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Partnership Builds a Foundation for Kincaid Elementary School



By Kevin Hoyer, Principal - Kincaid Elementary

Anchorage Sand & Gravel – “The Performance Company” has been providing quality construction products and services in the Alaska building industry since 1938. Their commitment to producing the highest quality products and customer service available has allowed them to expand into all aspects of the construction and building markets. Using the most innovative manufacturing methods, state of the art equipment, and a vast line of services, they have the ability and expertise to supply all residential and commercial needs.

As dedicated and active members of the Anchorage Community, AS&G, under the direction of Mr. Mike Harned, provides on-going and seemingly endless support for Kincaid Elementary.

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Ambassador Program Continues

The SBP Ambassador program was started last year to provide a easier communication link between the Principals and the School Business Partnership (SBP) program.

The Ambassadors are made up from the SBP Board of Directors. Each Director is responsible for a number of schools that will be theirs to maintain contact and support.

Ambassadors are available to work with their respective Principals in maintaining and establishing quality Partnerships ■

Calendar of Events

October

- Tuesday, 11 - SBP Board meeting
- Wednesday, 12 - Executive Exchange Day Debrief
- Wednesday, 26 – SBP Workshop

November

- Tuesday, 1 – SBP Board meeting

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Quality Relationships for 2005

September 2005



To all interested in School Business Partnerships:

In 1991, the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce and the Anchorage School District joined together to begin a School Business Partnership Program. The program encourages businesses (large and small), government agencies, unions, non-profit agencies and schools to participate in the education of our students in all grades.

I sincerely thank all of our partners, and want to encourage other businesses, organizations, and schools to join us in this important work. **The School Board and I hope that every school has at least one strong and thriving partnership!**

Quality relationships are most essential, and that relationship can only be built by open and candid discussions and planning.

We are very pleased with the progress of the School Business Partnership Program. This program enhances our students' learning experiences, and it is a very positive public relations opportunity for both the schools and the various partners.

I look forward to learning more about each school's partnership, and to recognizing some outstanding "stars" in the spring at our annual awards luncheon in collaboration with Success By Six.

Most sincerely,

Carol Comeau
Superintendent

School Business Partnerships Looks Forward to the 05/06 School Year



By Barbara Stallone – Labor Relations Director Municipality of Anchorage/Co-Chair of SBP

As we begin the current school year I would like to take the opportunity to address the opportunities and challenges the Anchorage School Business Partnership Program faces in the coming months.

Our goal is to have an active Quality partnership at each school. Not an easy task when we have close to 100 schools in the district. Although we have many partners who continue their partnerships year after year we are always looking for new partners who are willing to assist in helping our students be successful.

We would love to touch the individual lives of 49,000 students so that when they become an employee of some business they have acquired a foundation that makes them the kind of person that all employers would love to have on their team.

I believe this can be achieved by the leaders of this community who volunteer their time, and their company's time and resources, to serve on the Anchorage School Business Partnership Board. We cannot do this alone and look to the leaders at the School District, from the School Board to the Administration to the class room teacher, to help ensure business and education work together to ensure our future workforce is prepared to meet the challenges of a changing business world.

We look forward to your support, ideas, and participation in the coming year and are excited about the opportunities we will face in the coming months.

Congratulations to Star Award Winners of 2004/2005



ASD Superintendent Carol Comeau speaks to the crowd gathered at the Star Awards

Each year, School Business Partnerships holds an End of the Year Recognition Program. The purpose is to recognize all business and education participants of School Business Partnerships and our Mission – “to enhance the education of Anchorage students and community fostering positive collaborative relationships between businesses and the Anchorage School District” – and to recognize specific STAR AWARD recipients.

This year, the program was held on May 23 at the Egan Center under the umbrella of the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce *Make It Monday Forum*. This year, we had over 30 nominees for the Star Award. To be nominated for the Award, a Partnership must meet the following criteria:

- Enthusiastic support of SBP program
- Commitment to educational enhancement
- Excellence of what is offered
- Dedication to the continuation and success of the program
- Participation on a regular, dependable, scheduled basis
- Willingness to be flexible and find ways to provide support to assure success

These are lofty goals and we admire those that work to achieve them. SBP enjoys over 400 Partnerships in the District. We are truly fortunate to have businesses so willing to positively support the youth of our community. Following are this past year’s winners.

- **Student** – Dorothy Carter of 8th grader at Central Middle School
- **Educator** – Emily Blahous of Mirror Lake Middle School
- **Large Business 3 + years** – Subway of Alaska & Abbott Loop Elementary
- **Large Business less than 3 years** – Costco on Dimond & Taku Elementary & Willow Crest Elementary
- **Large Business less than 3 years** – Big Brothers / Big Sisters & Dimond
- **Small Business 3 + years** – Small Engine Specialties & King Career Center
- **Small Business less than 3 years** - First Alaskans & Tyson Elementary
- **SBP Star Award** – FedEx and Anchorage School District



The 2004/2005 SBP Star Award Recipients Fed Ex with Members of the SBP Board of Directors, Vice Chair Chris Wilson and Co-Chair Barbara Stallone and Superintendent Carol Comeau



For further information on the 2006 Star Awards-
please call Jim Utter at 243-7101 – email utter_jim@asdk12.org
Nomination forms may be found at our web site www.asdk12.org/depts/sbp

School Business Partnership Board Members

It is our pleasure to introduce to you the all volunteer School Business Partnership Board of Directors for 2005/2006. These community members serve with positive participation and the support of the businesses they represent. We want to thank those businesses for allowing them to commit time and energy to SBP in support of ASD and the youth of our community.

Anchorage School Business Partnerships Board of Directors 2005 / 2006

Executive Committee:

Barbara Stallone – Co/Chair – Labor Relations, Municipality of Anchorage
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The web site will provide you with updated information about School Business Partnerships – contacts – and other interesting topics that support the program throughout the Anchorage Community.

School Business Partnership (SBP) Workshop

There will be a SBP workshop held on **Wednesday, October 26** for all of those interested in learning more about this highly successful program. Presenters will be from Anchorage who are already involved in the program providing tips and advice on how the program works for them and how it can work for you. These presenters will represent both the business and education community.

Time: 3:00 – 4:30
Place: ASD Board Room
Participation: Limited to the first 30 registrants
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“Build-Up” Works

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Students in sixth grade enjoy the “Build-Up” program sponsored by Anchorage Sand & Gravel through the expertise and instructional talents of Mr. Kevin Norton. It is this activity that provides students with “a look toward future careers” in the construction industry. Just think of the possibilities! Engineering, architecture, environmental services, design, contracting, chemistry, materials production, timber/lumber, the list of possibilities goes on and on. The six weeks of activities provide students with the opportunity to explore their individual creative construction genius while utilizing the curricular areas of math, science, communication skills, health/safety and much, much more. Students design their own community, develop road systems to scale, plan the intricate design of a functional plumbing solution for a Harned’s profession, our school benefits from his and his employees’ willingness to work directly with our students who can use that little extra boost through some one-on-one or small group tutoring in a variety of curricular areas. The advantages gained due to this extra assistance, makes a world of difference for kids.

Last, but certainly not least, and on behalf of the entire Kincaid community, we would like to thank Mike Harned and Anchorage Sand & Gravel for the support and assistance in acquiring some of the necessary materials used to construct our

Greenhouse. This project makes it possible for the students of Kincaid and other schools in our area to raise potatoes and other vegetation. This essentially becomes true “hands-on” learning in math, science, the language arts, and other curricular areas and ultimately helps to feed families in need.

The 2005 Fur Rondy Parade Float project perhaps represents the *ultimate* in demonstrating the cooperative effort that exists between our school and AS&G. Kincaid’s Art Teacher, Ms. Beth Taylor along with the assistance of others representing Klatt and Ocean View, created a First Class, First Place winning Float. Utilizing one of AS&G’s flatbed trailers, the team of AS&G employees, teachers, students, and volunteers developed upon the Fur Rondy theme, “Blast from the Past” by creating a classroom reminiscent of the days of early Alaskan pioneers. Needless to say, next year will find us in contention for Grand Prize recognition.

We cherish our School Business Partnership with Mike Harned and Anchorage Sand & Gravel and look forward to many more successes as we move toward the future, for the future...our students. ■

Executive Exchange Day

The Anchorage School District & Anchorage Chamber of Commerce Executive Exchange Day will take place on **Wednesday, October 12, 2005**. This event will be sponsored by the Anchorage School District and facilitated by the School Business Partnership program.

Objectives of an Executive Exchange:

- to become more knowledgeable about each other's world
- to discuss the need of quality education and a well trained work force
- to share success and challenges and develop strategies of working together
- to build bridges of understanding

What the event looks like

- a business executive and school administrator will be paired for the day
 - the school administrator will host a business executive for one half day
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 - at the end of the day – a debriefing session
- The Executive Exchange Day **DEBRIEF** is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12
 - The exchange will take place on or before Wednesday, October 12 on a day that is mutually agreeable to both parties.
 - Goal is to have 30 matches – total of 60 participants
 - Between 20 and 25 of the ASD representatives will be Principals

Pairings and further information, including potential discussion points, will be sent to participants prior to the event.

- Jim Utter – 243-7101 – jutter@alaska.net - EED Chairperson
- Roger Fiedler – 742-4151 – fiedler_roger@asdk12.org - ASD representative
- Jeff Leonard – 258-1395 – jeff.Leonard@raymondjames.com - Business representative
- Barbara Stallone – 343-4571 – stalloneba@muni.org - SBP Co-Chairperson
- Ricki Jovanovich – 696-1652 – rjovan@pobox.mtaonline.net - SBP Admin Assistant

Thank You Financial Supporters!

The SBP Board of Directors would like to thank and acknowledge these businesses who have made a financial contribution to the School Business Partnership Program.



Back to School Really is a Picnic

By **Tim Thompson, Public Affairs Officer Alaska Railroad Corporation/Secretary of SBP**

The annual Back-to-School Picnic at Government Hill Elementary is a highlight for the Alaska Railroad Corporation and its employees, not to mention all the kids who feast on hot dogs grilled “to perfection” by their neighbors just down the hill. Each year volunteers from the Railroad hand out over 750 hot dogs, chips, drinks, and smiles to returning students, teachers and families. The 2005 event was no exception to the grilling, chilling and fun.

The Back-to-School Picnic has been going on for several years, with the Railroad providing full-service support. We donate the food, blow up a bunch of balloons, offer prizes, and provide all the necessary volunteers who set up, cook, engage, and clean up.

The picnic is just one way that the Alaska Railroad works with the school to promote education, community and fellowship. As a School Business Partner, the Railroad supports and works with Government Hill Elementary in a variety of ways.

The Railroad helps the Government Hill Parent Teacher Association (PTA) carry out its mission. For example, the PTA is actively engaged at the picnic, an ideal forum for the PTA to recruit members and promote the organization.

Throughout the school year, Railroad volunteers serve as judges at school science fairs and spelling bees. During the summer, they help with providing snacks for students in the summer program. If volunteer participation is any indication, the Railroad and its employees take great pride in giving back to the students, families and community.

The Alaska Railroad-Government Elementary is clearly a success story inside the success story that is the Anchorage School District’s School Business Partnership program. Time and again, committed businesses and schools learn from each other. The result is a mutually better understanding of neighboring businesses, education and community.

Partnership activities engage people from all walks and experiences - families, PTA’s, teachers, businesses, neighbors, and most gratifying of all, the students and employees.

Anyone involved with a school partnership will agree that the hallmarks of a great partnership are dedication, diligence and communication. It takes hard work and commitment. The Back-to-School Picnic is proof. It’s hot, it’s crowded...it is pure mayhem! And yet, hearty volunteers and hungry students turn out to be the perfect partners.

It is safe to say that a School Business Partnership is certainly no “picnic.” It’s much better.



The Back to School picnic is not just for students, it’s a time for the community and family to kick off the school year.



Government Hill Elementary families and friends gather under the big top for this years back to school picnic sponsored by the Alaska Railroad. The Alaska Railroad Corporation and Government Hill Elementary have had a relationship for over a decade and have been School Business Partners as well.



Anchorage School Business Partnerships started in 1991 and has since grown to over 450 partnerships that range from a one man business to large organizations such as British Petroleum and FedEx. The organization is supported by both the Anchorage School District and the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce.

Anchorage SBP operates as a non-profit corporation with a Board of Directors that provides guidance and direction for the program as a whole. Partnerships range from a one-person business involved with a school to large corporations involved with many schools and sometimes districtwide. Each partnership starts with an agreement in which both the business and the school outline what the expectations are for each party.

School Business Partnerships exists to promote and sustain quality partnerships between academic and the business/ professional community.

Have questions or need more information?
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