The non-profit Business/Education Partnership Forum, http://www.biz4ed.org/, is a free online resource center for anyone involved in school-business partnerships, as well as for those interested in business' role in supporting K-12 education. It offers an index of current news articles and press announcements; various resources for businesses and schools (such as how-to guides and market reports); a directory of national, state, and local organizations; an index of best practices/case studies; and an online forum where participants can communicate with others in the field.

Interested in the evolution of school-business partnerships – from traditional "adopt-a-school" efforts to mutually beneficial initiatives – the Daniels Fund researched why some partnerships are more effective than others. More information go to www.danielsfund.org/sevenstrategies/strategies.
The Spring winner of the Mike Kehoe Gearing Up for Education Award is Nicole Langston, Lawson Elementary. The $500 award will be used to purchase Steve Spangler science materials which are tools for teachers to turn ordinary activities into unforgettable learning experience!

The Mike Kehoe Auto Group in cooperation with the Education Division of the Jefferson City Area Chamber of Commerce sponsors the $500 award. The Jefferson City area is fortunate to have many great teachers who work hard to give their students exciting learning opportunities each day, but sometimes teachers need a little help in putting their lessons into action – that’s where the “Gearing Up for Education” program helps. “Gearing Up for Education” encourages teachers to apply for a $500 award to help them purchase the “gear” they need to help make their program work at top efficiency. There are two events each school year. Educators from the Jefferson City Public Schools District and all other public and parochial schools in Cole County are eligible to submit nominations. Nomination information may be viewed at www.mikekehoe.com or www.jeffersoncitychamber.org. The winning applicant was surprised with $500 from Mike Kehoe Auto Group, flowers courtesy of Price’s Florist, a pizza party from Pizza Hut and soda from Jefferson City Coca-Cola Bottling Company. For more information, contact Kathy A. Scheulen, Jefferson City Area Chamber of Commerce, 638-3583.

Pictured (l to r) with Mrs. Langston’s class are Dr. Winston Rutledge, Kim Jacobs, Price’s Florist, Mike Rogers, Mike Kehoe Auto Group, Mrs. Langston, Joe Shockley & Steve Gariepy, Pizza Hut, and Mike Kehoe. Congratulations Mrs. Langston!!!

NICHOLLS CAREER CENTER AND MIKE KEHOE AUTO GROUP

On December 6th 2007, Nichols Career Center students from the auto collision and mechanical programs made a visit to Mike Kehoe Auto Group. We had a tour of both the Service and Body shop areas. This gave the students an opportunity to see Special Equipment that is used, watch our personnel in the dealership interact with customers and view mechanical repairs being made. Overall this was a great way for the students to see the day to day repair and highly trained technical field that can be part of there future.

CHAMBER TODAY

Chamber Today, the Jefferson City Area Chamber of Commerce’s newsletter, is published the first Saturday of each month in the Business Section of the News Tribune. If you’d like to submit a picture and short outline of a Partner in Education activity, please send to Kathy Scheulen, kathscheulen@jccchamber.org.
CECILIA HILL ELEMENTARY & PANERA BREAD

On Monday, March 3, Panera Bread of Jefferson City invited thirty-six Cedar Hill Elementary students to join them in celebrating National Read Across America Day. Students ate breakfast and shared in the joy of reading as Tony Wening, dressed as Cat in the Hat, read a Dr. Seuss book to the children.

The celebration at Panera Bread was a reward for Cedar Hill students who met specific reading requirements. Students in grades 2-5 had the opportunity put their name in a drawing when they read a book, took a test on the book and scored 80% or above. Students in grades K-1 put their names in a drawing based on the amount of reading they did each week. Two students were selected from each classroom.

“The children were delighted to be rewarded for their reading efforts in this manner,” said Mrs. Lorie Rost, Principal of Cedar Hill Elementary. “We appreciate Panera Bread’s help in encouraging children to see the value in reading.”

“We were happy to help celebrate a day of reading with Cedar Hill students,” said Elizabeth Johnson, General Manager of Panera Bread. “We hope this encourages students to read even more books.”

For more information, please contact Amy Monteer, Neighborhood Marketing Coordinator at 573-480-2346 or by email at amym@usmo.com.

COLE COUNTY HEAD START & CAPITAL REGION MEDICAL CENTER

Capital Region Medical Center visited Cole County Head Start to educate parents and students of the importance of hand washing to stay healthy. Valerie Lyon, R.N., Capital Region Infection Control Nurse gave a talk about proper hygiene to stay healthy during the cold and flu season.

Parents and teachers inspected their freshly washed hands under a fluorescent light to see how clean they are. Participants rubbed fluorescent lotion on their hand and washed with soap and water to see what they missed.

Cole County Head Start children made Get Well cards for Capital Region Medical Center patients in honor of National Patient Recognition Week. Capital Region Medical Center donated art and craft supplies to benefit Cole County Head Start.
The Robotic Team was made up of about 30 seventh grade students. They met several days a week for six weeks and took three trips to SLU to prepare for the BEST (boosting engineering science and technology) Competition. During this time they built a robot that could climb a platform to pick up boxes, built a 10 ft by 10 ft display cubicule, created an oral presentations including power point, and built a replica of the obstacle course. They competed against 16 high schools and did not place...this year. They will start preparing for next year’s competition in January.

Ten of the original team were selected to participate in the First Lego League Competition. They spent almost everyday after school from November to December to prepare. In this contest, they had to build a robot out of legos, program the "brain" of the robot to perform tasks on an obstacle course and prepare a presentation for two panels of judges. They came home with a large golden lego trophy called the "against all odds" award. This means they scored really well despite being a first year team and overcoming some unusual trials.

The art students made a trip out to ALPLA and painted their windows for Christmas. Throughout the month the 7th grade vocal music and orchestra student travel and performed at the ALPLA plant. Santa even joined us a few times.

The Christmas season started off December 8th at Schnucks. LCMS band, orchestra and the vocal music students performed for the employees and customers coming into the store. The Student Council served cookies and hot chocolate while Student Council members, the teaching staff and their families rang the Salvation Army bell. What a day of Christmas spirit and fun.
January 10th was the Volleyball, Chili Supper and Silent Art Auction at Lewis and Clark. The evening was full of excitement. Central Bank and William Woods University join the LCMS staff in a friendly evening of volleyball competition. Monies raised from the volleyball game and chili supper will help send student council members to leadership camp this summer. The silent art auction raised money for the art department. It was a very successful evening.

LCMS arrived with their Santa hats and their Christmas spirit by singing traditional Christmas carols to the employees.

December 18th, the Student Council went to the Jefferson City Day Care Center for the center’s annual Christmas party. LCMS arrived with their Santa hats and their Christmas spirit. They brought cookies that had been made by our Facts Class (ingredients provided by Schnucks) and books donated by Scholastics. Central Bank was there with punch, napkins, and a very special stuffed toy for each child. There was lots of singing and good cheer. Oh yes, Santa (from ALPLA) stopped by and had his picture taken with each of the children.

On March 27th Lewis and Clark hosted their first Literacy Family Night. Our Partners in Education jumped in and once again offered to help out with this event.

We will finish out our year with LCMS’s mini Relay for Life. “Nutrition” will be the prime focus. We will once again sell memory bags for 25 cents honoring individuals who have lost their lives to cancer and also for those who are survivors. May 9th, stop by an catch LCMS staff and student body promoting a healthy way to life.
The Partners in Education program continues to grow! We currently have over 70 partnerships!! If your school is working with a local company or organization and you wish to add the partnership to the Partners in Education program, please contact Kathy at the Chamber office.

This newsletter includes information on several resources available to the staff at your school. Please share it with them. The information may be reprinted.

For more information, please contact Kathy at the Chamber office, 634-3616.

**SAVING FOR EDUCATION**

The Higher Education committee of the Jefferson City Area Chamber of Commerce is concerned about an increasing number of students interested in attending post-secondary education who are unable to pay for additional training and schooling beyond high school. To address this concern, the committee developed a flyer to distribute to area elementary and middle schools.

The flyer encourages parents to explore options for saving for education. It also has numerous resources for additional information on savings plans and career planning. The committee is not endorsing a specific plan for saving for education.

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- A.G. Edwards
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- Central Bank
- Hawthorn Bank

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- Jefferson Bank
- Metro Business College

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- General Counsel, Sec. of State
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**FBLA:**
- Jefferson City Area Chamber of Commerce
- Premier Bank
- March of Dimes

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