Community Service and Leadership

2016

This year we had….

~**195** Total Students in CS&L

The Eighth Grade Class completed **2110.5** hours of service.

The Seventh Grade Class completed **1514** hours of service.

The total number of service hours completed this year is **3624.5**.

CS&L filled over **50** requests for help from community groups including the Lions' Club, the Knights of Columbus, the elementary schools, Community Ed., the Dexter Village and others.

In addition to community service, our committees completed a lot of projects that benefited the Mill Creek Community as well as the community at large.

Usually, the class is split up into 8 committees. Each having a specific set of duties that must be performed.

During each quarter, some committees are combined to ensure we have committees that are 5-6 students. Occasionally a ninth committee is added to accommodate large class sizes.

Birthday & Announcements

- Read the Daily Announcements
- Planned fun announcement days (ex. Wacky Fact of the Day, Funky Song Friday, Money Fact Monday, Pick Up Line Tuesday, Weird Animal Noise Wednesday, Throwback Song Thursday, Friday Fun Facts for March Madness)
- Recognized student birthdays throughout the year
- Hosted 2 Blanket Tying Events

Community Outreach

- Organized a drawing for Taylor Animal Shelter and raised $521
- Collected over 1370 food items to donated to Faith In Action and Dexter Family Services
- Collected 11 towels and 5 bags of pet food for the Humane Society

Dance & Activities

- Planned 3 dances for students, including Dance Marathon
- The first quarter dance was Fall Themed and included an Estimation Jar full of candy as an added activity.
- The Second Quarter Dance was a Tropical Dance and included a photo booth.

Dance Marathon

- February 26, 2016 6-9pm
- Mill Creek Students danced for 3 hours to raise money for Pediatric Rehabilitation at Mott and Beaumont Children's hospital
- ~**165** Mill Creek Students attended Dance Marathon and raised $4237
- The dance also included a blanket tying station, bean bag toss, face painting, spin it to win it, etc. to keep the kids entertained.
- The top three fundraisers and three students randomly drawn got to participate in a Limo Lunch as an incentive.

Helping Hands

- Collected over 60 pairs of eyeglasses to donate to the Lions Club
- Went to Cornerstone and helped the Playground Bench project
- Organized Money Wars and raised $3500: $1000 to VA Hospital, $800 to the Education Project and the remainder sponsored two families for the holidays
- The committee helped keep the school clean by washing desks
- The committee helped teachers in the rooms.

Mariners Morale & Sports and Clubs

These two committees were combined much of the 2015-2016 school year. As a committee they:

- Made posters to recognize the various athletic teams at Mill Creek.
- Coordinated Spirit Week and Halloween Week (example days include white out, pajama day, tropical day, ugly sweater day, red & green day).
- Cleaned the 8th grade rooms and desks.
- Organized an eyeglass drive and collected 26 pairs
- Passed out Hershey Kisses to the students
- Organized games at lunch (ex. Family Feud, Jeopardy, Marshmallow Basket Shooting, etc.)

Staff Appreciation

The staff appreciation committee recognized different groups of staff throughout the year. The teachers received sweet treats and short notes from the committee; while, the para educators received thank you notes. The committee also put together goodie bags for the custodians and helped the custodians by cleaning door knobs and desks. Finally, the committee worked to welcome guest teachers in the building by creating and posting signs for them.

Kids Against Hunger

This year's state charity was focused on fighting childhood hunger. This year our state charity committees had two Techno Lunches and had a Basket Drawing. Through their efforts, the committee raised:

$158

The students will combine their earnings with the High School to package meals through Feed My Starving Children.

Green and Clean Committee

- Collected 67 old/broken phones and recycled them so battery toxins didn't leach into the ground.
- Raised money and donated it to Starry Skies Rescue and Food Gatherers
- Recycled around Mill Creek 3 times a week.

Blanket Tying

Blanket tying is a service project throughout the year. Each committee ties one while getting to know each other. An opportunity to tie is offered after school each quarter for any interested Mill Creek student. Blanket tying is also an activity at Dance Marathon.

This year we tied 109 blankets total:

- 32 VA blankets
- 44 oncology blankets
- 33 NICU blankets

JAs

- 27 students attended Leadership Camp in Ripon, Wisconsin
- Held new student orientation
- Helped with 7th/8th grade orientation
- Interviewed Teachers for four positions
- Organized an end of quarter activity for new students
- Ran JA Friday each week as part of the CS&L class
- Gave tours to families interested in learning more about Mill Creek.
- Worked on raising money to pay for the bus to leadership camp again this summer