

RSVP NEWS



Volunteers Needed to go Back to School

Volunteers in the classroom can make an astounding, positive change in the habits and behavior of a child. Students working with volunteers not only have higher test scores and improved grades but also demonstrate a better attitude, higher level of self confidence, have fewer absences, regularly complete homework assignments and ultimately are more likely to graduate.

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RSVP Volunteers are assisting teachers and students by sharing their time and love for learning. By providing one-on-one tutoring to children in the classroom, students that are struggling and even those who are over-achieving, are receiving some extra attention and encouragement - and the volunteers are loving the experience! "I'm enjoying my experience and feel as though I am making a difference. With 30 children in a Kindergarten classroom and no teacher aide, the teacher really needs help . That's why tapping into volunteers is so important." Christine Kukla, RSVP Volunteer at West Hertel Academy.

The teachers also enjoy this partnership and are very appreciative of the help. David Irving helps 8th grade students with their mathematic studies. The classroom teacher Ms. Mary Flemming has said, "David has been a wonderful asset to our learning environment! He has patience of gold, and we are lucky to have him. He doesn't just teach he also tries to stimulate interest in the students. He asks students where they are from and he will find interesting facts, or maps to spark a conversation. He will bring in interesting articles as well. Thank you again for sharing Dave with us. "

You too can make a difference in a child's life. We are currently seeking volunteers to serve in the following schools:

Charles Drew (2 locations)
BPS #81
Discovery School
Southside Elementary
Waterfront Academy
West Hertel

Volunteers will work one on one, in small group settings and assist the teacher as needed. Pre -K through 8th grade opportunities available. Please contact Carrie for more information at 858-7548 or email- carrie.smith@erie.gov



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