

Elmhurst District 205 Foundation and PNC Bank launch

Partnership Book Drive for Madison Early Childhood Center

The Elmhurst District 205 Foundation is proud to announce an exciting partnership with PNC Bank as they “adopt” District 205 Madison Early Childhood Education Center (MECEC) as part of their Grow Up Great initiative. PNC’s nationwide \$100 million early childhood education initiative is designed to help prepare children – particularly underserved children – from birth to age 5 for success in school and life.

“We are very grateful to PNC for their dedication to the youngest members of our learning community,” said Susan Kondrat, principal at Madison Early Childhood Education Center. “With their assistance we can make an even bigger positive impact on Madison students and their families. Early intervention is critical to providing students with the best possible advantage to reach their full potential.”

Beginning this month, the Elmhurst and Bensenville PNC branches are conducting a book drive to assist in providing instructional materials for literacy skill development and additional library resources. Patrons may make donations earmarked for the drive or choose to purchase a specific book from a list . You can help get books into the hands of these children by visiting or calling the Elmhurst PNC branch at 565 S. York St., 630-516-7401. For more information and to view the list of books, please visit the District 205 Foundation webpage at www.elmhurst205.org/foundation.

In addition to the book drive, employees of the Elmhurst and Bensenville PNC Bank branches have begun volunteering at Madison this summer, helping with maintenance and enhancement of the outdoor garden and classroom spaces, as well as assisting staff with clerical tasks. The start of school will bring even more opportunities for the PNC volunteers to read stories to students, assist with check-out in the library and provide further support to assist staff and students.

The PNC staff has been challenged by its corporate office to complete 100 hours of volunteer service by October 31, which would result in donations from the PNC Foundation for Madison School. These funds would be used to promote literacy and social emotional initiatives through the purchase of curricular materials and to provide resources and speakers on parent education days and for other activities throughout the year.

The Madison Early Childhood Education Center provides educational services to students aged 3-5 years old in District 205. Students qualify for various programs as an outcome of developmental screenings and/or an educational evaluation. Students eligible for the general education preschool program meet the risk factor point value developed in accordance with State guidelines or pay tuition if State guidelines are not met. Special education criteria are followed as established by Federal and State regulations.