

preschool PROMISE

Quarterly Highlights April-June 2019



500 people joined us for the **Blast-Off to Kindergarten** end-of-the-year event, as we celebrated our children heading to Kindergarten this fall!

850 families have applied to join **Preschool Promise** for the new school year ahead – up slightly from last year at this time! They'll have **85 Preschool Promise sites** to choose from.

How we're doing on the 3 pillars of the Preschool Promise

EDUCATING THE COMMUNITY:

- We trained **10 outreach specialists** to connect with families in their neighborhoods and at events and places they frequent.
- Our Outreach Team attended **150 events** from April-June to spread the word about Preschool Promise.
- **We targeted Dayton and Trotwood for special outreach** in the wake of the devastating Memorial Day tornadoes.
- **We held our first "Spring Clean" and provided hands-on help to five Preschool Promise sites** to deep clean, landscape, and improve their playgrounds.

What Preschool Promise teachers say:

'I've been most impressed by how Preschool Promise listens and values our opinions.'

EXPANDING QUALITY:

- We're continuing to focus on improving children's instruction by investing in high quality training for teachers. **More than 300 teachers and administrators, from 72 of 75 Preschool Promise sites**, participated in training this school year. Our trainings included:
 - 7 intensive workshops
 - 1 Conscious Discipline® week-long training
 - 10 year-long Professional Learning Communities
- **We awarded \$225,000 in stipends to Preschool professionals**, in recognition of their commitment to training outside of the work day.
- **20 sites have increased their Star Rating** this school year.



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ASSISTING FAMILIES:

- **472 families** received a **\$100 Star Attendance bonus** for ensuring that their child had a **90% or better attendance rate** for the school year.
- We have expanded our reach for the 2019-20 school year, thanks to Montgomery County's continued investment. **We have Preschool Promise providers in Dayton (61), Kettering (18), Trotwood (3), Jefferson Twp. (2) and Mad River Twp. (1).**

WHAT WE'RE LEARNING:

- Children who participate in Star Attendance have statistically significant better attendance rates.
- We are raising funds to continue Star Attendance for all children who attend Dayton Public Schools, not just those who live within the City of Dayton boundaries.
- We have nearly raised the amount needed to support Star Attendance in Dayton for the next 4 years.

What Preschool Promise teachers say:

'Preschool Promise does a good job at making sure resources reach the children. Preschool Promise has fired up all of our teachers.'

