

ADOPT-A-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

2021-22 PROGRESS REPORT

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BACK TO SCHOOL

It all goes back to schools. At Fidelity Bank, we believe education is central to the vitality of our community and our local economy. We are compelled to make meaningful investments in the lives of young Wichitans that open doors of opportunity and ensure access to life-long learning. That's why we embarked on our Adopt-A-School Partnership.

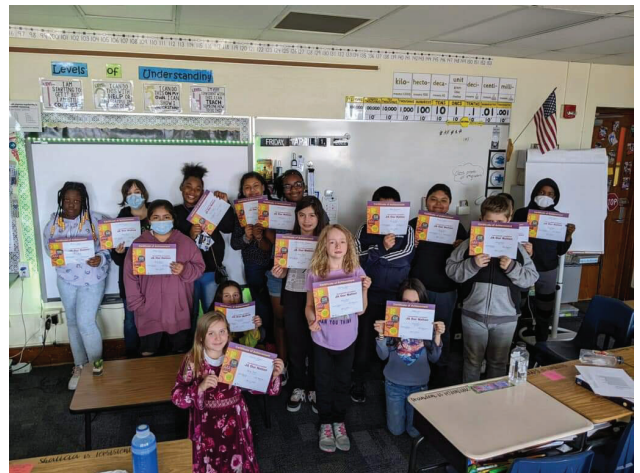


In partnership with Wichita Public Schools, Fidelity Bank adopted two elementary schools with a commitment of financial and volunteer support. The program began with the 2021-22 school year. Harry Street Elementary and Park Elementary were each provided \$50,000 to advance new and existing programs for students and their families designed to enrich the educational experience. Beyond funding, Fidelity employees spent time in classrooms and at school functions, volunteering as cheerleaders and mentors for children and their educational and family support systems.

The results were inspiring.

MENTORING

Working directly with elementary students, Fidelity Bank team members reinforced the value of education, enhanced learning and built meaningful relationships. We assisted with the children’s academics and became part of their support system. From being a shoulder to lean on to teaching critical literacy and life skills, we instilled each student with the confidence that comes from knowing there are caring people encouraging their success.



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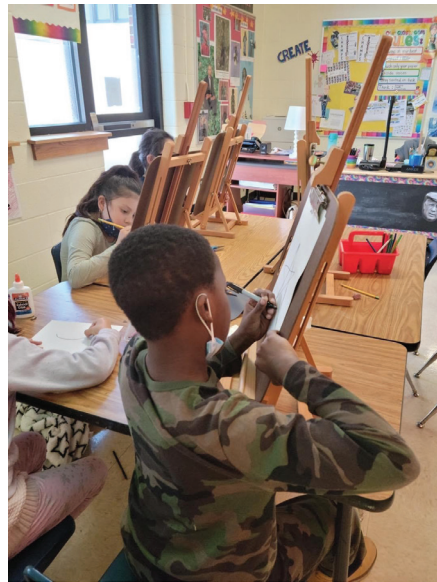
Students’ relationships with their mentors have been deeply meaningful and bring a greater sense of connectedness within the school community. Those students demonstrate heightened confidence, enhanced social skills and great emotional stability.

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– Kristi Franks, Park Elementary Principal

CLASSROOM ENHANCEMENTS

The classroom is a special place where imaginations are engaged and horizons are broadened. We sought to remove barriers to learning and ensure that spaces were equipped for teachers to do what they do best. This took many forms, from healthy snacks, books and games to musical instruments and art supplies. Funding for items like flexible seating and fidget spinners contributed to a more inclusive and focused learning environment. Through these enhancements, we helped support the minds and bodies of these young learners.



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Literature, mentorship, social-emotional resources, physical tools, opportunities beyond the school walls and basic needs as simple as a snack have enhanced and strengthened our students' and families' school experience.

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– Jamie Junker, Harry Street Elementary Principal

TEACHER APPRECIATION

Teachers shoulder the immense responsibility of providing children a well-rounded education that goes beyond reading, writing and arithmetic to instilling life-long learning skills. They deserve our support and encouragement. We found ways to be there for them: supplying meals, knocking off items from their classroom wish lists and contributing to their professional development. Letters of gratitude were sent to make sure they knew how grateful we are for their work. We stand in awe of these professionals who are shaping the future leaders of our community.



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Park staff members felt special and appreciated with the notes and gifts they received from Fidelity family members who had selected them at Christmas. It was an amazing morale boost!

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– Kristi Franks, Park Elementary Principal

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Our schools are woven into the fabric of our community. More than just places for academic lessons, they are connecting points for students to an entire support system built on compassion and trust. We sought to help strengthen these bonds in creative ways with special experiences. Starting with a celebratory first-day clap-in and ending with a family night at the Sedgwick County Zoo, we took our efforts beyond the classroom. Volunteer fairs, field trips and family nights were among many instances where we deepened relationships between students, faculty and families.



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Events like these bring us together as school communities, tightening our bonds, strengthening our relationships and continuing to build trust between school staff and our families so that, when we are at school, students feel safer and more comfortable learning together.

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– Kristi Franks, Park Elementary Principal

TOGETHER WE MOVE BRAVELY ONWARD

We are now setting our sights on the next school year. New initiatives have already been identified, including the creation of a sensory room at Park Elementary and further work to strengthen literacy and after school opportunities. The next year is sure to be bigger and better.

JOIN US

Any person or organization has the ability to make a meaningful impact on the lives of children. We encourage you to consider how you can help. Can you volunteer to read to a child? Is there a school in your neighborhood that could use a helping hand? Would you commit to mentoring an at-risk student? Can your company adopt a school and embark on a life-changing collaboration?

Start today by contacting Suzy Finn at 316-973-4630.



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We are grateful to Fidelity Bank for supporting our district through the adoption of Harry Street and Park elementary schools. Their generosity of time and financial resources has shown the students, staff and their families that the community cares about them. Leaders at these schools worked closely with Fidelity to identify the most meaningful ways that these resources could support student success, as well as show staff the appreciation they deserve. We already have additional Wichita companies showing interest in developing similar partnerships to support more schools in our district!

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– Dr. Alicia Thompson, Wichita Public Schools Superintendent

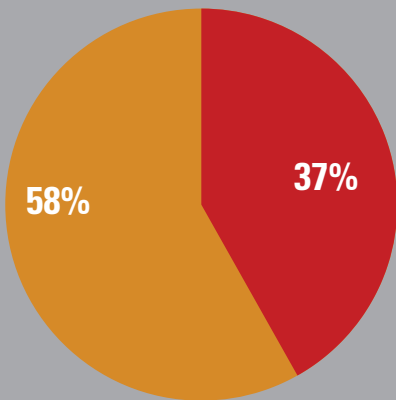
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\$100,000

PEOPLE IMPACTED

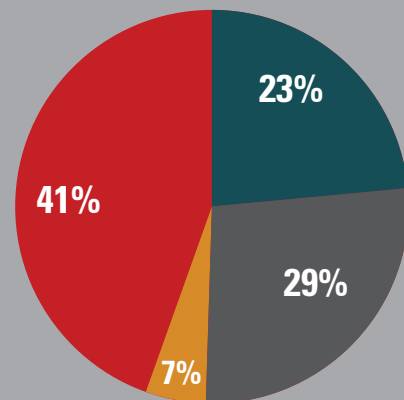
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PERCENTAGE OF DOLLARS SPENT



COMMUNITY BUILDING CLASSROOM ENHANCEMENTS

VOLUNTEER HOURS BY AREA



COMMUNITY BUILDING TEACHER APPRECIATION CLASSROOM ENHANCEMENTS MENTORING

CREATING CHANGE

2021-2022 ACTIVITIES

First day of school clap-in	Classroom literature sets
Welcome back breakfast	Volunteer fair
Wobble chairs	Wind Surge field trip
Classroom snack drives	5th grade field trip
Flexible seating	Family night at the Sedgwick County Zoo
Fidget toys	Letters of gratitude
Indoor recess games	Teacher appreciation week staff luncheon
Inquiry night	Landscaping
Trunk or Treat	Music education enhancement
Washer & dryer	Professional development teacher breakfasts
Art education enhancement	Student t-shirts
Staff t-shirts	Open house family kits
Family Engagement Night prizes	Junior Achievement
Holiday wish lists	Read to Succeed
Music education enhancement	USD 259 buddy program
Coffee & Cocoa at the Curb	
Physical education enhancement	
Staff aprons	
After-school clubs	
Reading Night	
Staff umbrellas	