

BENEFITS OF A PARTNERSHIP



Educating and raising the next generation is a shared responsibility. When schools and faith-based organizations collaborate, students find more success and the entire community benefits. Partnerships provide opportunities for community outreach, promote generosity, and encourage membership engagement while providing students with invaluable skills to build value-based character so they may become positive role models in our community.



Faith-based partners provide an extra special touch of support that encourages children, their families, and teachers by calling the citizenry out of complacency to address the needs of stakeholders and to further a practice of communitarian concern for our schools. Active faith-based partners help to promote healthy social/emotional wellbeing and improved academic and behavioral performance amongst our students.

Principal Sharon A. Phillips, Ph.D.
Tidewater Park Elementary School

The role of the church in educating our children is both long and noble. There is no greater investment of our time and resources.

Reverend Dr. Kirk T. Houston Sr.
Gethsemane Community Fellowship Baptist Church

Little Creek's staff and families have continued to thrive by growing and building the relationship with our community faith-based partners! Their support and generosity have contributed to assisting families with back-to-school supplies, holiday gifts, food insecurities and clothing needs, volunteering at family events, offering support groups, and beautifying our campus. Together we have bridged a relationship that provides authentic and meaningful opportunities to better serve our school community.

Principal Cheryl Coghlan
Little Creek Elementary School

As the Church, it is such an amazing honor to serve alongside NPS as we seek to not only bring joy to the young people of our city, but to constantly remind them that they have purpose and value. The partnership of our faith communities is so vital because when people know they are loved, the possibilities of what they can accomplish are endless.

Pastor Jared Klingmeyer
Wave Church

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PURPOSE

Faith Based Partners work together with Norfolk Public Schools to maximize resources and relationships that foster growth and success for all students.



Tabernacle Church of Norfolk water bottle donation event

WAYS TO HELP

- Donate student or classroom supplies
- Provide food and clothing (i.e. uniforms and food baskets)
- Serve as mentors
- Provide tutoring support and serve as reading buddies
- Support/Sponsor after school club
- Become an active PTA member
- Assist with college and career readiness
- And much more!



Spring Branch Church preparing Thanksgiving holiday baskets for Jacox Elementary families

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Norfolk Public Schools has identified five goals, known as the *Drive for Five*, that will support equity and excellence for *all* of our students, no matter what. Goal #4 states that we will be more purposeful and strategic in developing and sustaining effective partnerships with our families and other community stakeholders.

Scan the Quick Response (QR) code with your cell phone camera to explore how Faith-Based organizations can begin partnering with NPS.



Wave Church "I Love My City School Makeover" annual event