Embrace Students' Curiosity and Potential
Join the

Adopt A School
STEM
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Volunteer Team, Where Our Motto is

Remember how excited you were when you accomplished something that was said to be impossible? It is in the thrill of succeeding that makes a marked difference. The Adopt-A-School (AAS) Program is a one-of-a-kind community-school partnership, launched in 2018, that has a trusting, longstanding, and sustainable collaboration with Nina Otero Community Pre-K-8 School in the Santa Fe Public Schools where volunteers are integrated into *all* classrooms in diverse ways:

a. Conducting hands-on investigations as part of whole class presentations.
b. Co-teaching to foster individualized instruction.
c. Mentoring intermediate and middle school students to target specific concepts and science project skills.
d. Being "assistants," wearing their engineer, physicist, chemist, and educator hats, sharing their expertise and stories that contextualize science learning and careers.

AAS also established and maintains a STEM closet stocked with consumables, equipment, and materials for teachers and students to use, participates and hosts Family Science, Math, and Literacy Nights along with activities to engage students and their parents, and manages the "Science is Everywhere Challenges," open to all students, who respond to questions on their own time and complete answer sheets to be eligible for prizes, if correct.

It is in their encouragement, relationship building, and asking questions to prompt inquisitiveness that boosts students' confidence to explore new ideas in new ways. AAS volunteers guide students to value learning from their setbacks.

The AAS program offers a golden opportunity to contribute to the collective STEM education of students at Nina Otero. Come join the Volunteer Team, which aims to enhance the learning experiences of the next generation of explorers, discoverers, and innovators. You never know who and where they are!

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