



Community Partnerships

	<p>Provides mini-grants in the area of technology including \$1700 toward STEAM education. Support Teacher of the Year Hosts station at STEM Night Hosts our 5th grade students for Career Day Sponsors guest authors to support literacy initiatives</p>
	<p>Smith-Gilbert Gardens became Ford's Partner in Education in 2011.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers help with Ford garden workdays twice a year • Ford fine art and music program are featured at Smith-Gilbert Gardens <p>Ford 1st Graders take field trips to the gardens to study plant unit.</p>
	<p>Ford participated in the pilot partnership between Cobb Parks and Recreation and CCSD in 2007. The CATO program supports the 3rd grade science standards through onsite and offsite field experiences. All Ford third grade students, teachers and Earth Parents participate in the program four times a year. For the 2020-2021 school year, students will participate in virtual field trips and virtual meetings with park rangers.</p>
	<p>Sponsor of the Cheryl Musial Science Award- given to one student in each classroom who shows excellence in Science learning. Provides support by donating services for the Ford Foundation Website</p>
	<p>Cobb County-Marietta Water Authority partners with Ford in many areas of our curriculum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participates in STEM Night <p>Presents their Watershed program to 3rd grade and to Ford Nature Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students participate in Altoona Ally Coloring Contest
	<p>Publix gives students the opportunity to practice their math skills in a real-life application. Students and their families solve math problems related to the purchase of groceries at Publix Grocery Store.</p>



Ford has sponsored over 18 Eagle Scout Projects that have helped to install our outdoor learning labs. We are home to many girl and boy scout troops, and scout requirements are often met through our environmental education program.



Ford has been a member of the EEA of Georgia for many years. Our environmental education program is featured on its website and Ford's program has been presented several times at the EEA Conference, and the Outdoor Classroom Symposium. Ford received the 2010 Environmental Educator Award recognized by EEA of Georgia.



The Georgia Mineral Society supports third grade teachers by providing professional learning opportunities for teachers as well as hosting a station during STEM night.



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