

Andrew Jackson Elementary School

Partnerships

Partnerships between schools and community organizations create a support system that enables students to succeed while contributing to a healthy and vibrant community within Jackson and beyond. Partnerships bring together principals, teachers, school district staff, community-based organizations, health and human service agencies, parents and family as well as community leaders that work in conjunction to expand opportunities for children, families and communities.

This list provides many of the school's partners (alphabetical order) with a brief description of their involvement within the Jackson community.

Acme

The neighborhood grocery store provides grants, food donation and sponsorship to Jackson.

Academy in Manayunk (AIM)

AIM is partnering with Jackson for a four year pilot program beginning fall 2014. The program provides weekly tutors to Jackson students with reading disabilities.

Advancing Civics Education (ACE)

In the past, ACE brought lawyers from the bench and bar association into Jackson once a month to teach lessons on constitutional principles, dispute resolution and rights of citizenship.

Alterra Property Group

The group hosted a very successful fundraiser that provided funds for the new playground. They also worked in the planning period as well as donating goods for the September 2014 community day and unveiling of the playground.

Astral Artists

The music organization partnered with Jackson in 2014 for a three year music education residency. Exceptionally talented classical musicians come to the school six times per year to perform and work with students.

Ballet X

Ballet X worked with the school in the past with an 11-week after school program to enrich students' lives with dance. In the 2014-15 school year, the company is utilizing their Dance eXchange program in Jackson's gym class curriculum.

Bethanna

Bethanna services partnered with Jackson in 2014 to provide monthly to quarterly meetings with parents of students who are interested in learning about parental resilience, childhood development and understanding how to utilize local resources.

Book Trust

The organization works with Jackson to provide students with a small monthly allowance to personally pick scholastic books every month.

City of Philadelphia Police Department

The department holds an annual assembly at Jackson for upper grades called Heads Up- an anti drug campaign.

Clay Studio

The Clay Studio partnered with Jackson to supplement the curriculum in the form of arts education.

Comcast

Comcast provided Jackson with a \$5,000 grant to work in cohesion with **COSACOSA art at large, Inc.** to create digital art within the school.

Dance in Classrooms Philly

Members of the organization come into Jackson twice a week meeting with students and teaching them ballroom dancing while teaching them behavioral skills and social graces.

Fairmount Water Works

The organization partnered with Jackson in 2014 for a three year middle school teacher fellowship program that provides 60 hours of professional development during monthly Saturday sessions.

First Book

The organization has donated over 800 books to Jackson students with an emphasis on early literacy and ownership.

First Unitarian Church of Philadelphia

Members facilitate the Learning Buddies tutoring program as well as the school supply drive. Learning Buddies is in its fifth year at Jackson where members help students with the 100 book challenge, early literacy and one on one classroom instruction.

Friends Select School

Friends Select School provides volunteers once a year at Jackson so students can complete their community service requirements.

Friends of Jackson

Friends of Jackson are family members of students and neighbors who help with fundraisers and uniforms.

Easter Seals

The nonprofit provides an occupational therapist and speech therapist to work with the community based head start within Jackson school.

E-Built, Inc.

The EnVision group partnered with Jackson to help in a multitude of ways. The foremost being the time and dedication to the planning and construction of the new 2014 playground and memorial in the school yard.

Generation 3 Electric

The company starting working with Jackson in 2013. Employees donate time and supply equipment for simple electrical needs around the school.

Home & School Association (HSA)

The association is run by parents of Jackson students to organize fundraisers, facilitate special events and recruit volunteers for school tasks.

Hope Baptist Church

The church works with Jackson school every year to provide a graduation space for eighth graders.

Musicopia

The non-profit music education program provides an artist in residency pilot program (until 2017) that works with students and the music teacher for rock band practice. In the past, they brought the school rock band "Home" to perform at a Phillies game.

Passyunk Civic Square Association (PCSA)

PCSA works with Jackson in a variety of ways such as donations, providing volunteers for events, organizing the rooftop garden, education and planning events.

Penn Museum

On field trips, the museum provides private object viewing for students and various educational opportunities.

Pennsylvania Ballet

The Ballet partnered with Jackson in 2014 to provide free dress rehearsal performances for the students through late winter and spring of 2015.

Philadelphia Higher Education Network for Neighborhood Development (PHENND)

PHENND works with Jackson to provide a three year grant beginning 2014 in the form of an AmeriCorps VISTA member that works within the school to facilitate, manage and sustain school community partnerships.

Philadelphia Inquirer

The company partnered with Jackson for their Newspapers in Education program. They donate the Philadelphia Inquirer and an educational supplement every week that works as an addendum to the current curriculum.

Philadelphia Mural Arts Program

The program partnered with Jackson to donate supplies, skills and volunteer time and created a mural outside of the school library.

Philadelphia Orchestra

The Orchestra provides a coordinator and musician to work with second, third and fourth graders one time per week. They teach students to play the recorder and work on musical composition. In addition to the lessons, the orchestra provides two free performances (field trips) per year for students at the Kimmel Center.

Play InBetween

The organization worked with Jackson and other school partners to provide a new playground in 2014 that emphasized touchable art through innovative, commercial playground equipment.

PlayWorks

PlayWorks is in its third year of partnering with Jackson. They send a coach to Jackson Monday through Friday to work in the classroom facilitating game time as well as monitoring recess to create a healthy, safe and inclusive playtime with an emphasis on good behavior, understanding and leadership.

Police Athletic League of Philadelphia (PAL)

In the past, PAL partnered with Jackson for their youth program to play basketball with male students.

Public Citizens for Children and Youth (PCCY)

The Picasso Awards are arts education grants that will explore diverse cultures with “Fabrics, Flowers, Foods” murals with community partners **COSACOSA art at large, Inc.** and the **Passyunk Square Civic Association (PSCA)** at Jackson in 2014-15.

Rotary Club of Philadelphia

The Rotary Club provided funds for students that will be used for swag to encourage service in young people. The Club also used Jackson as a pilot for their InterAct Program that teaches service skills.

Safe Routes Philly

The organization is working with the **Bicycle Coalition of Greater Philadelphia** to promote pedestrian and bicycle safety. Safe Routes provided information and swag for the 2014 walk to school day.

ShIPLEY School

The Shipley School is very involved with Jackson as they are sister schools. The Shipley School worked with the **Ezra Project** in 2014 for the Jackson Gym Renewal. The school also brings in various resources including student interns. This year Shipley

School will help their Spanish and Mandarin language learners come to Jackson once a month to help students complete homework and daily assignments. At the end of each year, Shipley seniors complete a senior day of service at Jackson that provides much needed volunteer resources.

Stop the Madness Foundation

In the past, Stop the Madness Foundation worked with **Rising Sons** at Jackson to mentor boys and provided information on anti bullying for students and staff.

Swarthmore College

Students and a professor from the college help Jackson by volunteering for various events. As of fall 2014, a sociology class is working with Jackson to build an aquaponics greenhouse in the school yard that will encourage scientific curiosity and supplement the curriculum.

Target

The store awarded Jackson with a \$700 grant to be used for field trips.

Temple University

Temple's partnership with Jackson provides various resources such as student teachers, Spanish parent classes (past), and a biweekly after school STEM program for sixth, seventh and eighth graders.

Theatre Exile

The theatre company works with sixth, seventh and eighth grade students and teachers in a class elective two sessions per week teaching playwriting and acting with an emphasis on community, socially driven critical analysis and human condition. In addition to helping with the school curriculum, the company allows students to practice their monologues in the theatre setting.

The Food Trust

The Food Trust works with Jackson in a variety of ways such as their program Eat Right Now that highlights healthy foods for students. They also provide Caregiver Cooking Classes for parents and guardians at Jackson.

TruMark Financial

In 2014, TruMark Financial worked with Jackson and a handful of Philadelphia schools to facilitate the Kiss a Pig fundraising event to provide much needed financial assistance as well as teaching financial literacy for youth.

University of the Arts

The University provides Jackson school with student teachers as well as working closely with the music teacher for after school band practice.

University of Pennsylvania

UPenn provides Jackson with student teachers and in the past facilitated a Spanish Heritage Language Club and a Chinese After School Club.

Voya Financial (Formerly ING U.S.)

This partnership provided playwright and photography grants to the school as well as awarding Principal Kaplan with the Unsung Heroes Award.

Wawa

Wawa provides financial resources for Jackson's music program. In 2013, Wawa's Welcome America concert brought Jackson's school band "Home" for a large public performance.

Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania

Wharton students work with students in an after school program called ACTION at Jackson that teaches children Spanish language skills.

Whole Foods

The grocery store provided grant funds for the rooftop garden from their Whole Kids Foundation.