Each year, the School-Business Partnership Executive Council recruits local businesses to host students for a day of job-shadowing. The experience provides students with a glimpse of what a career in their selected placement would be like. Students complete a resume and sign up through LCPS. Businesses post job opportunities for the students to choose from. Each year, students have the choice of jobs throughout the local area in a variety of career clusters.

Student quote: “I absolutely loved the job for a day program! It gave me a lot of insights on my career. I would go again if I had the opportunity!” This year, over 50 businesses posted 346 positions!

We are grateful to local businesses for opening their doors and providing this opportunity for our students. Thank you and we hope to have your support again next year. In the meantime, more information about the program can be found at bit.ly/JobforaDayLCPS.
School-Business Partnership Breakfast

Registration is now open for the 21st Annual Recognition Breakfast!

The Loudoun County School Business Partnership Council and the Loudoun Education Foundation host an annual recognition event to highlight and strengthen the partnerships between Loudoun County Public Schools and the business community.

This year’s event will be held at the National Conference Center on Friday, March 13, 2020 starting at 7:30am.

Registration is open now and sponsorship opportunities are available. We hope to see all our valued business partners at this very special event. We will honor this year’s winners of the Partnership Profile Awards, Make a Difference Awards, J. Hamilton Lambert Award and Legacy Award.

For more information, please visit the Loudoun Education Foundation page under "Events."

Registration Link: CLICK HERE

Additional sponsorship opportunities are available! For more information of if you have questions about registration or event attendance, please contact Jennifer.L.Miller@lcps.org or (571)252-1060.

Belmont Ridge Middle School

STEM4GIRLS PROGRAM

By partnering with Orblynx Academy, girls at Belmont Ridge Middle School had the opportunity to learn facets of STEM education in a supportive setting. The girls attending this after-school club worked together, solved problems and created a bond that will last way beyond the program itself.

Program Coordinator, Farzaneh Riar knows the value of exposing girls to STEM at a young age. She said, "At Orblynx Academy STEM4Girls program, we foster a growth mindset in students by emphasizing that practice improves performance rather than innate ability. By understanding what girls value, we appeal to those values academically while making a difference through an environment of sisterhood and collaboration. In our partnership with Belmont Ridge Middle School, we create a space to explore, learn, and observe together, while providing girls the STEM spark they need."
Community Connections & PBL Workshop

Teachers and Business Partners Plan Project-Based Learning Experiences Together

For the second year in a row, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, Dr. Ashley Ellis along with the Community Connections office offered a one-day kick-off event to encourage classroom teachers and business partners to work together to plan a Project-Based Learning Experience for students.

Six teams of teachers joined with six different business partners to plan in a different way and learn from one another. Throughout the day, teachers learned from partners about available resources and ways that students could be involved in real world learning. Partners learned from teachers about the facets of PBL instruction and how to bring all the elements together.

The Community Connection office will follow the projects throughout the second semester. Participating teams received a grant from Apple Federal Credit Union to support their efforts. Congratulations to the following teacher teams and thank you to the following partners that joined us this year.

2019-2020 Community Connections & PBL Teams
- Ashburn Elementary (5th grade Art & PE) with Waltonwood Senior Center
- Guilford Elementary (3rd grade Science) with K&H Landscaping
- Harmony Middle (Art & Mental Health Team) with Socially Delivered
- Belmont Ridge Middle (8th grade Civics) with Loudoun Soil & Water Conservation
- Park View High (Spanish & Art) with Irene’s Prom Closet
- Loudoun Valley High (Economics) with Merrill Lynch

Teacher teams were selected by application and another round of applications will go out to principals for next year’s event at the beginning of the 2020-2021 School Year!

Upcoming Opportunity

INSPIRE LOUDOUN TEACHER CONFERENCE

Monday, June 15, 2020 at Independence High School

This year’s event will feature a panel of business/community partners discussing skills needed for the workforce. Volunteers for the panel are needed! If interested, please contact Nick Grzed at Nicholas.Grzeda@lcps.org or (571)252-1586.

To Sponsor the event: CLICK HERE
Computer Science: "CS for LCPS"

December 2019

On December 11th, Loudoun County Public Schools held its 2nd annual #CSforLCPS Family Night. This year's event was held at the new Waxpool Elementary. The school focuses on integrating computer science as a PBL for Computational Thinking school.

Teachers and students from various Loudoun County elementary, middle and high schools showcased computer science activities at tables around the cafeteria. Event participants were encouraged to try everything out at the hands-on displays.

"I loved seeing parents' reaction to what their kids and schools are doing," commented one teacher at the event.

"Having students there to be able to share their work and excitement was my favorite part," comments a teachers supporting the event. "It was really great to be able to see what other schools are doing - to validate what we are doing and also push us to do even more!"

Several businesses showed their support by participating in the event and hosting information tables and/or activities. Business partners included:

- NOVA SySTEMic,
- The Coder School, Ashburn,
- Girls Who Code
- Google Education
- Brain Pop, and
- Enterprise Support & Analytics for LCPS

To continue the great work of integrating Computer Science into the LCPS curriculum, the Loudoun Education Foundation was recently granted $24 million to create the Virginia K-12 Computer Science Pipeline Program along with Chesapeake Public Schools. The two year project will focus on the integration of computer science and computational thinking skills. The goal of the grant is to increase student interest in computer science and ultimately increase the number of graduates pursuing careers in the technology industry. The collaboration of two school systems will lead to the creation of a sustainable model that can be used in other districts across the state.

How can YOU be more involved?

SCHOOLS, BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

To learn more about Partnerships out in the field: http://bit.ly/2PhYr34

To register your business or organization: Click Here

Recognize a partnership by tagging us and following us on Twitter: @CommunityLcps