



Fact Sheet: Educator for a Day 2015

What is Educator for a Day?

"Educator for a Day" is a program of the Education Foundation for Billings Public Schools and Billings Partners in Education. On November 19th, we will invite business, community, and government leaders into our elementary, middle, and high schools. Community members, who haven't stepped inside the doors of a school for years, will have the chance to meet staff, visit classrooms, and learn first hand what it takes to run a school in the 21st Century.

What is the purpose of the program?

"Educator for a Day" is designed to give business and community leaders the opportunity to learn more about our schools and to experience the decisions and responsibilities our educators face each day. Through this event, we hope to build a better community understanding of our students, staff, achievements, and needs. We also hope participants will be able to translate their one-day experiences into long-term relationships that enhance the learning environments of our community's schools and support student achievement.

How does "Educator for a Day" work?

Since every school is unique, there is no prescription for what will happen. The principal of the school you are visiting will have an agenda for the morning. Below are some of the activities that principals may include in this agenda.

- *Touring school facilities
- *Teacher observations
- *Visiting classrooms
- *Attending team meetings
- *Speaking with teachers
- *Asking questions to gain a better understanding of the school and school district
- *Having breakfast with students and/or faculty
- *Reading with a student or class
- *Participating in class discussions
- *Learning about the school's improvement plans
- *Learning about the school's AYP report

When is "Educator for a Day?"

"Educator for a Day" is scheduled for Thursday, November 19th during American Education Week. The program will kick off with the first school bell at 8:00 AM and conclude with a luncheon from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM at the Northern Hotel. "Educator for a Day 2015" will be a half-day event.

How will I be matched with a school and learn more about my assigned school?

You have the opportunity to indicate your top choices of school matches on your application. Although we try to accommodate a specific request, keep in mind that your selections may not necessarily lead to your desired match. You will receive a confirmation letter prior to Educator for a Day that will include school contact information and information about the luncheon.

How do I find out more information about this program?

To learn more about "Educator for a Day" or suggest potential guest educators, please contact Julie Whitworth at (406) 245-4133 or whitworthj@billingschools.org or visit www.efbps.org.