

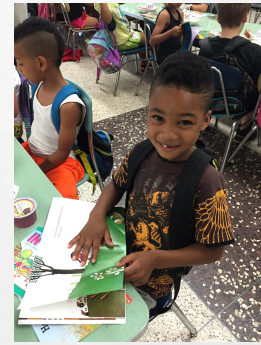
# **CELEBRATING COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

**HOLMES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**





# OUR MISSION



WE ARE ON A LEARNING JOURNEY TOGETHER.

WE TAKE RISKS TO BE OUR BEST.

WE INSPIRE, WE LEAD, WE ARE HOLMES.

# OUR PARTNERSHIPS



- PRAXAIR MENTOR PROGRAM
- READING BUDDIES
- BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

# OUR COMMUNITY – OUR NEIGHBORS



# WHY COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS?

- We believe the entire environment must educate, and everyone within this environment must become both educator and learner.<sup>1</sup>
- 80% students qualify for free and reduced lunch and access to community resources can be limited, therefore our school wide goal has been to provide an access to community resources for our families.

<sup>1</sup> J. I. Goodlad, (1982), "Toward a Vision of the 'Educative Community'," remarks at the National Community Education Association Convention, Atlanta, Georgia.

# PRAXAIR MENTOR PROGRAM

## FACTS

Began in 1992 as part of NYS Mentor Program Initiative.

Praxair Mentors have supported approximately 30 mentees yearly.

Mentors meet weekly with students before or after school or during lunch.

Each session starts with reading or academics followed by a fun activity.

## GOALS

Establish **positive mentoring relationships** that focus on improving social and academic skills of 2<sup>nd</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> grade students.

**Provide enrichment** in the areas of science and service through new experiences such as touring Praxair and STEM experiences at Buffalo Public Library.

## RESULTS

60% of current mentees are at grade level for reading.

10% of current mentees have had behavior referrals.

100% have positive mentor adult interaction 2-3x a month.

MENTOR AND MENTEE SHARING



# READING BUDDIES

## FACTS

Began in 2016 when Church of the Nativity inquired about supporting our school with volunteers on a weekly basis.

20 kindergarten students have a reading buddy read to them 2x week for 30 minutes on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

## GOALS

Reading with children to build background knowledge.

Support children's love of reading and discussing books.

## RESULTS

September 20% were on level for reading  
December 60% are on level for reading.

100% of buddies are participating in read alouds weekly

[A Word from our Buddies](#)

Reading aloud promotes language development and early literacy skills. - Lucy Cakins

# Boys and Girls Club

## Facts

Began this school year through the **NYS 21st Century Learning Centers Grant** in partnership with the Old Town Boys and Girls Club.

No cost to families – fully funded by grant.

Students eligible to attend summer camp for up to 7 weeks for free.

Light Dinner & Wellness Classes

## Goals

5 years of after school programming for Holmes Elementary

Improve Academic Performance

-Tutoring – Math and Reading  
Power Hour

Develop Student Leaders and Role Models

-Reading Clubs

-Enrichment at Clubs through Games

## Results

Currently 33 students enrolled  
goal is to reach 60 students.

90% of all students are completing homework and reading daily.

7 students attended summer camp for free this summer



[A Word from Boys and Club](#)



# THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS

- Boys and girls club
- Praxair mentors
- Reading buddies
- Parents
- Teachers & Staff

**T**ogether  
**E**veryone  
**A**chieves  
**M**ore