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The Female Academy



Washington Middle School Female Academy volunteer each week at Roosevelt.

*By Connie Magee, Principal
Washington Middle School*

The Female Academy at Washington Middle School is focused on bettering their community through service and fundraising.

One of their endeavors has been working with kindergarten students each week in Ms. Manu-Busattos' class and Mrs. Jamison's class at Roosevelt. Their assignments include reading to their students, helping them with sight-words, reviewing basic math, or even an art project.

The positive results benefit both the Female Academy students as well as their kindergarten partners. The girls are able to be in a helping/nurturing role with younger children, and are proud, taking the responsibility very seriously. The younger students have an older buddy/mentor who cares about them and their learning. This is exactly the win/win situation that the Female Academy girls are focused on in all areas of their lives.

Volunteers Make a Difference

*By Diane Prince, Principal
Naples Bayside Academy*

Volunteers can make a significant difference in a child's life.

Volunteers are an integral part of any school. A small group of dedicated people with a cause can make a difference in a child's life. This spring at Naples, our Student Council along with Book Ends organized a gently used book drive. The books were collected, counted and taken to Starr King Elementary by our Student Council members. Students were able to meet 1st graders from Starr King and let them choose a book to take home, as well as read to them while we were there. What the students from Naples didn't know was that the 2,937 books they collected were going to be used for the whole school when students successfully pass a benchmark book test, they could choose a book to take home! WOW said our students.

VIPS at Naples out number our students and provide a variety of services and hands on activities to support our students.



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Modifications to Service Learning Graduation Requirement

Merideth Joyce, LBUSD Service Learning District Coordinator

The LBUSD Service Learning 40 hour graduation requirement has been dropped for students entering high school during the 2011-2012 year (Class of 2015).

Under the new wording, the district has designated courses that will embed the service teaching strategy. True "Service Learning" is focused on the rich experiences that can enhance a course or cross curricular projects within the thematic Small Learning Communities.

Therefore, we need to make clear to the 8th graders, the new freshman (Class of 2015), that they no longer will be collecting hours to turn in to their new high schools as current students are doing. They will get their service experience in their SLC or through designated courses. This may be confusing for some students with siblings already in high school—who will still fall under the old 40 hour requirement. (Classes 2011-2014)

All current high school students (the Classes of 2011-14), will still fall under the 40 hour graduation requirement and will be allowed to earn any service awards they had the goal of attaining. These students will be asked and are encouraged to complete the "40 hour" requirement by May 2012, while we still have SL Coaches at the sites to enter these hours. (After that time an announcement will inform students turning in "extra" hours for awards — the procedure at their site.)

Our students have done amazing work in our Community. We look forward to more of the same but with the teacher facilitating these experiences and tying it back to their student's coursework.



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This is a special issue highlighting some of the community service projects students have completed. As Merideth Joyce, LBUSD Service Learning District Coordinator, writes in the article on this page the modifications for service learning graduation requirements have been modified. Certainly, students will continue to do their civic duty volunteering. As the Willard article on page 23 points out, children are never too young to help others less fortunate. We are pleased to dedicate this issue to the parents, students and community for their continued acts of caring for others.

Thank you.

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By Bonnie Goldberg, Zeta Chapter

Alpha Delta Kappa is an honorary sorority for educators, which meets monthly to plan various projects to serve the community through education. Members provided 2,533 hours of service to the community in 2010.

Zeta women spend from September to May planning The Scholarship Tea, their most important service project. "It is a unifying effort that binds the women of Zeta together in a living circle of sisterhood." Said Tea Chairman JoAnn McDonald, a former teacher of LBUSD. "It is a collective effort but also features individual talent. Finally, it is a shared mission of giving to young students in need who will follow us into careers in education."

Last year's tea cleared over \$5,500 providing five scholarships and drew 170 guests to the Old Rancho Country Club.

The 13th Annual Scholarship Tea, "Booked for Tea" will be May 7, 2011.



JoAnn McDonald, Tea Chairperson; Monica Meade, Past President; Susan Blough, President; Roberta Patterson, member & teacher at Milliken High School



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Pay What You Can Night

Mindful of the current difficult economic times, Long Beach Playhouse is now offering "Pay What You Can Night" for final dress rehearsal for all future productions in both the Mainstage and the Studio. The theatre is also accepting non-perishable human or pet food donations as well in exchange for admission.

Special tickets will be available for purchase for whatever price patrons can afford to pay. "Pay What You Can" tickets can be purchased at 7 p.m. that evening at the box office window on a first-come basis, cash and exact change only.

"Pay What You Can Thursdays" strives to make the show accessible to everyone, regardless of ability to pay, by minimizing the financial barriers often associated with purchasing tickets to quality theatre. Daisy Ramirez-Gutierrez marketing manager for the Long Beach Playhouse said she hopes the offer will enable people who could not normally afford regular ticket prices to see shows at the theatre.

"Our goal is to make theatre available to everyone regardless of their financial situation, especially during this difficult time," Ramirez-Gutierrez said.

Future Pay What You Can Dates:

- Waiting for Godot in the Studio Theatre - April 7, 2011
- The Taming of the Shrew on the Mainstage Theatre - April 21
- Dog Sees God in the Studio Theatre - May 19
- Night Must Fall on the Mainstage Theatre - June 9
- Master Harold & the Boys in the Studio Theatre - June 30
- A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum Musical on the Mainstage - July 28
- The Underpants - August 11
- Dracula - September 29

Long Beach Playhouse is located at 5021 E. Anaheim St., Long Beach, CA, 90804, right across from the Long Beach Recreation golf course. The Playhouse is community-supported theatre that cuts across age, gender, ethnic, and cultural boundaries. For more information or to purchase tickets visit www.lbplayhouse.org or call 562-494-1014.

Volunteering is Magical!



Jodie Lynn

Volunteering at your children's schools, youth activities, day-care facilities, church and anywhere else you see a need is always a worthwhile endeavor. It can make a huge difference in your community and in the life of your child and your child's teacher or leader. In addition, it may very well lift up your own spirits.

Make time to seek out volunteer opportunities. You may want to visit organizations to determine the volunteer requirements. In today's society, many organizations are requiring criminal background checks, so be prepared. Look at it as a positive move on the part of those who are now implementing these new guidelines, rather than a hassle—it could prove to be safer for your children and provide a mentally healthier environment.

Sign up early. If you would like to have more options in more areas, sign up early. If you are volunteering in a school, depending on the ages of the children in the group, they may have different opportunities, especially in early elementary classrooms.

Volunteering is more meaningful than you might imagine. Everyone benefits, and kids love to see their parents in their classroom and out and about in the community. It teaches them the importance of spending time helping others, making a difference, caring and sharing. Research has shown that kids whose parents volunteer have amazing self-esteem, more motivation and are higher achievers. Best of all, they are more likely to demonstrate patience, execute quality leadership skills, thoughtfulness, kindness and see challenges in a more positive manner—a true recipe for tomorrow's future leaders, our children!

Jodie Lynn is an award-winning internationally syndicated family/health columnist and radio personality. Her syndicated column Parent to Parent (www.ParentToParent.com) has been successful for over 10 years and appears in newspapers, magazines, newsletters and throughout the Internet. Her latest books are *Mom CEO (Chief Everything Officer)- Having, Doing, and Surviving It All!* (June 2006) and *Syndication Secrets - What No One Will Tell You!* (March 2006). www.ParentToParent.com for details on new radio talk show, Inside Parenting Success.



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Yvette Streeter
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Success

Success in life has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It's what you do for others. — Danny Thomas

Addams school is so fortunate to have so many wonderful Volunteers in Public Schools (V.I.P.S.). They give generously of their time and talents to help our school in so many important ways. They have: Cut, pasted and stapled hundreds of projects; Xeroxed flyers, newsletters, and many items for classroom teachers; chaperoned trips all over the city from CSULB to the Science Center; cleaned and organized closets and bookrooms; unpacked, stamped and delivered hundreds of boxes of materials to the classrooms; made many, many trips to provide refreshments for all of our events; raised funds to make sure our students and staff have the extra things they need; ran our Fall and Spring picture days; helped spearhead numerous charity drives for our community; cooked and organized staff breakfast celebrations and teacher appreciation events; ran booths at Back to School Nights and Open House; made gift baskets for every presentation at Literacy Night; stapled and bound hundreds of books.

Thank you to all of the volunteers at Addams for being the bridge to our larger school community and for modeling what remarkable things can be accomplished with empowered parent groups. We are truly fortunate to work along side you for the benefit of our children and we are proud of all that you have accomplished.



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Doris Robinson
Principal

Outstanding Volunteers

William and Susan Fowler are outstanding volunteers at Bryant Elementary School. They are a component of Restoration Church where their daughter is Rev. Tim Cullins' wife. Bill and Sue came to Bryant initially via Restoration Church and decided that they wanted to do more for the school. They come weekly to assist teachers in their classrooms to increase students reading, writing, and math skills. During the PTA's Family Movie Night, they came to play games with students and supervise where necessary. Yearly, Restoration Church has a community cleanup day and they come on a Saturday and clean the school, plant flowers, organize classrooms or whatever the teachers and staff find necessary and the District approves. They are a team that Bryant certainly enjoys having to assist wherever needed. During the Christmas Season, they come and assist with the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon or distributing gift cards to the entire Bryant Staff. They are an encouraging husband and wife team who we will always appreciate.

Avalon/Two Harbors *(K-12)*

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Joseph Carlson
Principal

Knowledge and Life Emerge from Service Project

Accompanied by teachers Laura Vandezande and Erica Minuto, Avalon's fourth and fifth graders participated in a service learning project this February to assist with erosion prevention on the Catalina Island hillsides devastated by fires several years ago. With enthusiasm and tenacity, and under the guidance of Catalina Island Conservancy School Program Specialist Rich Zanelli, the students hauled 250 discarded Christmas trees up a steep hillside, where they placed trees strategically in severely eroded areas.

When the rains follow, soil will be washed into the trees and trapped by the branches. Seeds from nearby plants will then germinate in the soil, and restore the disturbed area. Today, new life is springing forth from dead trees placed on the hillsides over the past half decade.

This project is fantastic partnership between Avalon School and the Catalina Island Conservancy, which preserves and manages the flora and fauna of the island's interior, whereby landfill trash is reduced, landscape restored, and students discover science in action and serve their community in a hands-on learning experience.



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Volunteers are Appreciated

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart. —Elizabeth Andrew

At Bixby School, we are blessed with special people who spend their most valuable possession on us...their time! Some work on campus and others work at home or through the social media. I wish we had a “V (Volunteer) – Tube” for you to see them all in action, but since we don’t, we would like to extend a sincere “Thank You” for all they do to support our students and staff.

A special thanks goes out to everyone who has participated in or provides support in the following areas: the classroom, the playground, SSC/ELAC, PTA board and members, fundraising, Dr. Zuess’ Birthday Read-In, B.A.S.E Program, student reward store, field trips, book fair, calendar, Fit-A-Thon, (CSULB Volleyball/Basketball Players), Back to School Night, Spiritwear sales, popsicle sales, returning lost wallets to their owners, Teacher/Staff Appreciation, Author’s Day Celebration, newsletters, webpage, donations, special events support, district staff subbing assistance, Fall Festival, musicians/entertainers, Career Day presenters, PTA Hospitality, VIPs, educational assemblies, Garden Club, Bixby Beautification committee, Kinder Meet & Greet, Family Fun Night, food cart, troop leaders, Meet the Masters, Red Ribbon week, Beautification Committee, Box Tops, PTA Safety Day, Reflections, community partner certificates and donations, fifth grade promotion, helpers with reading comprehension and math facts, and the CSULB and LBCC Promise Program!

Did you ever know that you’re our heroes, and everything we’d would like to be? We can fly higher than an eagle, ‘cause you are the wind beneath our wings. Fly, fly, fly high against the sky, so high we almost touch the sky. Thank you, thank you. You are the wind beneath our wings.

On behalf of the students and staff here at Bixby... thanks for being on our team! We are grateful and honored.

Burbank *Elementary*

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Lorraine Griego
Principal

Burbank Students Learn by Giving to the Community

By Damon Jespersen, Learning Director

Service Learning is an excellent way for our students to learn through community involvement. Its dual purpose provides an experience for students to assist the community in some capacity and gained valuable knowledge through participation.

Burbank students participated this past fall in an important service learning project, our Second Annual “Can Do” Canned Food Drive. From 11/15/10 to 11/19/10 students collected cans of food and brought them in to donate to Centro Shalom. To incorporate academic learning with this project, students used math skills on a daily basis to complete bar graphs to track the amount of donations. Students also applied knowledge gained about the food pyramid and benefits of good nutrition through lessons related to the project. They also explored the impact of ethics and civic responsibility in helping others in our community. As a result, Burbank students donated several hundred pounds of can food.

As part of this spring’s service learning project, Burbank students donated to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. For three weeks in March, students brought in spare coins to help School & Youth Programs raise funds for blood cancer research and patient services. As part of health instruction, students discussed the significance of finding cures and helping those afflicted by disease. Also, students took opportunities to utilize their math abilities in a real life application of accounting for collected donations. Burbank students generously donated over \$2000 to this worthy cause and demonstrated the importance of supporting society at large.

Bancroft *Middle School*

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Pamela Sawyer
Principal

Creative Community-Service Learning

By Bunthary Mok, Health/Science Teacher

Students at Bancroft are encouraged to participate on campus and off campus by offering their volunteer services to fellow students, staff and community members. Seventh-grade students in health each semester are required to choose an area of service that interests them and in which they can make a positive impact on the health and welfare of others. Service learning allows our students to see firsthand the value of their personal skills, talents, knowledge and other attributes. Offering to assist in the school or surrounding community gives them the opportunity to establish an early history of volunteering and showing compassion and consideration for others.

Bancroft Bruins have done a number of service learning projects in order to impart their strengths to the school and community members. Students have been creative in deciding on how to go about helping others in their community. They have participated in raising money for a health-related nonprofit community organization such as St. Baldricks, assisting with the food packing and deliveries for Meals on Wheels, volunteering at a local YMCA teaching gymnastics, sitting down to do crafts with locals at the senior center, organic gardening with younger peers—and the list goes on. Most importantly, students learn how to manage their time and communicate with others more effectively to assist with a task. All of this is accomplished while completing their health outreach project. They are definitely most proud of their good deeds, which are displayed in their scrapbook portfolios and reflective papers at the end of the semester.

At Bancroft, our students continue their involvement and service learning in the community and know that their daily actions affect their lives and the lives of others.



Student Council members collecting donations from students for Pennies for Patients.

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Burcham *(K-8)*

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LaShell Diggs
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Soles for Souls

During the month of April the Burcham School family collected shoes for the "Soles for Souls." Students were asked to bring in gently worn shoes to donate to victims of the Japan tsunami. Burcham collected 874 pairs of shoes to donate. Way to go, Burcham Bobcats!

Comments from Student Council members:

It felt good to help collect shoes for the tsunami victims because I knew I was doing it for a good cause and others.

—Michelle Yean

I felt like I was contributing to people who really needed it and that they

would do the same for us if we were in the same situation.

—Stephan Tacub

It felt like I was doing something better than just sitting around doing nothing. It made me feel like there are good people in the world.

—Joseph Garcia

It felt as if I were helping to accomplish somebody's goals and make them feel better.

—Donovan Rosas

I felt it was very helpful to Japan and a very caring thing to do.

—DeJuan Campbell



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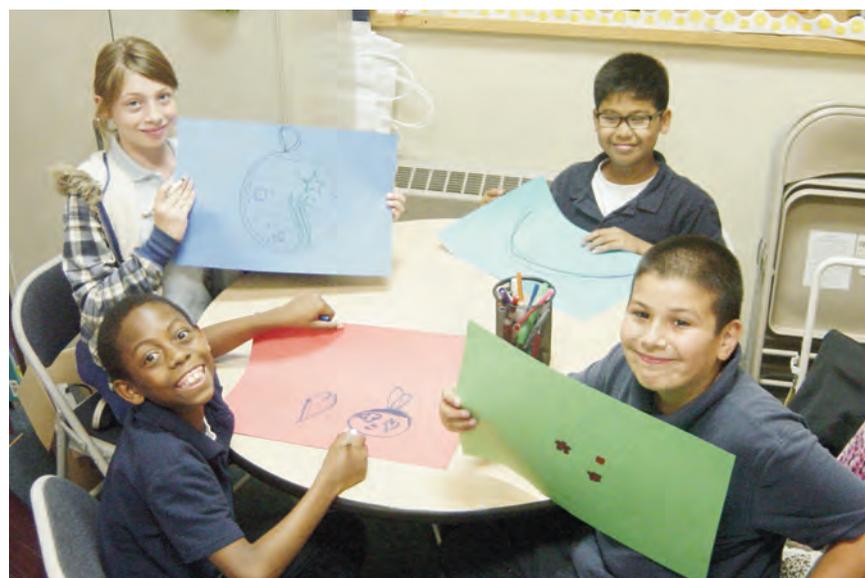
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Pay -It- Forward Fridays

By Nancy Jo Rettig, Counselor at Burnett

(Jingle bells ringing over the public announcement system), "Ok boys and girls, here is the Character Education question of the month...operators are standing by now." That is the counselor's announcement cue for classes to call in their answers. The winners reward isn't your typical prize of candy or certificates. In fact the PRIZE is MORE GIVING. Our beloved volunteer, Carol Kooner arrives at their class packing craft materials of all kinds. "We want it to be bright and colorful so they won't be lonely," smiled Angel. The next hour is filled with pasting, painting and poetry. Sentiments flow to cheer hospice patients at Kaiser Permanente Hospital, with whom Ms. Kooner has worked with lovingly for years.

"We give the hospice patients something to be happy about," reports Jacob. "And we bring happiness to their souls before they go to rest." interjected Rain.



Mr. Borgerding's students.

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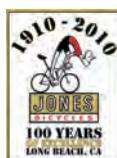
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Principal

Volunteers Help Make Everything Possible

At Carver, we celebrate our learning community each year with major events such as the holiday boutique, talent show, family nights, jog a thon, the book fair, and our amazing carnival. It is fabulous to see all of the Carver families pull together to offer such events to our students. One reason for Carver's academic success is in large part to the volunteer work at Carver.

Our parents spend countless hours in the classrooms and at fundraising events and this work allow us the resources to move students academically. With the funding generated from PTA and the time our parent volunteers spend in classes, we are able to maintain all of our wonderful academic programs such as technology, PE, Art, and Interventions for struggling learners.

It is an honor to pay tribute to our volunteers at Carver. With all of their support Carver has reached success and continues to soar year after year! Hats off to all of the families at Carver that have continuously supported our school! It is true that it takes a village to raise a child. At Carver, we have unveiled the key to success. We are a community with one common goal. Our goal is to provide the best learning experience for all of our students.



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Dr. Elio Mendoza
Co-Principal



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Co-Principal

Student Earns over 1,000 Service Hours! By Gloria Archer Career Center Supervisor

Jose Hernandez is a senior at Cabrillo. A student in CAL-J—the SLC Academy of Law and Justice—he has earned 1,109 service-learning hours from the City of Long Beach Dept. of Parks, Recreation and Marine, Veteran's Park.

He has worked as a teen volunteer and has received numerous certificates and awards for

his service. The program includes increasing teens' sense of community pride, increasing self-esteem, appreciating the impact of adult role models, increasing a sense of responsibility and helping students avoid deviant behavior.

Jose worked with the Summer Day Camp and after-school program as an assistant to counselors. He assisted counselors in implementing day camp and after-school activities. He was responsible for leading activities with camp participants ages 5–12. He assists with the summer lunch program.

Jose said he was honored to have served in the program and that it helped him appreciate his community. Cabrillo is proud of Jose!

Parent is Truly Wonder Woman!

By Robyn Archer, Facilitator

It's hard to list all that Lee White has done for Cabrillo this year. She was spending so much time on campus that we gave her a desk spot in 701, from which she runs many volunteer activities. Her personal goal this year has been to increase parent education, bring more parents on campus to help out, and increase publicity of Cabrillo's many programs to the local community as well as to greater Long Beach.

Ms. White works six-plus hours a day making copies and checking out books the first few months of school. This included setting up more efficient systems for teachers to get copies in a timely manner. She recruits and trains volunteers and matches them up with teacher requests for help. She has created a Cabrillo parent newsletter that includes important announcements, dates and spotlighting of school programs.

Ms. White also serves on the School Site Council, SDM and PTSA. She acts as the Cabrillo parent representative to the superintendent's and high school office forums as well as various other district parent-information committees. She attends community meetings of the Westside Community Organization, Westside Schools for Clean Air, the Wrigley Association—she often mentions this or that local meeting she attended! Her attendance has really increased the positive connections between Cabrillo and the community!

Ms. White creates Facebook posts about great activities around Cabrillo, volunteers many Saturdays, and recruits other parents to accomplish seemingly impossible tasks that we don't have the personnel to do. This list could go on and on, but this "Wonder Woman" truly earns the title of Volunteer of the Year! Thank you, Ms. White!



Dr. Janice Filer
Principal

Thank You Mr. Matheus

CAMS salutes Mr. Daniel Matheus as our "Volunteer of the Year." Mr. Mathues can be found volunteering his time at CAMS literally morning, noon, night, and on weekends to our robotics program. CAMS is fortunate to have Mr. Mathues dedicate his time and expertise to our students and staff.

Mr. Ted Harder our robotics director and physics teachers had this to say about Mr. Mathues: "Mr. Matheus began volunteering at CAMS soon after his son became a freshman. His interest in flight and R/C flight carried over into other technical areas of expertise.

As a jack-of-all-trades, Mr. Matheus has helped the CAMS Robotics for two seasons bringing prototypes to life and brainstorming ingenious solutions to the technical challenges of the FIRST Robotics Competition. Working side by side with students, Mr. Matheus has devoted well over 300 hours in the last two years to sharing his passion for technology and his enthusiasm for life. His contributions are much appreciated by students, parents and staff alike."

CAMS senior Russ Patrick Capulong states: "Mr. Matheus mentors at almost every robotics meeting and competition with a smile. He guides students through every step of the engineering process, offering input during brainstorming sessions, constructive criticism at design reviews, and safety tips in the fabrication and implementation processes. Along the way, Mr. Matheus effectively trains students in proper and safe use of many tools on campus, a useful skill that few teenagers have.



Mr. Matheus.

Mr. Matheus, or "Father," also mentors his son's VEX Robotics team at CAMS. With his many years of experience in the aviation industry, he constantly motivates them to build the best robot possible while teaching them the importance of team cohesion and rapport. But what makes us love Mr. Matheus the most is his ability to make everyone in the room laugh. He fits in with the students easily, constantly exchanging jokes with his mentees. Not only is he our mentor, but he is also our friend."

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In times of need, we all need friends and Minnie Gant has many great friends. We are extremely appreciative of our outstanding volunteers and their support of our students. From our students to our parents, from our parents to grandparents to our neighbors and community members, we all work together to Keep Gant Great! Our volunteers focus on projects close to home as well as those further away.

We have many individuals and groups who volunteer throughout the year. One example of a recent volunteer effort has been with our Girl Scouts of Troop 7263. These young ladies have been organizing their efforts to benefit the less fortunate. In less than three weeks they successfully organized two different projects: Shoes 4 Souls (to benefit survivors of the earthquake and Tsunami in Japan) and Easter Basket collections for needy youngsters at a local Long Beach church.

The girls collected over 300 pairs of gently used shoes to be shipped, in cooperation with Sport Chalet, to Japan. Thank you to all of the families for their generous donations, a few families even donated brand new shoes. I am confident that these donations will be greatly appreciated.

On Friday, April 15th the young ladies put together Easter Baskets for a local church. These were given out to bring a bright spot to many families during Spring Break. Each basket was designated for either a boy or a girl and contained items that young people need as well as a few toys young people would enjoy as well.

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Student Council Carries On

April at Holmes Elementary School means that our annual penny drive for Children's Leukemia Cancer Research is concluded, with our grand total this year at \$1,356.52. Given the state of the economy, we are very proud of that total. But we haven't stopped there. This month, we are still collecting pennies and other coins to send to the Red Cross to assist the victims in Japan.

Student council took on a more active role this year in assisting with our Safe and Civil program. Each student council member wears a gold vest, which stands out on the playground. If students have a disagreement, they can easily spot student council members and go to them for peer assistance. If they are still unable to resolve the dispute, students can go to the adults on duty. Student council members also wear their vests at assemblies, when they assist the principal and counselor in giving out the student character trait awards.

Student council has also gotten active in the push for 100 percent uniform compliance. Each month, as part of our student store, we award Popsicles to students who can present three "green slip" uniform tickets. The green slips are awarded by adults, at the start of each day and in the cafeteria lines, to students who are dressed in their red, white, and blue.

Despite the clear goal of improving our scores on state tests, many grade levels still provide service learning. Our fourth- and fifth-grade students read to younger children, and our younger children pick up the bean pods on the playground. Each grade level represented on student council sponsors a spirit day once a month. We celebrated Earth Day by having a Rainbow Colors Day. Each student was encouraged to wear as many colors of the rainbow as possible, instead of the uniform.

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Dr. Sally Gregory
Principal

What's the Greatest Nation? A Do-Nation!

By David Michaels, Seventh-Grade English Teacher

September to June is the season of giving at Hughes Middle School, and students from the campus clubs and organizations have been volunteering their time and energy to help serve our community. Philanthropic organizations at Hughes include the Green Team, CJSF, AVID and the student council.

Green Team students are selected at the beginning of each year. Under the guidance of parent volunteers Cathy Procopio and Kim Peterson, they donate their after-school hours to help recycle paper waste as well as aluminum and plastic cans. Green Team members also beautify our campus by planting drought-resistant vegetation.

On April 16, the Green Team hosted an e-waste/document shredding drive. This helped the community relinquish their old electronics in an environmentally safe way.

Our CJSF, AVID and student council members are no strangers to volunteering, either. All CJSF members, under the supervision of Ms. Parker, are asked to donate four hours of community service work each trimester. Most students choose to assist teachers after school or help with recycling, or maybe even help out at a soup kitchen or homeless shelter.

The AVID students recently held a clothes drive for the Long Beach Rescue Mission. And our student council, which is run after school hours by teachers Ms. Vandivort and Mr. Krstich, recently held a campus-wide coin collection effort called "Pennies for Patients." Student donations totaled \$1874.09, all of which will be donated to the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society.

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Dr. Avery Hall
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Volunteer of the Year

Hoover Middle School's Volunteer in Public Schools (VIPS) of the year is Mrs. Virginia Williams. Mrs. Williams was recently recognized for this at the district's VIPS of the year ceremony.

Mrs Williams has over 30 years of experience as a Head Start administrator, elementary teacher, counselor, and Assistant Principal. She is currently retired but spends much of her time helping students and staff at Hoover Middle School. Mrs. Williams impacts the entire student body when she volunteers in the office as a mentor to students. She counsels students, involves parents, and makes a positive impact schoolwide. One student described her as "a person with a strong heart."

Another student said, "she encourages me." Others have described her as smart, nice, strong, and supportive. In addition to this, Mrs. Williams also substitutes in the classroom for teachers.

Mrs. Williams maintains professionalism in her positive interactions with others. She is always ready to lend a helping hand. She is a valuable asset to Hoover Middle School and to the Long Beach Unified School District.



Mrs Virginia Williams.

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Rosana Madrid-Arroyo
Principal

Big Effects of a Little Penny

Students at Starr King participated in a 3-week Pennies for Patients service project to collect contributions for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. During the month of February our students gathered more than \$2000 to help the LLS find a cure for blood cancers. Leukemia and lymphoma aren't the only diseases our students worked to combat. Others include Hodgkin's disease and myeloma.

Starr King students were excited about helping make a difference in our community. They were compassionate for kids who are sick. Their cardboard donation boxes were full with pennies and pride because they knew they were helping. Our after school WRAP program participated as well as teachers and the office staff. An offshoot of the Pennies for Patients campaign is that one of our families contacted the LLS and has pledged to make regular donations throughout the year. It's amazing how far a little penny and a lot of good will go!

Our students learned that even a small effort can make a real difference in the lives of others. The drive was sponsored by PTO and coordinated by our PTO president, Lilianna Carrillo. We are all proud to work together to help patients and their families with direct services through the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.



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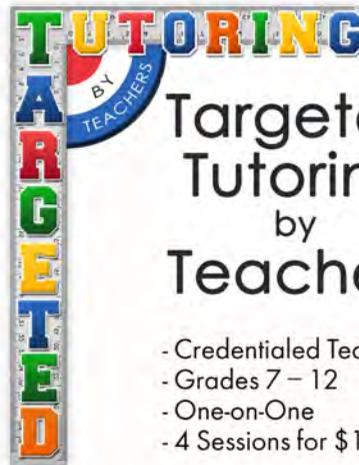
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The Kid's Guide to Service Projects



Kate Karp

The title of this wonderfully helpful resource is directed at children, but Barbara A. Lewis's *Kid's Guide to Service Projects*, Free Spirit Publishing, 1995, is a volunteer guide for any age. The more than 500 suggested projects, ranging in difficulty from caring for a neighbor's pet to getting state laws and city ordinances passed, will appeal to anyone who want to make a difference and earn breathing space on the planet. The projects, all worthy, are described simply and clearly enough to encourage any aspiring humanitarian.

The projects focus on human and animal welfare, community development and safety, the environment, literacy and politics, further divided into 10 categories. In the introduction, Lewis gives short shrift to anyone's claims of not having enough time or that the goals are too involved for any one person to attempt. Instead, she maps out projects for every passion, and invites the reader to send her anything that she hasn't thought of. She then provides a template of 10 steps to make any effort a successful one; gives handy how-tos for pesky paperwork tasks such as creating fliers, writing petitions and press releases, and lobbying for a cause; and suggest seven ways to raise funds.

Anyone who wants to be proactive in solving problems for the community, either local or at large, will find frequent use for *The Kid's Guide*. It will be particularly helpful in the service requirement for graduation from high school; and families, youth and religious organizations, and classroom teachers will all find something to forward worthy efforts. Most of all, lone individuals who feel the need to take action on a problem but may be overwhelmed by the details will be happy to find that Lewis has done the initial organization for them. And that in itself is a great service.

Kate Karp is an editor for School News Roll Call and a freelance writer and editor.



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Aspiration in Medical Services By George Icedo, Student

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The students work with neighborhood markets to educate local residents about the dangers of unhealthy eating choices.

“Our goal is to make the community better little by little by raising awareness and providing information about healthy eating,” stated Leonarda Lara.

The students have also incorporated social media sources to reach out and provide information about healthier alternatives. Through their Facebook page, (www.facebook.com/ProjectHOPEorg) the juniors show “friends” how to read food labels and stress the importance of doing so.

“It will help parents learn what they should and shouldn’t feed their children,” continued Lara.

The juniors recently promoted healthier consumer choices through a lunchtime campus Health Fair and will conduct a presentation on another campus, as well.

“Young adults should be more aware of their food choices and be able to determine whether or not what they eat is healthy or not,” declared Helen Soeur.

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Throughout the morning you see countless and active room parents in classes being read to for fluency goals from students, supporting math facts memorization with flash cards, and a variety of other needs in classrooms.

Mid Day—Parents are in and out the main building making sure that the GFS Wall of Fame is up to date by taking pictures of students deserving recognition.

Banning together like and assembly line in the teacher’s lounge to put packets together for various school wide events or simply cleaning the teacher’s lounge to make the space more enjoyable for staff.

The Parent Booster club in its inaugural year is off to an amazing start by making the school wide events even more successful by adding local vendors.

PM—Our DCAC representative has a table out passes out information about district news and helpful tips and ways to support your child out home.

Supporting the school’s ongoing student incentive programs is a dedicated pair of parents who support the afternoon snack cart by shopping weekly and selling after school.

As you can see Lafayette is a better place because the Volunteers: Parents and Community make this a great place for our Roaring Lions. With humble gratitude and thanks – You are Appreciated and Valued.

Keller *Elementary*

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Marjean Hughes
Principal

Pennies for Patients

By Kimberly Andrew- Intervention Specialist

This month at Keller, our students will be participating in “The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s (LLS) School & Youth Program”. This program gives students the opportunity to raise funds for blood cancer research and patient services, while learning that they can make a difference in the lives of others. Each of our students will take on the challenge to collect coins, dollar bills and personal checks in their individual collection boxes. Each student who raises over \$50 will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win various prizes. Leukemia is a disease that has directly affected our school community. We take on this mission with pride to exceed our previous contribution from last year.

Kettering *Classical Elementary*

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Kelly Ludden
Principal

Brightening our playground

What did you do over the furlough weekend? Many of us played, traveled or just relaxed.

But for Kettering alumni Alex Fest, it was a working weekend! That’s because Alex volunteered his time to help refurbish and repaint Kettering’s handball walls as his Eagle Scout project.

Alex recruited his family and friends to help him, and worked with school and district staff and the PTA to plan the project. He first recovered the chipped and split wood on the walls and then painted them a cheerful blue. He also worked with his “crew” to paint inspirational quotes on them. Finally he had the other students add their hand prints to the smaller of the two walls as decoration.

The rest of the students were thrilled to see the new and improved walls when they returned from their long weekend. Fifth-grader Hannah Sees said, “It was very inspirational and made our school stand out.” Her classmate Yasmine Kobessi thought that Alex had put a lot of effort into the project. She said, “We appreciated the creativity and time that it took to improve the walls.”

All of Kettering’s “kids” are thankful for the beautiful art and inspirational quotes, and the new and improved walls!



Alex with students.

Long Beach School for Adults

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Matt Saldana
Principal

LBSA Students Support Fellow Students

The goal of the Student Council at Long Beach Adult School this year was to raise funds to present scholarships to fellow students who are having difficulty meeting the new, higher tuition requirements.

“For the first time the money raised will be used to support students preparing to attend college and ESL students striving to learn English so they can attend LBSA high school classes,” stated Jessica Velazquez Ojeda, Student Council President and Apolonia Rodriguez, Vice President.

Under the direction of Council Advisor, Joseph Callier, the Student Council members have hosted an October Fest, operated a Student Store, collected donations from other students, and organized a Spring Car Wash.

International Day brought the students to school in their native costumes to recognize their respective cultures while they played games, held contests and played music typical of their native countries.

The final fundraiser of the year will be a Red Cross Blood Drive.



Mr. Joseph Callier, Jessica Velazquez-Ojeda, Apolonia Rodriguez, Steven Tialavea & Erik Solano.

MacArthur Elementary

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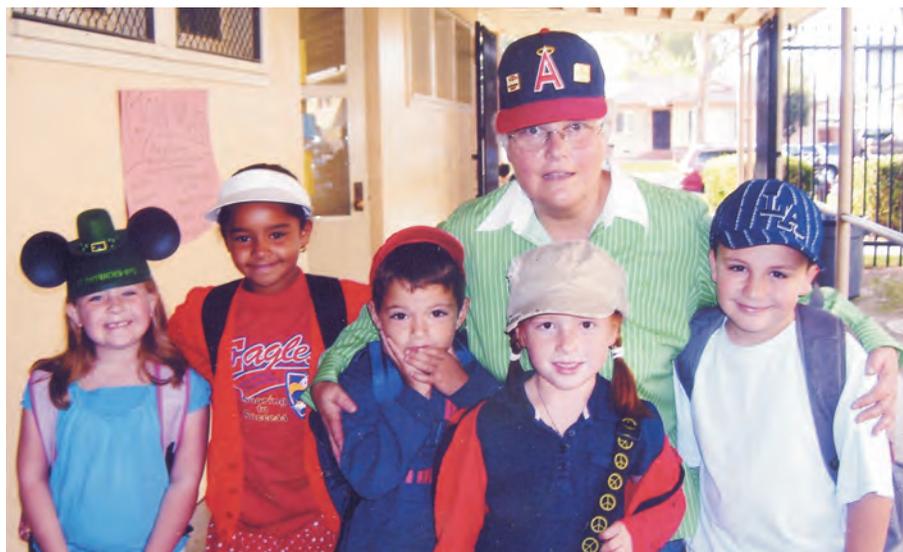


Juan Gutierrez
Principal

VIP Extraordinaire

So what are you doing every morning at about 7:00 a.m.? Well, at MacArthur School you will find our volunteer extraordinaire in the school office prepping for our teachers and setting the tone for the day. She is known at MacArthur as Ms. Linda and let me tell you, she's one of a kind. School volunteers come and go through the years but Linda Zill, she fell in love with our school back in 2005 and has never left. She has become part of our beloved MacArthur Family.

Ms. Linda volunteers every single day in a variety of ways. She starts every morning in the copy room prepping for teachers. At about 8:45 she runs over to the cafeteria lines and playground to supervise and catch up with several MacArthur students. At 9:00 she then starts her day in the classrooms helping students with reading, writing and math. Kids love her! Her sense of humor is contagious and often times you will find her singing with our primary students as they wait in line for lunch. Oh, by the way, did I tell you about what she does after school? Ms. Linda takes great pleasure and pride by serving on the PTA board and other school committees. MacArthur school loves you Ms. Linda and appreciates all you do for our children!



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Lowell Bayside *Academy*

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Laurie Murrin
Principal

Community Service

By Peyton Beeli, Fourth-Grade Student

Community service learning is where school-age kids volunteer to do service throughout the year.

After they complete hours, they write them down on a Community Service Log. In April, the Lowell students who participated count up their hours and turn in their logs. Later, Lowell will have an assembly to honor those students who have done community service for the past eight months.

Many Lowell classrooms perform community service. "I think that it's great that kids are participating in community service," said Melissa Osorio, the community service director. Lowell students are doing a lot to help. The first-grade classes made cheerful cards for the nursing home, and students in Mrs. William's class made "Blankets of Love" for African children through the Josh Groban Foundation.

They are currently making Easter baskets for Justin Rudd's program. Kindergarteners donated toys to children through the "Spark of Love" Foundation. Meanwhile, second-graders made Christmas gift bags for "Love in the Mirror." Room B-6 wrote letters to soldiers overseas.

The third-graders joined Operation Christmas for the Salvation Army, wrote letters to heroes, and worked through the ASPCA. The upper-grades have worked hard, too. Fourth-graders made lunches and blankets for the Long Beach Rescue Mission.

In conclusion, I think Community Service is a great way for kids to enrich their lives and become good citizens who will give back to their community when they become adults.

McKinley *Elementary*

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David Taylor
Principal

Solid Friendship

By Christy Cleveland, Counselor

Once a month, a group of incredibly awesome students from Valley Christian High School volunteer to come to McKinley and play after-school sports with our students. But it goes way beyond a good time.

The high school students also mentor our students through a pen pal program. Once a week, I meet with the McKinley students who participate in the Writers Club. We read the letters from the Valley Christian Students and then write back to them. The letters from the high school students encourage, advise and teach our students about friendships, good character traits and the importance of education. In turn, our students are learning proper writing skills and are forging friendships with some excellent role models.

During the week the layoff notices went out, the Valley Christian students baked cookies, and their activities director, Jeff Westrup, delivered them to our staff meeting. The collaboration between Valley Christian and McKinley Elementary has been a great motivator in our students' education process.



Valley Christian football players, cheerleaders, & soccer players team up with McKinley students.

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PEACEQUEST Students Build An Ark *By Brooke Cullison* Co-President Interact Club QUEST Academy

To promote world awareness, Quest Club is partnering with Heifer International and the PEACE Academy in the service project Millikan Builds an Ark.

With this service project, Quest Club hopes to get the entire Millikan campus involved with this cause. Our goal with this service project is to raise \$5,000 to purchase "The Ark," which contains 15 pairs of animals from Heifer International.

Heifer International's motto is "Pass on the Gift." Heifer International takes a different approach than do most organizations. Instead of sending food or money, the group sends gifts of livestock and training. These gifts allow families to become self-reliant and obtain a steady income. Heifer also has a policy that has families that receive the gift pass on the offspring of their livestock to other families in the community.

With this approach, Heifer International is steadily working toward its goal of ending poverty and hunger in the world. Quest Club, along with the Millikan community, is proud to take part in "passing on the gift."



By Marlena Trafas, PEACE Sophomore

Imagine a day without food. The hunger pains might kick in, and dizziness may occur. Now imagine a week without food. A month.

There are families in rural third-world countries that are always hungry because where they live, they don't have access to food. Fortunately, Heifer International is an organization that helps world hunger by sending real livestock such as cows, goats and chickens to these families in need. PEACE 10th-grade teachers explained world hunger and Heifer International to their students and had a project for them to help Heifer.

First, students in their English classes made professional proposals for a fundraiser to make money to donate to Heifer. Next, in their biology classes, they saw a PowerPoint about professional dress in preparation for their presentations. Students donned their best professional dress and gave their presentations, and the winning ideas were presented to a PEACE assembly.

Students are organizing a barbecue fund-raiser to raise money. This project exemplifies what PEACE is all about: looking outside your own life for ways to help solve world problems.



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Winner of our April Contest

Rogers *Middle School*

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Tom Huff
Principal

"Egg" cited

Rogers is once again participating in the annual Operation Easter Basket sponsored by Justin Rudd of Long Beach. His committee finds organizations that deal with disadvantaged children and youth. Easter baskets are made by individuals or groups to donate to these children. This is Rogers 5th year of getting "egg" cited about this event. Our goal is always to do a little better than the year before so we are looking to fill 215 Easter baskets. There is a contest between the advisory classes to see who can donate the most items. We are always "egg"tremely amazed with the generosity of our students, parents and staff members on helping others in our own community.



Monroe *(K-8)*

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Mark Curran
Principal

The Monroe Volunteers Step Up!

The students at Monroe K-8 School have the opportunity to earn an "M" letter and service pin in recognition of their community service hours. Students who complete 20 community service hours during the school year are recognized at an end-of-the-year awards ceremony.

Approximately 15 students are now on track to earn this congratulations. The students who go far beyond this are given special recognition, and get to have their names engraved on a perpetual plaque that hangs in the main hallway of the school.

The students also perform volunteer hours outside of the campus. One of our seventh-grade students, Mikeala Cavanaugh, is being recognized by the Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles for their Girl Scout Silver Award. Mikeala is a delightful and dedicated student who embodies the spirit of volunteerism.

Finally, the parents at Monroe serve as community role models for the spirit of giving. Two of our parents, Mr. and Mrs. Glynn, have helped to maintain the Monroe garden program by organizing volunteers from the community as well as high school students in need of community service hours. The Glynn's can be seen almost every Saturday morning sprucing up the gardens along with their team of volunteers!

We are blessed to have a caring community of parents and students who so willingly give of their time to help improve our Monroe School community.

Powell *Academy*

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Wendy Claffin
Principal

Doing For Others

By Angela Symes, Librarian

Colin Powell Academy's students have been busy with numerous Service Learning projects this year. One very successful project was initiated by a several 6th grade girls. Their plan was to raise money for the school library to purchase new books. Over a period of two weeks, the Powell students collected \$702.37, with Ms. Norman's 3rd grade class collecting the most money per student. Ms. Norman's class raised over \$160 and connected the Penny Drive with both Math and Social Studies lessons. They sorted and counted all of the money, studied how money is made and how to earn money. After such a huge success, the entire school is now working on the Pennies for Patients Drive.



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Stephanie Jones
Principal

"Shout Out" to PTSA

Dedicated volunteers are a must! At Jackie Robinson Academy, we are extremely lucky to have a large number of parent volunteers who are willing to spend countless hours making sure our students succeed.

A very special group that we'd like to recognize is our PTSA. Led by Veronica Velazquez, Joy Mendoza, and Rachele Amalfitano-Ramirez, these parents are a perfect example of what it means to take an active role in their children's education, while advocating for all children. Many of our PTSA parents have full-time jobs and still find time to spend many hours volunteering as Volunteers In Public Schools (VIPS) and with other community organizations. Their faces have become familiar to students, teachers, and other parents. Not only do they help around campus, but they are a support system for each other and are working to encourage less active parents to become involved.

These parents are also encouraging more students to become active PTSA members and are helping our student council in the areas of leadership and volunteerism. Several PTSA members, including one student participated in this year's PTA convention in Long Beach.

We would like to send a special "shout out" to the ladies and gentlemen of the Jackie Robinson Academy PTSA. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to Jackie Robinson Academy. We truly appreciate you!

Roosevelt

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Dr. Christopher Lund
Principal

Tutor Titans

Tutor Titans is a Poly HS volunteer club dedicated to tutoring Roosevelt Elementary students by improving their reading skills. What was supposed to be another item added to our college resume became a surprising experience. It really opened our eyes to be put on the other side of the teacher-student perspective. We gained patience by working with our students and by trekking through the selected reading we figured out what reading techniques worked best for each student. After each week passed, the progress seen in our students was undeniably gratifying. They began to read faster and learned how to pronounce words they

were unsure about more clearly and correctly. We also noticed some of our students obtained a growing love for books. If we didn't finish reading a book one week, they'd ask us to bring the book again the following week. Overall, we definitely had a great experience with our Roosevelt students.



Stanford *Middle School*

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Kathleen Cruz
Principal

Service Learning

By Stephanie Heilig, Teacher – 7th-Grade Science & Health

This semester, seventh-grade health students at Stanford Middle School were introduced to Service Learning, a tool that enables students to learn and apply academic, social and personal skills to improve their community. The project has three components: the documentation of service; a personal reflection; and a presentation, to be given in May.

When asked about the meaning of service learning, students' initial response was "service hours." However, students soon discovered that it was much more than that. One student, Jessica Sinishtaj, spent time encouraging others to swim at a Special Olympics swimming program, while another, Maria Mendoza, completed her requirement by being a member of Stanford's Recycling Team. Other projects include feeding the homeless, creating an anti-bullying campaign, and organizing a shoe drive for the victims of the Japanese quake disaster.

Each student who has already completed his or her project had a very positive experience. Brandon Rhodes, who sacrificed a Saturday to clean up non-native plants at the Bolsa Chica Wetlands, said, "I felt sore but happy because I helped the environment."

Whether students were advocates for a special cause or assisted others in need, the students enjoyed the experience. Tyson Day and Larissa Fielder said it simply, "I feel good about myself."



Stuart Ederer and Samuel Stasaitis
volunteering at the Aquarium of the Pacific.



Lilliana Robinson assisting special needs students.

Twain *Elementary*

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Ellen Ryan
Principal

DOGS

What do Victor Navarette, Gabriel Russi, Jonathan Leigh, Jason Moss, Gabriel Ortiz, Claudio Scancich, Mike Norris, and Ty Wagner have in common? They are seven men that created a beautiful memory in the lives of 600 children. They are all VIPS and members of the DOGS (Dads of Great Students) organization at Twain. To celebrate Read Across America, the DOGS put on the play the Three Little Pigs for all of the students that completed their RAD calendar for the month of March. I must say, it truly motivated the students to get it done and boy did the kids enjoy themselves.

Ty Wagner made a beautiful set with a house of straw, a house of sticks, a house of bricks and even a caldron that the Big Bad Wolf fell into after trying to sneak down the chimney. When the Big Bad Wolf knocked down the straw house and started chasing the little pig, the students were coming unglued. Some looked as though they were having an outer body experience. They screamed, they screeched, they were in hysterics. Watching Mama Pig (Gabriel Ortiz) sob when his (her?) piglets were leaving home and also seeing grown men truly “hamming it up” running around like scared little pigs afraid of the wolf, well, it was PRICELESS.

Let's here it for our DOGS, the VIPS and the PTA at Twain, volunteers who help to create a magnificent school experience!



Twain DOGS hamming it up to entertain Twain Readers.

Stephens *Middle School*

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Shivaun Williams
Principal

Sense of Purpose

On any given day at Stephens Middle School, you can find Godfrey Schynder mentoring our youth or working with our academically challenged students.

Retired from the cooperate world, Mr. Schynder has dedicated his time to working with our students. He has developed a trust with many of our students and that allows them to express their feelings and concerns without prejudice.

From student projects to the Jack Rabbit Cafe, you will find Mr. Schynder advising and praising students for their creativity. Prepared and organized everyday, Mr. Schnyder sets an example for our students as he models strong character and integrity. Mr. Schnyder teaches academics and civic pride. Every student that he works with now has a sense of personal purpose and a motivation to succeed as they now know that they “can do!”

Mr. Godfrey Schynder is the epitome of what volunteerism is all about.



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Webster *Elementary*

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Maria Martinez
Principal

Teaching the Best Lessons

Webster Elementary has been hard at work. In addition to all of the terrific academic learning going on, we've also been learning about helping others and our environment.

This service learning benefits everyone it touches. For example, the students who eagerly greet and assist in the SH class learn how to appreciate the differences we all have. These SH students also get a chance to interact with more students in the school. This helps both sets of students learn communication skills and gain confidence in their abilities.

This desire to help others is also encouraged when the older students volunteer to tutor primary students after school and at recess time. Both sets of students improve academically and socially.

Webster students haven't stopped at helping others, though. Recently they decided we weren't doing enough for the environment, and so we implemented two new programs at our school. We have begun terracycling to help clean up our neighborhood. This will remove the numerous chip, candy, and drink wrappers from the area while also providing extra money to the school.

Ms. Towery's kindergarten class has also developed posters for the school and presented the program to get everyone excited. The first-grade team decided that they didn't want to ignore the other trash in the neighborhood and implemented a new "Just 5?" program. Here every student picks up five extra pieces of trash on their way home. This can amount to 100 to 150 less pieces of garbage in our neighborhood each day!

Both of these programs teach our students that every little bit a person can do helps to contribute to the solution. We can't think of a better lesson.

Wilson *Classical High School*

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Sandy Blazer
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Co-Principal

Helping Others

By Eman Abraham, Loudspeaker
Staff Writer – 11th Grade

Beach clean up, volunteering in the community, helping a past teacher—these are just a few of the things one can do for service hours here at Wilson High School! Many students look for ways to get hours, and service learning is a beneficial opportunity. Earning hours can help open one's eyes to what a job could be like in the future.

Currently, students need a minimum of 40 hours to graduate and 200 to earn a medallion when graduating. Wilson provides students opportunities by posting different events one can commit to for a certain number of hours. If a student needs a service sheet, he or she can stop by the Activities Office to get one. Students must write down the hours completed and get the signature of the teacher or event coordinator to substantiate the volunteer time.

Wilson Bruins also get the luxury of knowing just how much they have completed thus far. At the bottom of each six-week progress report, the total number of service hours is reflected. Sophomore, Rachael Gomez frankly stated, "If you just do it and do not think about it as 'service hours' and you think about it as helping the community and put yourself into the situation with a good attitude, then you will end up having more fun that way!"

From donating Easter baskets to volunteering at a shelter for a few hours, it is all a learning process to look forward to. Helping others can really be helping yourself!

Willard *Elementary*

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Kevin Maddox
Principal

"Coins For Cats" at Willard Elementary

By Dr. George Garcia, 3rd grade teacher

Service learning is generally associated with high school students participating in volunteer activities but Ms. Barbara Mignosi, first grade teacher, successfully demonstrates that even the very young can make their community a better place to live. She taught a month-long thematic unit titled, "Coins for Cats." Ms. Mignosi identified two problems: 1) students were struggling counting coins and 2) the general welfare of domestic and feral cats.

Ms. Mignosi smiles with the pride as she describes the project: "I wanted to make learning fun and have them actively participate in a project that would integrate reading, math, and science. I also wanted to foster volunteering in their community." Each child received a small box (recycled of course!) to collect small change. Ms. Mignosi continues, "I was shocked at their generosity – over 100 dollars in three days!" The children successfully learned to count money and help the animal shelter.



Two Willard first grade students show the results of their first service learning project.

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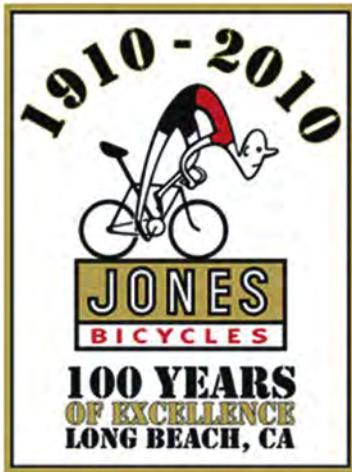
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