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5th-graders get memorable send-off from Truliant, Tripps



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Fifty-five 5th grade students from Ashley International Baccalaureate Magnet School had a special big day on June 6 as they were honored at a luncheon at Truliant Federal Credit Union.

Tripps Restaurant provided the meal. Truliant and Tripps have partnered with Ashley for three years. Truliant employees have become well acquainted with the school, participating in events such as the Fill the Bus initiative at the beginning of each year by donating school supplies to each class. Tripps also takes part in that initiative, providing lunch for teachers and administrative staff when the supplies are delivered to the school.

"In a time when many companies have cut back community efforts because of the economy, we are grateful that Truliant and Tripps have stepped forward to make our students' transition to middle school a memorable experience," said to Rev. Richard Gray, PTA President for Ashley.

Belinda "B.J." Peoples, a counselor at Ashley, delivered the keynote address at the students' luncheon. She reminded the 5th-graders, who were soon to depart Ashley for middle school, to stay motivated and positive. Peoples related the story of "Jack and the Beanstalk," to let the students know that they can conquer the giants in their lives as Jack did.

The Ashley PTA plans to donate funds to open savings accounts at Truliant for the 5th graders.

"These accounts will provide an excellent opportunity for students to be exposed to the importance of saving at an early age," according to Marjorie Rorie, director of Community Services for the credit union. "Truliant is truly committed to providing financial education for the community and the younger people start, the better their handle on money management principles will be in the future."



**Truliant Photo - Belinda "B.J." Peoples addresses Ashley's 5th graders.**

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