

CHARACTER CONNECTION



“What is right is right, even if no one is doing it. What is wrong is wrong, even when everyone is doing it.”

Character Trait:

SERVICE-LEARNING

Service-Learning: a teaching and learning strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities.

Diversity Awareness:

HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD

A holiday is a day which is fixed by law or custom to have a special significance to a group of individuals, culture, government or country. Holidays give us a reason to celebrate and join together as families and friends. The beauty of holidays is the diversity that is seen in them. Each country and religious group has a different set of holidays, according to their traditions or beliefs.

Quote Of The Month

“From what we get, we can make a living; what we give, however, makes a life.”

--Arthur Ashe

Our Service-Learning project “Adopt A Family” continues through Dec 13. Thank you for all of your support!

What Service-Learning Looks Like

If school students collect trash out of an urban streambed, they are providing a valued service to the community as volunteers. If school students collect trash from an urban streambed, analyze their findings to determine the possible sources of pollution, and share the results with residents of the neighborhood, they are engaging in service-learning.

In the service-learning example, in addition to providing an important service to the community, students are learning about water quality and laboratory analysis, developing an understanding of pollution issues, and practicing communications skills. They may also reflect on their personal and career interests in science, the environment, public policy or other related areas. Both the students and the community have been involved in a transformative experience

www.servicelearning.org

December Holidays/Observances

- 1st First Sunday Advent—*Christian*
- 2nd Cyber Monday—*Observance*
- 5th Last day of Hanukkah—*Jewish*
- 7th Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day—*Observance*
- 8th Bodhi Day – *Buddhist*
- 8th Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- 17th Wright Brothers Day--*Observance*
- 21st December Solstice—*Observance*
- 21st Yule—*Pagan*
- 24th Christmas Eve—*Christian*
- 25th Christmas Day—*Christian*
- 26th Kwanzaa (until Jan 1)--*Pan African*

DID YOU KNOW?

Every step in the life-cycle of a product, from raw materials extraction to final disposal, puts a burden on the environment. Service-learning projects that can help reduce these impacts, like planting a vegetable garden to supply your school cafeteria and then composting leftover food scraps. You can even put the resulting compost back on your garden to help it grow.