



## Community Classroom Connection

Goal: Develop a group of knowledgeable advocates for public education in Demopolis, grounded in the realities of a 2023 classroom experience

Each member of the group is partnered with a classroom teacher at Westside Elementary (K-2) and US Jones for the year.

- At minimum, the community member is asked to attend a lesson in a subject area each quarter. They are also encouraged to come for lunch, attend programs, or engage in other ways in the classroom as time and opportunity allow.
  - Participants of the program will be honored with their classes at awards day in May.
- 1) **Target Participants** – Community members who have an interest in learning more about the realities of Demopolis' school system; could act as an orientation for new Foundation board members as well
  - 2) **Time Commitment (minimum)** –two to three hours throughout each nine-week quarter of the school year
  - 3) **Staffing** – The Foundation ED will manage the correspondence with the group, quarterly check-ins with the teachers, and the two in-person meetings
  - 4) **Teacher Commitment** – The teachers would be required to select the lesson they want the individual to attend, and correspond with her community member/Foundation ED about that lesson and other opportunities to be involved with the classroom

Examples of Special Occasions Participants Attended:

- Dr. Seuss Day (Read Across America Week)
- Grandparents Day
- Thanksgiving Program
- Christmas Program
- Leadership Day at end of each 9 weeks