

Communities In Schools of Atlanta and Applebee's recognize eighty-five Atlanta students

On Friday, January 25th, eighty-five students from Atlanta's Dobbs Elementary School enjoyed an afternoon of great food and fun with the support of Communities In Schools (CIS) of Atlanta and Nolan Moye, General Manager of the Stockbridge Applebee's.

Each of the K-5 students received "A is for Applebee's" certificates for not missing any days of school during the first semester. The certificates entitled children to a free kid's meal with the purchase of an adult meal. CIS of Atlanta Program Coordinator at Dobbs Elementary School, Bianca Rios, requested that Applebee's accept the certificates without having to purchase an equal amount of adult meals. General Manager Nolan Moye happily agreed.

"We agreed to host this event at our location because it's really all about the kids---they are the future of everything we do. If your mind isn't with the children, then your mind isn't in the right place," said General Manager Moye during the event. The Stockbridge location was one of the only Applebee's restaurants able to accommodate the large number of students.

CIS of Atlanta staff member Bianca Rios has a host successful of programs targeted toward student attendance at Dobbs Elementary School. "I always get the parents involved because success in school has to start at home; however, with incentive programs



CIS of Atlanta Program Coordinator Bianca Rios and Applebee's Manager Nolan Moye (center) are joined by students Derrick Seals (far left), Destiny Mayfield and Ambia Johnson at Applebee's.



Dobbs first grader Marquan Moore happily enjoys his lunch during the January 25th event at Applebee's.

like lunch at Applebee's or a trip to Six Flags, the kids usually stay on top of their parents to get them to school on time," said Rios with a smile.

Lunch at Applebee's was meaningful to participating students. "I have never been to a restaurant before," said third grader Keyshundra Mangham. "It's fun being here with my friends. I learned that if you do what you're supposed to do you can be rewarded."

Communities In Schools (CIS) of Atlanta has been connecting community resources with schools to help students successfully learn, stay in school and prepare for life since 1972. Through partnerships with Atlanta Public Schools and DeKalb County Schools, CIS of Atlanta is impacting more than 29,000 students in 65 partner schools during the 2007-08 school year.

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