**Project Ideas for Service Learning**

| * Start an information campaign for a health or prevention topic. * Clean up a vacant lot and landscape with native vegetation. * Start a letter-writing club to students in other states or countries and share stories with school. * Clean up a local stream, park or pond. * Establish a club to help an elderly neighbors. * Write stories about the history of your town for your newspaper or students in younger grades. * Research local service agencies and conduct a fundraiser to highlight and support one.​ | icture |
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* Make maps of your town for newcomers and highlight useful community resources.
* Design and paint a mural for the outside of your school.
* Survey your school or neighborhood to find out what gifts and talents people have that could advance the school’s mission. Publish the results.
* Survey your school or neighborhoods to find out what people think are issues that need to be addressed. Publish the results.
* Start a petition about an issue of concern to students
* Create a "How to Keep from becoming a Crime Victim" flier
* Paint over graffiti.
* Plan a drug-free club for your school
* Create a public service announcement (PSA).
* Produce an anti-crime anti-drug, anti-violence play and perform it for others.
* Create and distribute a list of hotlines or agency links for kids who might need help.
* Create a hotline, which gives out hotline numbers for kids who need help.
* Work with your school administration to review and improve the school discipline policy.
* Research the need to reduce litter inside and outside your school or other public areas and propose solutions
* Plan a low-maintenance garden on school grounds or other public areas.
* Test school and community drinking water for lead and inform people of lead issues.
* Start or encourage a recycling program at your school.
* Fundraise for money to plant trees or gardens in your community.
* Create a children's interpretive garden
* Start an environmental club at your school.
* Hold a recycling contest.
* Make posters or collages that promote tolerance and understanding of difference. Post them in your school. Start a club to promote peace and tolerance.
* Plan and host an Ethnic Awareness week.
* Find, interview and write histories of diverse people in your community.
* Volunteer to tutor students who need help with academic work or social skills.
* Make New Kid Survival Kits for new students to your school.
* Learn and create a program to teach about good nutrition.
* Interview seniors and report on – personal histories, community, and stories of character…
* Teach a class on the importance of getting healthy and staying healthy.
* Create fliers to distribute to pet owners about the nutritional needs of pets
* Make gift baskets and deliver to seniors.
* Help disadvantaged children make gifts to give to other people.
* Collect shoes, eyeglasses, etc. for children in a third world country
* Purchase or write a children’s reading book and read to and give away books to children in hospitals.
* Make "I Care" Kits for the homeless shelters in your area.
* Hold a clothing drive and deliver items to homeless shelters.
* Prepare food and serve at a homeless shelter.
* Create a cookbook and sell and donate receipts to charity.
* Hold a food, clothing drive and provide to local charity.
* Hold a used book sale. Donate the money to school library or literacy group.
* Collect used and new books to give to a hospital, nursing home, shelter, or preschool.
* Read aloud to a person who is visually impaired.
* Organize a reading hour for children at your school or library.
* Make reading or math flashcards for primary students.
* Set up a buddy system at your school for kids with special needs.
* Fundraise for Braille books for the visually impaired.
* Organize a public issues forum for speakers running for local political office.
* Hold after-school classes to younger latchkey students.
* Create a play that teaches young children how to stay safe at home while their parents are away.
* Make a flyer of after-school safety tips for young children
* Organize a first-aid training session for your school, club, or community
* Create a video on holiday safety tips.
* Sing, perform a play, give a magic show, host a dance, or play an instrument for senior citizens.
* Research your community and write a children's book with a younger student on your community.
* Write stories and story questions to read to younger children.
* Hold an "Elderfair" at a local senior center.
* Become pen pals with residents of a local senior center.
* Create a time capsule with items from students and senior citizens.
* Work with senior citizens to create a "then and now" book on themes such as school, childhood games, work, recreation food, music, etc.
* Create "need to know" packets for students coming into next year's class.
* Create teaching aids for a nearby day care center.
* Start a bird sanctuary. Build birdfeeders, plant trees, write journal entries about birds for younger grades.
* Create a student-run conference on a topic. Have booths, breakout sessions, and speakers.
* Develop a school creed or service slogan and host school assemblies to promote service work
* Establish long-term service programs that future classes can continue.
* Lobby city/state officials to pass laws or ordinances of concern to you.
* Develop booklets on cultures within your school or community. Give them to the library and the Chamber of Commerce
* Translate town pamphlets and flyers into other languages to help community members who do not speak English.
* Organize and host an event to help prepare students making the transition to (middle school, high school, college).
* Begin a youth-philanthropy board and fundraise to support topics of concern to board.
* Conduct water sampling of local streams, lakes and ponds and provide results to State Dept of Natural Resources.
* Study traffic patterns and accident reports for roads around school to evaluate safety issues.
* Organize and administer a school store to sell school supplies and clothing with school logo/mascot and donate profits to charity.