



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



Eric Smith of PBK (second from left) congratulates Matt Warford (left), Harlem Elementary School principal, for his faculty's contributions to the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation. PBK provided a luncheon for Harlem's faculty as the winning school, with 55 percent of its employees contributing to the Education Foundation's Get On the Bus campaign. Also pictured are Don Bobo and Meryl Edmeade, GCCISD Education Foundation members. [View photo gallery here.](#)

Harlem Elementary Wins for Highest Education Foundation Contributions

Faculty and staff members from Harlem Elementary School were treated to lunch, sponsored by PBK architects, for being the school with the highest percentage of employees who contributed to the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation's Get On the Bus campaign.

"I want to thank you from the Education Foundation Board for donating," said Barbara Wilson, Education Foundation Board member. "Fifty-five percent of the staff at Harlem contributed, and you are the number one school!"

District employees, who donated a minimum of \$2.50 per paycheck or \$60 total to the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation for 2013-14, received a purple Get On the Bus t-shirt and the opportunity to wear the shirt with jeans one day each month. Although Harlem won, Peter E. Hyland Center came in second with 48 percent and Stuart Career Center was close behind in third place with 47 percent of their employees donating to the campaign. Peter Hyland and Stuart Career faculties and staffs will receive a special treat, donated by San Jacinto Methodist Hospital.

"It didn't surprise me that Harlem won," said Matt Warford, Harlem principal. "This is a very giving school, and our staff members think with their hearts. When the Foundation came out to talk to us, they immediately wanted to contribute." The Education Foundation supports Goose Creek CISD through projects, such as Innovative Teaching Grants and the Students Choice Awards.

Last spring, 65 grants, totaling \$139,000 were awarded to teachers who completed grant applications for creative projects to enhance the curriculum. Since the inception of the Foundation, teachers have received more than \$340,000 in grants. Sixty teachers have been honored through the Students Choice Awards program as a result of senior students nominating them for making a difference in their lives.

"We are thrilled to be able to donate!" said Pam Schmitt, campus dyslexia specialist and member of the Harlem staff for 20 years. "We especially appreciate the time the Foundation took to come out and present the information about the Get On the Bus campaign to us. It made it more personal."

Tammy Beloney, fourth grade teacher, proudly sported her purple shirt at the luncheon as a symbol of her contribution to the Education Foundation. Although she has never applied for a grant, she has some ideas for resources for her students that just might show up on a grant application this spring with a little help from co-worker Linda LeDay, who has been awarded several grants. LeDay is always happy to offer fellow Harlem teachers some guidance in obtaining resources for their students through the grants.

The link to the Goose Creek CISD Education Foundation Spring 2014 Grant Application is now available on the District's homepage at www.gccisd.net. The deadline for submission of the applications is March 5, 2014.

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