



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.

December

This month, as the holidays approach, youths across the district will gather together and celebrate the true meaning of giving and selflessness. Examples of a few service learning projects are provided below:

Sing out with joy - Go Caroling!

Christmas time is filled with songs of joy and yuletide cheer. Grab some friends, family members, or neighbors and spread to cheer! You can even collect money for a local youth group or charity that could use some extra holiday spirit.

Share the holiday warmth - Organize a coat drive!

Winter can get pretty cold, many local charities and organizations have coat drive to help those who may need the extra warmth at Christmas time. Start one at your school, local organization, or even on your own. Once you have collected the coats, get in touch with a local charity and they will know where they can be dropped off or donated.

Catch the acting bug - Put on a community play!

The Nativity story is a classic play that has been put on by local and national theatre companies alike. Gather the community together and put on a real show. The profits that come from the ticket sales can go to your favorite charity or organization.

Spread the holiday cheer - Send care packages to soldiers currently deployed!

Nothing says Christmas or the holidays like giving and receiving gifts. Some soldiers can't be with their families at Christmas, so a nice way to show that we appreciate what they are doing for us is to send them reminders of home. Gather food, cards, and anything else that will bring a smile to the soldiers' face and pack it up. You can contact your local VFW for more information about where to send the packages.

Instead of purchasing presents this year - Consider some alternatives to traditional gift items!

Make and give coupons for hugs, household chores, shoulder massages, etc. Give gifts of food (cookies, cakes, a roasted turkey). Listen to the stories of the residents of a nursing home. Donate a favorite, slightly used toy to a child who has none. Register as an organ donor. Make donations to charitable organizations that make a difference all year long.

Consider participating in or initiating a service learning project in your school and community to spread some winter cheer, and help those less fortunate feel special during the holiday season; it will prove to be a worthy endeavor that will serve as an example for others to follow.