



The Service Learning Link

The FBISD Service Link is presented to promote and encourage service learning throughout the school community to encourage maximum involvement.

Service Learning is a teaching and learning strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction to teach civic responsibility and to strengthen communities. It actively engages participants in meaningful and relevant service activities. Through service-learning, young people use what they learn in the classroom to solve real-life problems.

Students build character and become active participants as they work with others to create service projects in areas such as education, public safety, and the environment. The following activities address real community challenges using knowledge and skills learned in the classroom:

November

This month, youth across the United States will honor Veterans and show compassion and gratitude through service learning projects. Examples of a few service learning projects are provided below:

Honoring our Veterans – Veterans Day Cards!

Is there a Veteran's home near in your community? Remember these soldiers by making up thank you cards in the classroom, which can be distributed by students and their families. Make them come alive by delivering them in person and entertaining residents with some patriotic songs. Veterans Day is November 11.

Thanksgiving Celebrations – Donate a Thanksgiving food box!

Many local charities gather Thanksgiving food boxes for the poor. Considering having your classroom or organization sponsor a box or two by gathering the ingredients needed for a special Thanksgiving dinner. A local food bank network can provide a list of charities distributing Thanksgiving baskets to the needy.

Grateful Readers – Conduct a Book Drive!

Also food banks, food pantries, and day shelters enjoy having books on hand for the children who come with their family members for food and shelter. Consider a book drive for this purpose. Used books are a great donation to local food banks or day shelter.

Make Thanksgiving place mats or centerpieces!

Many communities provide free Thanksgiving dinners for low income families and individuals that are homeless or all alone on Thanksgiving. Find out who is providing a meal in your community, consider organizing an art project to create place mats, decorated paper tablecloths, or centerpieces for this meal.

Spread Joy - Make a mural!

Some children have to spend Thanksgiving in the hospital. Brighten their day by painting a huge mural, colorful posters, or construction paper turkeys and pumpkins to hang on the walls of the Pediatric Ward. Considering participating in or initiating a service learning project in your school and community to honor our veterans, and help those less fortunate feel special during the Thanksgiving season; it will prove to be a worthy endeavor that will serve as an example for others to follow.