

CARES

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Community Action Reaching Every Student
a School Volunteer Program of the
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Reflections

by Terry Miller

You---a CARES Volunteer---should be actively engaged with your campus work assignment by now. Only you know why you have chosen to volunteer. There are a myriad of possible reasons; but, whatever reason you bring to your experience as a CARES Volunteer, the coupling of reasons and experience should produce benefit to yourself and to the students in the form of increased student academic achievement. In the process the school will benefit. "Volunteers in schools re-engage the public in education, contribute new ideas to address school improvement, create a broader sense of community support, and improve school-community relations." (Pickeral, 1998)

On January 1, 2004, Texas Governor, Rick Perry, birthed the OneStar Foundation with the intent of supporting a new culture of volunteerism and for managing national service programs and other initiatives important to our state (see www.txserv.org). OneStar will challenge all Texans to become active community volunteers, with the understanding that less costly government requires the individual leadership of service to others. The effects of volunteer service to others are not restricted to governmental savings. Your presence within the Bay City ISD school system has a powerful rippling effect. One positive interaction with a student or member of the professional or support staff can have untold positive reverberations. The students are probably unaware that your service is not financially compensated, but the educational staff is. They know you volunteer and they respect you for it.

I was surprised at the Orientation on September 2nd at the number of first-time volunteers we have this year. The CARES Program is here to support your volunteer efforts and to assist you with any needs you may have. I hope you have a personally rewarding year as a CARES Volunteer.

Pickeral, Terry, "Volunteers in Schools," *U.S. Society & Values*, September 1998.

A Look Back at the 2003-2004 School Year

**We had 146 registered volunteers in the
CARES Program last year.
Who gave 6,320 volunteer hours to the district.
At minimum wage (\$5.15), this reflects a
\$32,548
in-kind contribution to Bay City ISD.
Thank you.**

102 CARES Volunteers are registered with BCISD - Community Education

The Annual CARES Orientation was held September 2, 2004

The CARES Volunteer Program kicked off the 2004-2005 school year on September 2, 2004 with its annual Orientation. The CARES Orientation is a one-day training seminar required for all registered volunteers. The Orientation is comprised of three parts: (1) district policies and procedures; (2) campus policies and procedures; and (3) campus interviews and orientation.

Anyone wishing to volunteer through the CARES Program must fill out a "Volunteer Registration Form" with the Community Education office which authorizes the school district to conduct a background check on the registering volunteer. The volunteer is then matched to a campus work assignment based on the volunteers schedule and preferences.

The CARES Program's goals are these: to relieve the teacher of non-professional chores, thus providing more time for instruction; to offer individual help to children who are not working well in a group situation; to enrich the school program by making available the talents and resources of the community; and to stimulate an informed community to more actively support public education.

If you are interested in becoming a CARES Volunteer for the Bay City ISD, we accept volunteer registration throughout the school year. Simply come by the Community Education office at 2400 4th Street in Bay City and fill out a registration form. Even though you missed the kick off Orientation, we will train you before assigning you to a campus.

Volunteers by Campus

Cherry Elementary	27
Tenie Holmes Elementary	31
Roberts Elementary	36
Bay City Middle School	9
McAllister Middle School	27
Bay City Junior High	3
Bay City High School	3
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TOTAL DISTRICT	136

(Note: The "total district" of 136 volunteers includes duplications. That is, some volunteers work at more than one campus.)

Meet the Community Ed. & Information Staff



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