



EMS' Junior Achievement Efforts a Success!

Sixty EMS Technologies, Inc. employees became volunteer classroom instructors for an hour each day this week at Peachtree Elementary School. EMS' Junior Achievement participation is coordinated by **Joe McLaughlin** and this is the third year of EMS support to Junior Achievement's Whole School Program at Peachtree.



The week's activities culminated this morning with a live in-school broadcast hosted by Peachtree Elementary School Principal Kathy Eichler. **Bill Jacobs**, EMS Vice President and General Counsel, stood in for President and CEO **Al Hansen**, who is visiting our Canadian divisions. Al has been active in JA for the past 14 years and currently serves on the board

of Junior Achievement of Georgia.

In speaking of our involvement, Al has said, "EMS is proud to continue our partnership with Peachtree Elementary, a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, not only once a year with JA, but also throughout the year. We have built lasting contacts at the classroom level, including volunteering to review and bring an industry perspective to school curricula."

EMS volunteers use grade-specific JA curricula to impress upon the students the importance of business and economics in today's world. **Patricia Dunn**, a LXE service contracts coordinator, returned to the school she attended from kindergarten through third grade. Patricia worked with Ms. Beidleman's second grade class.



"I grew up in this area - my husband was in my third-grade class," she said. "It feels good to be back. Peachtree is a very good school and it is gratifying to share with kids what is going on in the real world."

As part of Peachtree Elementary's participation in the 2003 Georgia Manufacturer of the Year placemat design contest, EMS - a Manufacturer of the



Year nominee - is coordinating with the school's art department a tour of EMS manufacturing facilities in early 2003. The contest gives elementary schoolchildren across the state the opportunity to submit artwork depicting the importance of manufacturing to their lives and communities. EMS also is sponsoring the printing of Peachtree Elementary's school brochure, which will be shared in the Gwinnett community to educate businesses and new residents on the school's strengths.

"Clearly, EMS's hands-on role has contributed much to the educational environment here at Peachtree, and has enhanced our efforts to make a difference in the lives of our children, and to encourage them to be the best that they can be," said Eichler.

EMS Junior Achievement organizer Joe McLaughlin summed up the experience by stating that JA is "an excellent opportunity for EMS for give something back to the community where we do business. It's also a very rewarding personal experience for each employee that participates. It seems to be a universal expression from everyone that they "had a ball"." Thank you to all of our EMS participants for taking the time from your busy schedules to participate!

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