



# AACPS PARTNER NEWS

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## Welcome to the PDM Partner News! Issue 2, December 2016

Welcome to our Partnerships, Development & Marketing (PDM) newsletter, dedicated to keeping you up-to-date with important information, resources, and strategies to help support our students, families, and schools.

## Parent Involvement Conference reaches more than 200 families in our county

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*Parents share their hopes for the year at the Fall Conference.*

In November, parents and community members gathered at Anne Arundel Community College for the fall Family Involvement Conference, hosted by the Office of School and Family Partnerships. Superintendent George Arlotto delivered a rousing keynote address, "Belief and Hope: Essential Ingredients for Growing Our Children," which was followed by a choice of 11 different breakout sessions.

## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday, December 7

[Shop at Whole Foods and 5% will go back to our schools](#)

[Vote on Wednesday, 12/7 to help Bates Middle School get a Northrop Grumman Foundation Fab School Lab](#) ;

### Saturday, February 25

National History Day

**Donate Now**

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Did you know you can make a tax-deductible donation to support our schools? The [21st Century Education Foundation](#) works to match the needs of the public schools of Anne Arundel County with the resources of surrounding businesses, industries, and communities. ;

## Faces of AACPS

Breakout topics ranged from school readiness, to youth suicide awareness, to mindful parenting, to trends in social media. Conference organizers would like to thank all of our community partners, including Anne Arundel County Council of PTAs, Annapolis Pediatrics, Educational Systems Federal Credit Union, and Anne Arundel Community College.

## Whole Foods Giveback Day

Whole Foods Market of Annapolis has partnered with the 21st Century Education Foundation (CEF) to support programs in need! **On Wednesday, December 7, 2016, 5% of all sales will be donated to the 21st CEF.** There will also be a store-wide holiday tasting from 4:30-6:30 p.m. and an all-day food drive to support the Weekend Food Program.

The following schools will directly benefit from this fundraiser and will be serving up some delicious tastings:

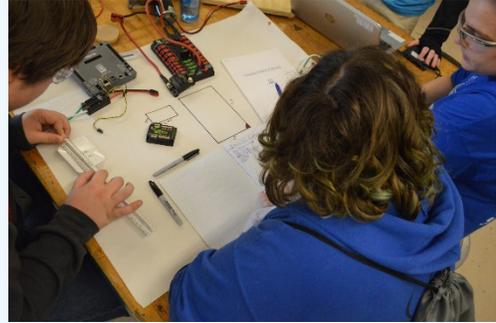
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Annapolis Middle, Arundel High, Broadneck High, Brooklyn Park Elementary, Edgewater Elementary, George Cromwell Elementary, Hebron-Harman Elementary, Hillsmere Elementary, and Hilltop Elementary

## AACPS Comes Together to Support Our Community

More than 150 employees showed their support through two important Fall campaigns benefiting students in our county and their families. First, AACPS Central Office and Satellite employees **raised more than \$16,200 through the Employee Giving Campaign** to support programs in our schools.

This year, and for the past ten, AACPS has had **100% participation from 125 schools in the Harvest for the Hungry Campaign**, which benefits the Anne Arundel County Food Bank. We just finalized the 2016 campaign and hope to maintain our 1st place ranking among all school systems in the state.



Shannon, a student at South River High School shares how her experiences on the robotics team has shaped who she has become. [Read her full story here.](#)



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## Then & NOW *Alumni Success Stories*

Every year, thousands of AACPS students graduate from our schools, ready to take the next step to pursue their passion and reach their goals. Then & Now turns the spotlight onto these alumni and asks: Where they are now? What inspired them to choose this path? And how did their experience in AACPS help them get here?

Watch at [www.aacps.org/thenandnow](http://www.aacps.org/thenandnow).



*Left to Right: Jowan Hurley, Dorliese Boston, and Karen Utkewicz show their support at the Central Office Harvest for the Hungry Ice Cream Social.*

## Do you know about Maryland History Day?

Each year over 5,000 students in Anne Arundel County participate in a nationwide history competition called "National History Day." ; This year AACPS will be holding the competition on **Saturday, February 25.**

**If you are interested in being a judge or sponsoring a special award, let us know.** Please contact Eve Case at (410) 222-5442 or [ecase@aacps.org](mailto:ecase@aacps.org) to participate.

## Business Partner Spotlight: Development Facilitators, Inc.



*Ray Streib, helping Corkran Middle School students explore their newly donated Chromebooks.*

Ray Streib, owner of Development Facilitators, Inc., and Vice President of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Education Foundation

## Behind the Scenes

Have you ever wondered about the people who serve our students everyday outside of the classroom? PDM takes a look behind the scenes to learn more about the many employees that make our students' successes possible. [Find out more.](#)

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If you have questions about this newsletter or know someone who would like to receive this quarterly alert, please contact Jennifer Halstead at [jhalstead@aacps.org](mailto:jhalstead@aacps.org).

Board of Directors, is committed to providing Anne Arundel County's youth the opportunities they need to be successful. DFI Engineering actively seeks to partner with the school system on a variety of projects and programs including two middle and high school Civil Engineering Expos, mock interviews at high schools in the Northern part of the county, and projects with the Glen Burnie High School Business Advisory Board.

We thank Mr. Streib & the employees of DFI for their ongoing support and **congratulate them on being recognized as the 2016 Corporate Philanthropist of the Year** from the Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County.

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