

**Center of Excellence to Prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty
Francis Marion University**



NATIONAL NETWORK OF PARTNERSHIP SCHOOLS

March 2013 E-Brief

To: National Network of Partnership Schools (NNPS)

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Happy Spring NNPS Colleagues!

As the temperature outside is warming up, we hope your partnership activities are “blooming” along with the flowers this spring. In this e-brief you will find information about important COE NNPS activities that are “coming up” to **support programs of school, family, and community partnerships.**



-----YOU'RE INVITED-----

NNPS End-of-Year Breakfast Celebration

8:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.

Thursday, April 25, 2013

Palmetto Room, Ervin Dining Hall, Francis Marion University

Each year the Center Of Excellence hosts a National Network of Partnership School End-of-Year Celebration to provide an opportunity for each school to share their most promising partnership practice and learn from what others have done. This important event is designed to bring school teams together, recognize excellent work, share ideas, and encourage and strengthen school, family, and community partnerships.

Agenda

8:00a.m-10:00a.m

8:00-8:15

8:15-8:30

8:30-10:00

Promising Practices Breakfast Celebration

Registration

Welcome & Breakfast & Exhibits★

Promising Partnership Panel & Poster Presentations★

***Who should attend:* Bring all members of your Action Team for Partnerships!**

★ Exhibits are optional. Any school that wishes to share their best practice may bring a poster to exhibit. Those who choose to bring an exhibit will be entered into a **grand prize drawing!**

★2012-2013 COE Outreach Recipients will present Poster Presentations.

10:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.

Prepare for Next School Year

School Action Teams will consider the various best practices, exhibits, and challenges that are presented at the celebration. Using their present One-Year Action Plans for Partnerships and the goals in their School Improvement Plans, Action Teams will review and revise their One-Year Action Plan for Partnerships for the next school year. ★

★ Please bring your 2012-2013 NNPS One-Year Action Plan for this activity.

To register, contact the COE by phone (843-661-1828) or email (coe@fmarion.edu).

Reservations are required. Make your reservations by April 16th.



COE Awards Partnership Outreach Projects

The National Network of Partnership Schools (NNPS) Outreach Project is a collaborative project with the Center of Excellence to highlight the “Promising Practices” being implemented by National Network of Partnership Schools.

CONGRATULATIONS to the 2012-2013 School, Community, Family Outreach Recipients!



Moore Intermediate School - Florence One

SAVE: Students Against Violence Everywhere

Students will become aware of bullying incidents, people who have experienced bullying, and positive ways to handle bullying by creating a scrapbook with their parents and sharing it with other students, parents, and community members. Parents and students will work together to create an original artwork that promotes anti-violence and anti-bullying.

Carver Elementary School - Florence One

Carver Community Read-a-thon

Parents, volunteers, community members, and school personnel will be involved in reading to the students at the Carver Community Read-A-Thon. Prior to the event, parents will attend a workshop to discuss reading strategies to help them see the value of reading at home. A book drive with donations from parents, volunteers, and the COE Outreach Project will be given to students to take home after the Read-A-Thon.

Greenwood Elementary School - Florence One

Launching the Library

A Family Reading Night was held at the public library with special events such as teachers reading to groups, a presentation on library etiquette/using the library, and a presentation from the Behavioral Health counselor, as well as an opportunity for students and parents to apply for a library card.

Scranton Elementary School - Florence Three

Walking to A Better Future

The goal of this project was to increase community and parental presence on campus by increasing awareness on healthier living and providing a means to accomplish it. Students, staff, parents and the community were invited to a ribbon cutting ceremony to jumpstart the event. The Physical Education teacher led warm-up exercises and discussions about how physical activity is beneficial. Participants are keeping walking journals throughout the year to show their progress toward a healthier lifestyle.

Lake City High School - Florence Three

Panther Career & College Expo

Parents and students were invited to participate in this college and career fair. Colleges, universities, and local businesses were invited to share information about the courses and opportunities available to the students. Speakers were available for additional guidance in career and college choices as well as a Financial Aid Workshop.

Lee Central Middle School - Lee County

Books & Basketball: Family Literature Night

Teachers send out weekly reading tips and strategies for parents to encourage their children to read more. Community businesses and faith-based organizations were asked by parent volunteers to donate books in order to provide all students with books to take home. During the Books & Basketball Family Literature Night, parents participated in grade-level sessions and received drawstring book bags filled with reading activities, folder games, and other materials they can use at home for learning with their child.

Lee Central High School - Lee County

Family Math Night

The goal of this project was to increase students' math skills and abilities by hosting a night for parents to engage in math with their students, go to parent information sessions. In addition, teachers send out weekly tips and strategies that parents can use at home to help their child prepare for EOC.

Delmae Heights Elementary School - Florence One

No Parents Left Behind: ELL Support Station

In an effort to support the families and students of the English Language Learner (ELL) students, Delmae implemented an Electronic Support Station (ELL) within the school to serve students and family units in their school in order to improve home/school communications.

Lake City Elementary School ~ Florence Three

MAC-Men Achieving Great Character

Character Education classes involving male role models and 4th and 5th grade male students are taught monthly by the Behavioral Interventionist. The student and his male mentor also participate in activities that enhance knowledge of social settings outside of school as well.

REGISTER NOW!
COE 2013 Summer Institute

June 19-20

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Francis Marion University

The COE Summer Institute is a two-day event designed to provide participants with practical, research-based information focusing on the needs and abilities of children of poverty. The theme of the COE Summer Institute is ***“Important Work: Teaching Children of Poverty.”*** The event will feature keynote addresses and breakout sessions focusing on research-based classroom strategies and best practices in the following areas as they relate to the **needs and abilities of children of poverty:**

- ★ Life in Poverty
- ★ Language and Literacy
- ★ Family and Community Partnerships
- ★ The Classroom Community
- ★ Curriculum Design, Instructional Strategies & Assessment
- ★ Strong and Supportive School Leadership
- ★ Teachers of Children of Poverty as Learners, Leaders, and Advocates

**Reservations accepted by mail to the Center of Excellence, or registration forms online [here](#).
Complete form and mail with payment to FMU Cashier’s Office PO Box 100547 Florence, SC**

Check out these Resources!

Using Parent and Family Engagement as a Dropout Prevention Strategy

National Dropout Prevention Center/Network

Learn why family and community engagement are so important! Find out about models and frameworks of parental involvement by watching a webinar [here](#).

Partners Are Essential

Education Week

Leaders and their schools need partners in this business of educating society's youth and creating responsible, productive, creative and active citizens. Hopefully, these young people will possess values, conscience and courage as well. If we truly care, we need partners. Learn more by reading the article [here](#).

Please remember that we are always available to assist you in any way either on-site or by phone!

Thank you in advance for distributing this e-brief to all school ATP members!