

Montgomery ISD and Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce partner for “Get Back to Work” day

Local business and community members worked on campus projects in preparation for the 2021-22 school year

August 6, 2021 – Montgomery ISD welcomed back the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce’s annual “Get Back to Work” day today with volunteers from local businesses and community leaders working together to complete projects and task lists at all 10 MISD campuses. The day began with a breakfast and rally at the MISD Education Support Center before teams of volunteers were spread out around the district to deliver hospitality buckets and complete each campus’ needs list.

Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Shannan Reid spent the summer coordinating local business owners and community members to create work teams for each campus. All 10 teams had a business sponsor, a hospitality coordinator and a team captain to make the work at each campus both efficient and beneficial. Each campus principal in MISD turned in a list of projects that needed to be completed.

“The community members and business owners in the Montgomery area are critical partners to everything we accomplish in Montgomery ISD,” Superintendent Dr. Heath Morrison said.

“Whether they supported this effort financially, or showed up in person and worked through the heat with physical labor, our campuses are all ready to operate now thanks to their support.”

Campus projects included updating name plates for classrooms, assembling new furniture, textbook organization and delivery, as well as outdoor needs of spreading mulch, weeding gardens, and the painting of parking lots. On many campuses, individual teachers and program directors were given volunteers to get their classroom, theater or curriculum organized and ready for a successful 2021-2022 school year.

“The work completed on our campus today was so very important to every staff member and student that’s going to be on our campus this year,” Stewart Creek Elementary School Principal Michele Salter said. “As our administration’s to-do list grew through the summer months and we began counting down to the start of instruction, knowing that this project list could get completed by volunteers allowed our staff to focus on the most time sensitive work and trust our amazing community to come through for us.”

After completing their projects, all volunteers were welcomed back to the district office for a catered lunch and a thank you from Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, Kris Lynn.

Montgomery ISD has partnered with the Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce for “Get Back to Work Day” since 2017.

“The Get Back to Work Day is one of my most favorite annual contributions to the start of a Montgomery ISD school year,” Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Shannan Reid said. “Watching the members of our chamber show up in such a necessary way, willing to do whatever is asked of them to help our district’s teachers get ready for the year, brings me so much joy!”

All Montgomery ISD students return to school on Thursday, August 12.

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