

Investing in Clay's Most Valuable Asset

Clay Education Foundation

The Clay Education Foundation held its second annual Tools 4 Clay Schools on Friday, August 9th from 3-5pm at Fleming Island High Schools' AICE Testing Center.

Nearly 300 teachers were supplied with back to school supplies, having everything from crayons, colored pencils, and markers, to glue sticks, scissors, highlighters, and paper. On top of the \$22,000 donated towards this effort from The Bailey Group, Doctors Lake Family Dental, and others, numerous community partners helped the CEF gather supply donations for teachers as well: Spring Park Coffee, Coastal Spine, Garber Automall, The Orange Park Police Department, Coldwell Vanguard Realty, Community First Credit Union, VyStar, O2B Kids, and Office Max all contributed to the event, and Barnes and Noble, the Clay County Education Association, and Office Max all brought even more items to give away, bringing the total supply giveaway up to approximately \$30,000.



By the end of the event little supplies were left and what they did have was taken to Title I Schools. Overall, the event was a great success thanks to the help of the incredible volunteers and community partners. The CEF was excited to see the growth of this event as more and more teachers learn about it and hope that even more businesses and community members will join them in this effort.

