



East Feliciana Public Schools V.I.P.S. (Very Important Participating Stakeholders) Program

Program Information

Mission Statement: To enhance student achievement by participating in volunteer services with the East Feliciana Public Schools.

Vision Statement: The East Feliciana Public Schools V.I.P.S. (Very Important Participating Stakeholders) Program was developed to include very important stakeholders who would like to participate in creating Louisiana's premier rural school district.

Programs & Services:

- **20-Minute Read Program:** Reading aloud to students increases their reading level because it models fluent reading. It gives the students an opportunity to follow along and listen to the emphasis on different words, the pauses at commas and periods, and the pronunciation of difficult words. Additionally, research shows that students who read at least 20 minutes per day show a tremendous increase in literacy skills and academic achievement.

EF V.I.P.S. are invited to serve as a "Reading Buddy" to an elementary student(s) of the EFPS. A commitment to read with an assigned student at least once monthly throughout the school year is required. During the visit, each V.I.P.S. will read with each student for a minimum of 20-minutes.

- **EF V.I.P.S.:** EF V.I.P.S. promotes community involvement in EFPS by offering a variety of volunteer services for individuals and groups. Services may include but are not limited to the following: tutoring; mentoring; reading; providing office, classroom or duty assistance at the schools or central office; and assisting with fundraising opportunities for the schools or school-level organizations.
- **Rural Men Read Program:** This is a specialty program offered on the NEA's Read across America Day. This day is a nationwide reading celebration that takes place annually on March 2nd, which is Dr. Seuss's birthday. On this day, the EFPS will ask men of Louisiana's rural premier school district to participate by reading a book to students in one of the elementary schools at a designated time.
- **V.I.P.S. Spotlights:** EFPS will spotlight a V.I.P.S. each month at the school board meeting. An annual event will be held at the end of each academic school year to spotlight all V.I.P.S. who volunteered within that academic year.