



POWER LUNCH PROGRAM

Power Lunch, EWDC's signature shared reading program, connects elementary school students with caring volunteers to read together once a week during the students' lunch hour. No curriculum, no lesson plans. Just spending quality time together, reading books they enjoy. Why? Because students who enjoy reading – who are motivated to read – are on a direct path to higher overall achievement and success both inside and outside the classroom.

POWER LUNCH MENTORS

The majority of our Reading Mentors participate in the program as part of a company or office-sponsored Power Lunch partnership with Everybody Wins DC. Many of these Power Lunch partners also provide critical financial support to Power Lunch and the EWDC organization as a whole.

Power Lunch also works with Reading Mentors that are self-employed, retired, or work for an employer that is not an official Power Lunch Partner.

All potential Reading Mentors must fill out a EWDC Power Lunch Application. This helps us ensure the most appropriate student match. The 2019-2020 Power Lunch Application will be available in May 2019. Reading Mentors working in a DCPS school must also complete a separate DCPS-required Volunteer Clearance process, which includes proof of a negative TB test, submitting a DCPS Volunteer Application, and being fingerprinted by the DCPS Clearance team. EWDC provides volunteers with opportunities to complete this process free of charge.

SY18-19 POWER LUNCH QUICK FACTS

- Over 500 students served
- Over 600 participating mentors
- Over 6,000 hours of reading completed
- Over 1,800 free books distributed
- 120 Congressional & Corporate/Non-Profit Partners
- More than 120 students on our waitlist

POWER LUNCH FAQs

How are students selected to participate in Power Lunch? While we work with our schools to identify students that might benefit from one-on-one shared reading time with a mentor, Power Lunch is completely voluntary for our students. Each student voluntarily gives up one lunch/recess period a week to join Power Lunch.

What if I can't attend one of my regular reading sessions? What if school is closed? We have program staff at each Power Lunch school ready to assist our mentors if they need to cancel or reschedule a reading session. In addition, Power Lunch does not take place when school is closed or when there is an early release day.

What if I want to be a mentor but can't commit to reading with a student every week? You can join Power Lunch with a partner and alternate reading sessions each week.

I've never worked with kids before, can someone help me? Absolutely! Our experienced program staff have resources to help you engage your student.

Are there other ways I can support Power Lunch?

Yes! In addition to mentoring, individuals can host book drives, join our monthly giving society, attend an EWDC event, volunteer in our main office, and more!

JUST ONE HOUR A WEEK CAN IMPROVE A STUDENT'S LIFE. JOIN POWER LUNCH TODAY!

Visit us at www.everybodywinsdc.org or email us at programs@everybodywinsdc.org to learn more!