

Community Outreach Day of Service Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 15, 2018

This year our Community Outreach Committee is excited to announce that we are shifting our focus to one, big, school-wide, hands-on community service event on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. This is a day that has come to be synonymous with community service, so we've decided to host an event on campus for families to participate in serving our local community. This fall, we will be collecting items that we, as a school community, will use on MLK Day in January. We will have many hands-on activities for students to create things such as dog toys for an animal shelter, placemats for Meals on Wheels, Valentines for military and first responders, and cocoa/coffee cups for seniors in a nursing home. We will also collect and package snack bags for families with children battling cancer, blessing bags for the homeless, and utensils to be used at a soup kitchen. (Please note this is not a drop-off event. Parents must remain with their children.)

We are always looking for volunteers to help with our committee! We could use help this fall in planning and organizing, and we will definitely need help on MLK Day! Contact Marie Lambremont (lambremont@mac.com) or Jackie Estep (jacstep@yahoo.com) if you'd like to volunteer, or sign up on the PA website to help with Community Outreach.

We will be collecting specific items each month working toward our goal. Our first collection will be school supplies and toiletries. Many stores have school supplies on clearance now, so if you are out and about shopping in the next month and can steal some deals on the school supplies listed below, please buy them and drop them off in our collection bins located inside the carpool doors in both schools. We're also collecting toiletries this month. If you have any hotel bottles from your travels this summer, this is a great opportunity to donate them for a worthy cause! Below is a list of other items we'll be collecting in preparation for our day of service. We will accept any category of items at any time, so feel free to drop anything off, even if it's not the designated month. We are very excited to have our families participate directly in serving our community!

Monthly Collections

August/September — school supplies (especially crayons, paper, binders, #2 pencils, blue or black pens, spiral notebooks, folders, glue sticks, scissors, rulers, & hand-held pencil sharpeners) and toiletries (shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, etc.)

October — plastic utensils, napkins, disposable coffee cups, quart-sized ziplock bags, and cocoa packets

November — old t-shirts and sheets to make dog toys & flat rocks that can be painted & mini bottles of water

December — no collection — only projects in the classroom parties

January — supplies to make Valentines & paper to make placemats & snack items for bags for the children's hospital

Organizations We are Supporting

Agape Youth and Family Center

We will be providing the Agape Center with school supplies. They will distribute these mid-year to students in the Bolton Road area.

<https://agapeatlanta.org/about-us/>

Adopt a Platoon

We will make Valentine's to send to a military platoon.

<http://www.adoptaplatoon.org>

Cobb County Police and Fire Station

We will also bring Valentine's to our local police & fire station

Must Ministries Elizabeth Inn

We will collect and wrap utensils and napkins to be used at the homeless shelter.

<https://www.mustministries.org>

Meals on Wheels, Cobb County

We will make and laminate placemats and cards to be delivered to seniors in Cobb County through the Meals on Wheels program.

https://cobbcounty.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=6397&Itemid=2536

Cobb County Animal Shelter

We will make dog toys to be given to dogs at the animal shelter.

https://cobbcounty.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=3669&Itemid=1976

Delmar Gardens Nursing Home

We will decorate paper coffee cups and fill with cocoa packets to be given to seniors living in the nursing facility.

<http://www.delmargardens.com/facilities/delmar-gardens-of-smyrna-skilled/>

CURE Childhood Cancer

We will make snack bags to be distributed to families who have children battling cancer here in Atlanta.

<http://curechildhoodcancer.org/participate/volunteer-opportunities/>

Other Projects

Blessing Bags

We will fill Ziploc bags with toiletries and other essentials for the homeless. Students will take bags with them to pass out to the homeless they encounter in our community.

Inspirational Rocks with Smyrna Rocks!

We will paint rocks that students will take with them to hide around town. The idea is to encourage community and kindness.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SmyrnaGARocks/>