



LUNCH PALS 2016/2017 PROGRAM REPORT

June 2017



Make an Impact

**A Partnership between
Pinellas County Schools and Raymond James**

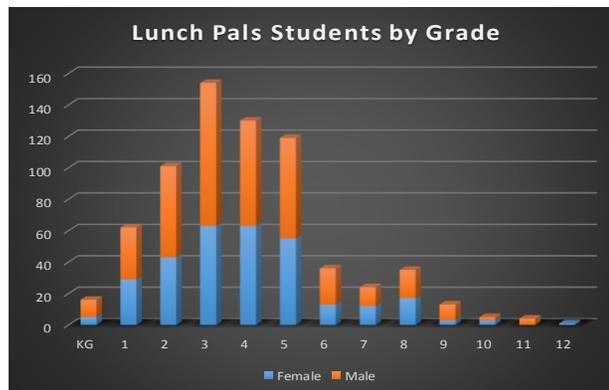


The Lunch Pals Story

In 2013, Raymond James began a partnership with Mount Vernon Elementary School to provide mentors and additional resources—a relationship that continues to thrive today. Realizing that many schools in Pinellas County have the same level of need and cannot be solely responsible for all students reaching their full potential, the company made a commitment to support the growth of the Lunch Pals mentoring program.

In Lunch Pals, businesses, community organizations and individuals are paired with schools to provide students with the additional presence of caring adults who meet one-to-one with students at school during lunch for 30 minutes once a week.

School staff identify students, often facing social, emotional and academic challenges, who could benefit from a mentoring relationship. There is no cost to the company, community organizations or individuals, and time is not taken away from a student's academic classes.



Lunch Pal Partners

- Ajax Building Corporation
- Bayfront Health St. Petersburg
- Calvary Chapel Pinellas Park
- Ceridian
- City of Clearwater
- City of Dunedin
- City of Gulfport
- City of Largo
- City of Pinellas Park
- City of St. Petersburg
- Cox Media
- Eckerd College
- FIS Global
- Fred G. Minnis, Sr. Bar Association
- Friends of North Shore Elementary School
- Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services
- Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital
- Junior League of St. Petersburg
- Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County
- Leaven Law
- Nielsen Media
- Our Savior Lutheran Church
- Pinellas County Administrator's Office
- Pinellas County Sheriff's Office
- Pinellas Sheriff's Police Athletic League
- Pinellas County Urban League
- Public Defender 6th Judicial Court
- Raymond James
- Raytheon
- Retired Senior Volunteer Program
- St. Paul United Methodist Church
- St. Petersburg College—All Campuses
- St. Petersburg Police Department
- Sembler
- Spectrum
- State Attorney 6th Judicial Court
- Stetson University College of Law
- Stonegate Mortgage
- Tampa Bay Times
- Tech Data
- Transamerica Financial
- US Coast Guard Air Station—Clearwater
- USFSP
- Vertical Ventures
- West Pharmaceutical

Our Success

	July 2015 to July 2016	August 2016 to June 2017
# of Partners	33	51
# of Schools	51	81
# of Students	284	707

2017 Survey Result Responses

They listen to me, they talk to me and also they are so nice to me and they care for me. Mentors are the best!
Student, Mt. Vernon Elementary

Getting to know the student and spending time together in a positive mentorship has been so rewarding. I greatly enjoy my weekly time to visit the school and feel it benefits me as much as her in a lot of ways.
Mentor, Pinellas County Government

It has made an impact with our students in the areas of attendance and motivation. They look forward to knowing that someone cares for them and wants them to do well. Our students crave positive attention and want to build relationships with good, kind people.
Principal, Gulfport Elementary

It has given her someone else she feels she can talk to and that puts her in a good place. She loves spending time with her and feels she is a real buddy.
Parent, High Point Elementary

Students look forward to seeing their mentors each week. They enjoy the one-to-one "specialness" of the program.
Teacher, Gulfport Elementary



She is fun and smart and loving and I like her. She is nice and kind to me and treats me like she wants to be treated and how I want to be treated.

Student, Bear Creek Elementary

I have enjoyed learning about my student, as an individual. She has become more expressive and communicative.

Mentor, Ajax Corporation

The program helps foster a positive environment for our students, giving them something and someone to look forward to on a weekly basis. While 30 minutes may seem small in the overall week, it means the world to our children. They talk about their mentors, the games and activities they play, and just the simple conversations they are involved in all week. It has definitely brought a smile and a spark to many students who were missing that this year.

Principal, High Point Elementary

The students are more confident. They work harder in the classroom academically and socially. Please continue investing in our children.

Teacher, Mount Vernon Elementary

It's easy to become a partner!

- ◆ Marketing materials and on-site mentor trainings are provided to partners at no cost.
- ◆ Each company or organization is matched with a nearby school to make it convenient for mentors.
- ◆ A designated school contact works with employees to match them with students to meet on days and at times that work best for their work schedules.
- ◆ Conversation starters and resource materials are shared with mentors to assure that their experience is easy and fun.

***Join Lunch Pals—It's simple,
enjoyable and rewarding!***

Make an *Impact!* Get Involved.

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Pinellas County Schools District Vision:
100% Student Success

Mission:

To establish partnerships and build relationships with businesses and community organizations, as well as individuals, to mentor the children in our community in support of the district vision.

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