

Lunch Buddy Program
The Glenn Center School of Environmental Studies
School Year 2006 - 2007

Purpose – To encourage a student and help instill in them a sense of value and specialness. Encourage the student to work hard and prepare for the future by graduating from school.

How - Befriend a student by serving as a “buddy.” Give your time. Show a sincere interest in them. Tell them you care. Tell them they matter. Mentor.

General – You are requested to have lunch at the Glenn Center with the student once per month during the school year. You select the date, which can vary from month to month, as we want the program to accommodate your schedule. Please go every month. We do not want a student to feel forgotten.

The student will be enrolled in the Glenn Center’s “School of Environmental Studies” and will be in grade 6, 7, or 8. The Glenn Center will obtain permission from the student’s parents / guardian to participate in the program.

To participate in the Lunch Buddy Program, a background check is required. Catherine Campbell (704 788-1007) coordinates this. Attached are two forms that authorize the background check. Please complete and sign the Consumer Reports Release form and sign the Summary of Your Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act form (retain one copy) and mail them to Catherine Campbell, Communities in Schools, P. O. Box 854, Concord, NC 28026-0854 or fax them to her at 704 786-3615. You will be notified of the results.

This form is typically used for prospective employees. Catherine assured me there will be no credit check. The form asks for your social security number. If you prefer not to list your number on the form, you can include it in a sealed envelope and mail it with the form. Catherine said the form and social security number are kept in a locked file.

Upon notification that the background check was approved, contact the Glenn Center Secretary, Susan Perry, at 704 793-1736 or sperry@cabarrus.k12.nc.us two to three days before each monthly lunch date. She will notify the student when you will be coming. You can check the school calendar at <http://www.ccsweb.cabarrus.k12.nc.us/education/components/scrapbook/default.php?sectionid=1> if you want to know the days they are closed for holidays, etc.

The student will be assigned to the adult Lunch Buddy based on vocational interest if possible. The adult will be informed of the student’s name, interest, etc. when they check-in at the office for their first lunch visit. If you desire the student information in advance, simply ask Susan Perry when you call to schedule your lunch date. The intent is for the same student and adult to be buddies throughout the school year.

Arrive at the Glenn Center located at 120 Marsh Avenue NW, Concord (off Union Street North) at 12:20 PM. Go in the main front entrance, turn left and report to the office. Please sign the Lunch Buddy sign-in sheet. The student will called to come meet you, then he / she will escort you to the cafeteria.

Lunch will last about 30 minutes. You are responsible for covering the cost of your lunch, which is currently \$2.50. If you desire, you can bring lunch for both you and the student as a special treat.

Additionally, a small token gift or memento is acceptable, but absolutely not required. Cash gifts are not allowed.

Have fun and take pride in knowing you are making a difference in the life of the child. Sharing your time and serving as a Lunch Buddy will make our community an even better place to live in the future.

Thank you sincerely.

Alan Goodman – Committee Chair – 704 933-0000 or alangoodman@etc.net
Rev. Aaron Wells – 704 938-5237