



[Around the County with Superintendent Walts](#)

[Superintendent's Journey Continues](#)

[Map for "82 schools in 82 days"](#)

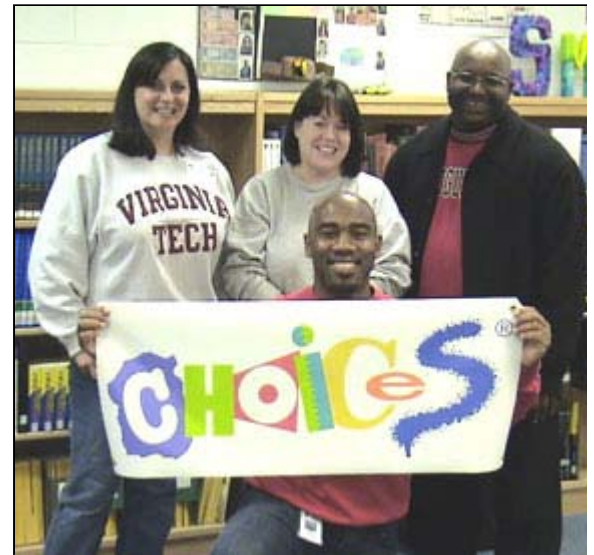
[PWCS Home](#)

Decisions, decisions, decisions...

Graham Park Middle School students learn about life choices from local business leaders.

Eighth-grade students at Graham Park Middle School recently participated in a two-day seminar focusing on the impact their personal and academic choices may have on their future life and career goals. Through lecture, structured practical exercises, and role play, students were exposed to information on time management, effective communication skills, goal setting, and money management.

"The CHOICES program is an extension of our commitment to educational initiatives that motivate students to stay in school and work toward achieving their full potential," commented Rebecca Barnes, president and CEO of Bargain Boxes, Inc., whose company formed a business partnership with Graham Park in the spring of 2005. The students were led through various exercises by Barnes; Darren Criglar, private training and development consultant; an Lynn Roadcap, president of ADD Success Strategies, Inc.



"Mr. Criglar was very well spoken. He really broke down the meaning of an education to me. I learned that I need to think about the choices I make," related one of the eighth graders when asked about the program.

CHOICES is a program of the CHOICES Education Group, a non-profit organization based in Seattle, Washington. The mission of CHOICES is to empower students with the skills and tools they need to increase their career and life opportunities. For more information, visit their Web site at www.choicesedgroup.org.

