



York America's Promise Breakfast Club for 2016-2017

Scope and Goal: The York America's Promise Breakfast Club started through a partnership between Rotary District #7390 and Junior Achievement of South Central Pennsylvania in support of the School District of the City of York. This program brings volunteers into the school during breakfast time to help a select group of students improve their reading skills.

Description: Each Breakfast Club will be made up of eight, third-grade students in the School District of the City of York reading at the second-grade level. Students are selected by school administrators and teachers with the requirement that the students have no known behavioral issues. The number of Breakfast Clubs will be dependent upon the number of volunteers available. There will be a fall and spring session with each session meeting for five consecutive weeks on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (a total of 15 meetings).

On Breakfast Club days, participating students and volunteers enter the school at the library entry door at 7:20 am where a Memorial Library SLAM aide will be on duty. The SLAM aide will choose appropriate reading material for each Breakfast Club with each group of students reading from the same book.

The Breakfast Club program will use the *Partner Reading Program* currently used in the District. Students are divided into pairs called Peanut Butter & Jelly with each student being assigned whether they are Peanut Butter or Jelly at the beginning of the session by school administrators. Peanut Butter students always read first for 10 minutes. Then the volunteer will stop them and ask a question of the reading material to make sure the reader comprehended what he/she read as comprehension is an important part of reading. Next, all Jelly students will read for 10 minutes and then are asked a comprehension question by the volunteer. Each Breakfast Club meeting needs to conclude at 7:50 am for the start of school. Students will then go to their home room where they will receive breakfast.

Volunteer Needs and Duties: Adult volunteers from the community are needed to visit the school 1 morning a week for 5 consecutive weeks during a session to monitor and verify reader comprehension. Volunteers choose a day of the week from Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. (See the sign-up sheet for session dates.) Each volunteer works with the same group of students for approximately 30 minutes between 7:20 am to 7:50 a.m. per visit. Any new volunteer will receive an orientation and training.

Each student receives a *Breakfast Club Card* for attendance tracking. Volunteers apply a sticker to each student's club card after each meeting if the student was present. Students having a minimum of 13 stickers at the end of a session receive a *Breakfast Club Certificate of Completion* on the last day of that session from that day's volunteer. Cards, attendance stickers and certificates are kept in a Breakfast Club folder which is kept in the library during Breakfast Club sessions.

Important Note: Volunteers do not need to be Rotary Club members. All volunteers are required to have a *PA Criminal Record Check* and *PA Child Abuse History Clearance*. These are at no charge for volunteers. Volunteers who have not been a resident of PA consistently for at least 10 years are also required to obtain a *Federal Criminal Record Check* at their own cost. Information will be provided for you to obtain the proper background checks.

For program questions or to volunteer, contact Ann Reynolds, America's Promise Breakfast Club Coordinator, at areynolds820@hotmail.com or phone 717-659-0522. Or, contact Karen Hansen, Rotary Club of York America's Promise Chair at KHansen@HansenPS.com or phone 717-855-4258 (cell).