



MEET SOME OF OUR PARTNERS

Emmaus Borough Council helped 2nd graders clean up and preserve the forest area around the South Mountain Access Trail.

Farmers provided tours and lessons on different types of farming, integrated pest management, and how products get to market. **Emmaus Farmers' Market** distributed a 1st grade brochure about the importance of buying local.

Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Center shared innovations that help their residents, inspiring students to create inventions of their own.

Lehigh University Design Lab students collaborated with 5th grade on a sustainable playground design.

Wildlands Conservancy presented specially-designed programs on pollution prevention, conservation, ecosystems and native species.

**See our website for a full list of partners.*



The foundation of our rigorous educational program, the research-based “using the Environment as an Integrated Context for learning” (EIC) curricular framework, is proven to:

- increase student performance on standardized measures of academic achievement in reading, writing, math, social studies and science
- improve development of problem-solving, critical thinking and decision-making skills
- expand engagement and enthusiasm for learning
- reduce discipline and classroom management problems
- heighten students' pride and ownership in schoolwork



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Community Partnerships





WHAT IS A COMMUNITY PARTNER?

A Community Partner is an organization that provides a developmentally appropriate service or contribution that enriches and expands our student learning. This enables students to become key players in improving life at their school and in their community.

INTERESTED IN PARTNERING?

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Sample Areas of Study

Sustainability

Forestry

Composting

Geography

Ecosystems

Watershed

Inventions and Innovations

Explorers

Pollinators

Local History

Government

Horticulture

Ornithology

Recycling

Conservation

Cultural Richness

Health and Wellness



Types of Partnerships

TYPE 1 - ACADEMIC COLLABORATION

Collaborate with teachers and share curriculum-related expertise using a child-centered approach.

Examples: Provide use of facility or site, on and off-site presentations (small or large group), donation of time and expertise.

TYPE 2 - GOODS OR SERVICES

The donation of expertise or supplies related to curriculum development.

Examples: Donations of products, discounts on supplies or instructional materials

TYPE 3 - FUNDS

A monetary or gift card contribution to enrich student learning through an environmental project-based approach

