



January 2012

Dear Business and Community Members,

We are excited to highlight an initiative within the Fredericksburg City Public Schools that began in October. Hugh Mercer Elementary School and Lafayette Upper Elementary School are offering “***Breakfast Buddies.***” This program encourages community members to eat breakfast with a child on a regular basis and through that develop a meaningful relationship that could positively impact the student for the rest of their lives!

To be a participant/mentor in this program we request that you make a commitment of at least one semester to your student. This time commitment would mean you would eat breakfast (approximately 30 minutes) with your assigned student on a schedule, either on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. The meals would be free of charge, and we ask that you sign in each time to receive a visitor’s badge. As a thank you, with your permission, we will list the names of the individuals and/or businesses that participate in our principal’s newsletters and on our website!

We hope that you will consider being part of this program. If you are interested and would consider making a difference in a child’s life, please contact the staff members listed below at the school of your choice.

**Hugh Mercer Elementary School: Kindergarten -2<sup>nd</sup> grade students**

Contact Person: DeNae Overton

Email: [doverton@cityschools.com](mailto:doverton@cityschools.com)

Address: 2100 Cowan Boulevard, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Phone: (540) 372-1115 *Breakfast between: 8:00 - 8:40 A.M.*

**Lafayette Upper Elementary: 3<sup>rd</sup> grade -5<sup>th</sup> grade students**

Contact Person: Lori Bridi

Email: [lbridi@cityschools.com](mailto:lbridi@cityschools.com)

Address: 3 Learning Lane, Fredericksburg, VA 22401

Phone: (540) 310-0029 *Breakfast between: 7:45 - 8:15 A.M.*

Thank you for your consideration in this community project!

Sincerely,

Pamela Steinkoenig  
Director of Student Services

Cc: Dr. David Melton, Superintendent, Fredericksburg City Public Schools  
Mr. John Russ, Principal at Lafayette Upper Elementary  
Mrs. Marjorie Tankersley, Principal Hugh Mercer Elementary