EXXONMOBIL BTEC West are committed to continuing their twenty-six-year partnership and supporting our students' academic growth. We met in August 2016 and planned the years' activities with the intention of enriching the lives of our students by providing hands-on learning opportunities.

Our third to fifth grade students greatly benefited from the hands-on Junior Achievement

lessons and activities provided during their Social Studies classes. Our students benefited with more than 20 hours of volunteer service from Junior Achievement. Our partner purchased Wonder Workshop Robotics Club Kits that were used to start a STEM Club for 4th/5th grade enrichment groups where students learned how to build and code the robots. They also purchased the Lego WeDo 2.0 Robotics Kits that were used for enrichment STEM groups with 4th grade students.

During career week, volunteers that work in the areas of Math & Science also came to our school and shared their knowledge and expertise with our students. Our partner also sent twenty intern volunteers to clean, weed, soil, and put mulch for our outside garden. The volunteers also painted six picnic tables for seating near the garden and their time spent was more than sixty volunteer hours.



The students, parents and staff at San Jacinto Elementary feel very fortunate and blessed to have ExxonMobil BTEC West as their Partner in Education because without their continued support our students would not have the opportunity to experience so many of these hands-on presentations and experiences in the areas of Math & Science. Another school year will end soon and it's rewarding to know that we have our partner's support and collaboration year after year.



LCY Elastomers & Harlem Elementary

Our partner in education is LCY Elastomers and our contact person is Beverly Sanders. We are thrilled to have completed 23 years as partners! As the year comes to an end, we are excited to give away 5 bicycles to students with perfect attendance. The bikes are currently on display and were donated by LCY Elastomers!

Harlem students pictured below were the proud recipients of a \$10 Toys "R" Us gift card for the 5th Six Weeks. LCY Elastomers donated over \$700 in gift cards this year to students with perfect attendance that were given out every six weeks!

There will be more information shared at upcoming PIE meetings and we are excited to continue our partnership with LCY Elastomers! We look forward to another awesome year at Harlem with the support of our PIE!



ExxonMobil and Baytown Junior High School

The partnership between ExxonMobil and Baytown Junior has been extremely successful this spring semester. Together, we have created an interactive and fun educational experience for our students. This spring, we placed first in the Cards for Troops initiative. Exxon has continually funded our SOAR Store, which allows students with good behavior to purchase supplies and spirit items. Forty female students were taken to Exxon for the day to participate in "Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day" and volunteers spent close to twenty hours educating AVID students on STEM careers. Volunteers from ExxonMobil judged our BJS chili cookoff for Go Texan Day and will assist with the May science STAAR camp to prepare 8th grade students for their upcoming test. Lastly, twenty-six Exxon volunteers will be in 6th and 7th grade science classrooms creating personal ecosystems. All supplies were purchased by Exxon so our students could have a hands-on learning experience. Staff STAAR shirts were also donated to motivate and encourage students during testing. Not only does Exxon donate funds, but most importantly, they invest their time to build relationships with our students, faculty, and families.



Eco Services and Carver Elementary



Our business partner, ECO-Services continues supporting Carver Elementary by purchasing UIL t-shirts for our Carver UIL teams.

ECO-Services also provided breakfast tacos for Carver Staff on STAAR testing day.

THANK YOU ECO-SERVICES!!!



Kiwanis Club of Baytown & Alamo Elementary

Alamo Elementary continues to have the full support of our partner in education, Kiwanis Club of Baytown. Attendance is essential for academic success, and Kiwanis encouraged attendance by donating seven bicycles to be raffled for students with perfect attendance for the 2016-2017 school year. During each six weeks' awards assembly, perfect attendance



pencils were given to students. These were no ordinary pencils. All pencils are made from different recycled materials, such as money, jeans, and newspaper. We could incorporate a mini lesson on reducing, reusing, and recycling. The Kiwanis Club also made a book donation to our library based on titles that our students requested. In addition to this, every kindergartener will receive a book for their personal library at the end of the school year. As the 2016-2017 school year ends, we want to thank the Kiwanis Club of Baytown for their loyalty, commitment, and hard work. The Kiwanis Club of Baytown continues to make a difference at Alamo!

ExxonMobil BOP & Victoria Walker Elementary

A great second semester was had thanks to the support of ExxonMobil Baytown Olefins Plant! Many activities were successful thanks to their support. Junior Achievement volunteers helped make connections to the real world. Bugs on Wheels was brought in for family science night. Each kindergarten smiled upon receiving their book. By purchasing new t-shirts for our track team, our 5th graders arrived in style at the track meet. End of the year awards and incentives were enjoyed by those who earned them.

ExxonMobil BOP employees volunteered at our campus teaching Junior Achievement to all grade levels. They help students prepare for everyday living and make connections to real word experience. Family Science Night was held in the month of March. Exxon BOP funded the Bugs on Wheels from the Museum of Natural Science for our students and families. They also presented an interactive and hands-on presentation on the formation of rocks.



During the month of April, kindergarteners were treated to a stuffed animal, a bag of goodies, and book as part of the Spring Bookworm program. Volunteers came to read to our kindergarten students. Our students enjoyed having the volunteers read to them. Fifth grade teachers also received 10 copies of the book Wonder to be add to their classroom library.

The month of May ExxonMobil BOP provided lunch for our teachers during teacher Appreciation week.

In addition, our fifth grade track team received new t-shirts as well as purchasing awards for our end of the year celebration. The celebration honors students for perfect attendance, A honor roll, and AB honor roll.

Victoria Walker staff and students would like to thank all the ExxonMobil B.O.P volunteers for their time and effort given to our school. We had a successful spring with our partners in education! We are grateful for all they have done for Victoria Walker. They help make education fun and successful.



Rotary Club of Baytown & De Zavala Elementary



As each year goes by, the Rotary Club of Baytown and De Zavala Elementary continue to strengthen their working relationship. This second semester has been filled with tremendous support for our students and staff. The Rotarians have been diligent with their literacy initiative in various ways. For our Spring Family Night, they provided books for all students who attended. Both parents and kids were pleasantly surprised with this generous gift. They continued this initiative through the support of our Mystery Reader Program. We had some members from Rotary read to our primary classes and donate Dr. Sues books for their classroom library. Also, Kindle Fires were purchased for each semester to provide students with no bus or office referrals opportunities to read books electronically. Two more will be given out in a drawing at the end of this semester. De Zavala's Honor Choir sang for the Rotary to begin one of their meetings, and the students were treated to pizza for lunch by them. Our intermediate grades will be celebrating all their hard work during our

annual Spring Fling. Kids use their Dolphin Dollars to jump on inflatables, get their favorite snacks, sing karaoke, and many other enjoyable activities. Baytown Rotary always provides contributions to help with purchasing much of the needed items. Each six weeks we host a Character Education breakfast for one representative from each homeroom. Parents are allowed to attend and celebrate with their child. Rotary has helped us with purchasing delicious food for this event for these kids. Not only do they feed our kids, but they never forget about our staff. Teacher Appreciation is coming up, and our Partner in Education will be providing lunch one of the days during this week. We are so fortunate to be partnered with the Rotary Club of Baytown. This has been a very successful year, and we look forward to our continued collaboration.

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Gentry Jr. High

B.P. Hopper Primary

If you are interested in becoming a partner with any of these classes and/or programs, please contact the Baytown Chamber of Commerce at 281/422-8359 or Rikki@baytownchamber.com.

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