



THE P4K POST

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Going for my Goals, Going for the Gold!

Building the Foundation for Future Success

The end of the school year is always a special time at Partnership 4 Kids, and this edition is dedicated to celebrating the achievements, milestones, and moments that made the 2025-2026 school year unforgettable! From our youngest learners to our newest graduates, this issue shines a spotlight on the determination, growth, and success of students across every stage of the P4K journey.

This year gave us so much to celebrate—including a remarkable 100% on-time high school graduation rate. We watched elementary students cross the stage as they were recognized for achieving the goals they set at the beginning of the year. We celebrated middle school students as they prepared to take their next big step into high school. We cheered on graduating seniors as they completed their high school careers and began their postsecondary journeys. And we applauded our postsecondary graduates as they stepped confidently into careers, continued education, and bright futures of their own making.

Throughout these pages, you'll find stories of perseverance and accomplishment. You'll read about scholarship recipients, graduates, honors ceremonies, and the moments that remind us just how much can happen in a single school year.

None of these achievements happen alone. They are made possible by caring families, dedicated mentors, generous donors, committed volunteers, supportive educators, and community partners who believe in the potential of every student. Together, we are creating opportunities that help students move from classrooms to careers and reach goals they once only dreamed of achieving.



Goal Achievement Honors Ceremony

The 2026 Goal Achievement Honors Celebration brought together students, families, volunteers, educators, and supporters to celebrate a milestone years in the making. More than 100 elementary students graduated from our elementary program, recognized for their hard work, perseverance, and commitment to achieving personal and academic goals.

Throughout their time in the program, students learned one of the most important lessons they can carry with them throughout life: setting goals and working toward them with determination. Goal setting is at the heart of our programming because it helps students understand at an early age that success doesn't happen by chance—it happens through effort, persistence, and the support of people who believe in them.

During the celebration, student representatives from each of our five elementary partner schools took the stage to share their experiences and reflect on the goals they achieved along the way. Their stories highlighted growth in confidence, leadership, academics, and personal responsibility, offering a glimpse into the bright futures ahead of them.

The event also provided an opportunity to recognize the incredible volunteers who make this work possible. Our Volunteers of the Year were honored for their commitment to encouraging students, building meaningful relationships, and helping young people discover their potential.

The Goal Achievement Honors Celebration is a reminder that every achievement begins with a goal. By teaching students how to set goals, create a plan, overcome challenges, and celebrate progress, we are helping them build a foundation for lifelong success. We are proud of each graduate and grateful to the families, volunteers, educators, and supporters who helped make this accomplishment possible.

2025-26 Volunteers of the Year

Thank you for your dedication, encouragement and commitment!

Neris France Star Mentor Advocate

Awarded To: WoodmenLife

Melissa Mayo Mentor of the Year

Awarded To: Kim Coonrod

Molly Verble Peer Mentor of the Year

Awarded To: Katie "Flor" Solano-Mejia

Cookie & Jerry Hoberman Goal Buddy of the Year

Awarded To: Clay Wulf

Tracy Wells Book Buddy of the Year

Awarded To: Cathy DeSalvo



A Walk Through the Past and Into the Future

Each spring, one of our most meaningful traditions takes place in the hallways where many of our students' journeys first began.

Dressed in caps, gowns, cords, stoles, and other commencement regalia, our graduating high school seniors and postsecondary students return to our elementary schools for Graduate Walks.

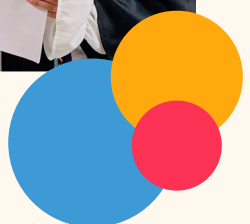
As they make their way through the halls, current elementary students line the corridors with cheers, high-fives, and wide-eyed excitement, catching a glimpse of what their own futures hold.

For our graduates, the experience is just as powerful. Many are walking the same hallways they once did as children.



They pass classrooms where they learned to read, discovered new interests, and began building the foundations that would carry them to this moment.

For all of us, these moments reinforce why we do this work. They remind us that behind every diploma is a story years in the making—one shaped by determination, support, opportunity, and a community that believes in every student's potential.





Hops & Grapes

A Record Breaking Night!



Because of your generosity, commitment, and belief in our mission, we raised more than \$1.1 million at Hops & Grapes!

This remarkable evening would not have been possible without the leadership and dedication of many individuals and groups who gave their time, talent, and support.

We extend our deepest gratitude to our Executive Leadership Team for their commitment and leadership.

A special thank you goes to our Event Chairs, Mike and Elizabeth Cassling and Honorary Chairs, The Holland Foundation and family - Mary Ann (Andy) Holland, Nanny Christie & Barb Kral. Their leadership inspired others to invest in the futures of young people and helped make this record-breaking evening possible.

Most importantly, thank you to every sponsor, donor, volunteer, auction bidder, attendee, and supporter who joined us.

Together, we are proving what is possible when a community rallies around students. Thank you for believing in their potential, celebrating their accomplishments, and helping make their futures possible.

We can't wait to see what we accomplish together next.

THANK YOU!



Check Out the Photos!



A Night to Celebrate

Honoring our Class of 2026

Our Graduation Banquet is one of the most meaningful nights of the year. It's a time for us to come together to celebrate accomplishments, reflect on journeys, and honor the students whose hard work, determination, and perseverance have brought them to this milestone.

This year, we celebrated a remarkable 100% on-time high school graduation rate, with all 73 of our high school seniors earning their diplomas and crossing the stage. We also proudly recognized 22 postsecondary graduates who completed their postsecondary programs, taking the next step into careers and continued education.

For our students and their families, the evening is a chance to pause and reflect on just how far they have come. Behind every graduate is a story of hard work, perseverance, and determination. As each student crossed the stage, we couldn't help but think about the challenges they have overcome, the goals they have achieved, and the countless moments that led them to this celebration.

We have had the privilege of walking alongside many of these students throughout their educational journeys—celebrating victories, navigating obstacles, and encouraging them through every stage along the way.

We are inspired by their resilience. We are proud of their accomplishments. And we are grateful to witness the incredible growth that has brought them to this moment. From elementary school goal-setting celebrations to high school graduation and postsecondary completion, these students continue to show us what is possible when determination meets opportunity and support.

Simply put, we are in awe of them!





P4K By the Numbers: A Year of Impact

From record-breaking graduation outcomes to thousands of hours of support provided by caring adults, this year showcased what is possible when students are surrounded by opportunities, encouragement, and a community that believes in their potential.

Student Impact

- 2,822 students served
- 5 elementary schools, 5 middle schools, and 4 high schools
- Scholarship recipients attended 37 postsecondary institutions

Support Network

- 180 volunteers provided 2,010 hours of service
- 16 programming staff provided 33,280 hours of support
- 12 full-time tutors provided 8,041 hours of academic assistance
- 208 adults delivered a combined 43,331 hours of student support

Milestones Worth Celebrating

- 22,776 books distributed to students and families
- 100% on-time high school graduation rate
- 73 high school graduates
- 22 postsecondary graduates



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