



## March Update 2011

*“A lot of people have gone further than they thought they could because someone **else** thought they could.” Unknown*

### Mark your calendars:

March 18<sup>th</sup> – No schools

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 6:30pm Volunteer Training: Tutoring/Mentoring Secondary Students

Visit [Tutoring/Mentoring Junior and Senior High Students](#) to learn more.

March 28th – April 1st – No school, Spring Break

**June 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00pm** – Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

### Spread the word!

Share your volunteer experience with co-workers, friends, and family. All LINKS training sessions are open to perspective volunteers and are a great way to hear about the work others are doing in our schools. Unmet volunteer needs throughout the district include tutors, academic mentors and lunch buddies. Your referrals are appreciated!



### Helpful volunteer hints:

- Clear your mind of unnecessary thoughts and distractions, so you can give the student your undivided attention.
- Help the student develop a positive attitude toward studying.
- Ask student to explain an idea or process rather than you showing how to do the procedure.
- Assist student in organizing homework assignments by using a planner or folder.
- Help student review past facts, concepts, and skills to increase their retention of what they've been taught. Games such as Yahtzee, cards or Scrabble can be a fun way to learn.
- Encourage the student to build confidence in his/her own learning by following up on their progress and offer praise and encouragement as needed.

*With your help, students feel valued and challenged to achieve personal success!*