

KDS STUDENTS SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Encouraging students to volunteer in community service projects is a way to promote personal growth and social development and has long been an integral part of the KDS student experience. During the 2014-2015 school year, the administration, faculty and staff of KDS DAR School highlighted the importance of serving others by encouraging students to serve their community and to track their service hours.

This new emphasis on community service is in support of NSDAR's "Celebrate America" initiative, a project of President General Lynn F. Young that tracks DAR members' service hours during her three-year term. Mrs. Young's project has raised awareness for the astounding number of hours DAR members volunteer within their communities, and we hope to do that here at KDS.

The school-wide goal for the "KDS Students Serving Our Community" campaign was 3,500 hours served across the three schools. At the end of the 2014-2015 school year, KDS students exceeded that goal, with more than 4,300 hours given in service to the local community.

Students participated in a variety of activities and projects including making cards and writing letters for local veterans, assembling "Blessings in a Backpack" food packs for local children, helping with parking for football games, and decorating for Dedication Day, just to name a few. KDS students are learning to serve God by serving others, and we look forward to seeing what they can accomplish next year!



A large group of KDS High School and Middle School students helped assemble more than 1,000 "Blessings in a Backpack" for Marshall County schoolchildren with limited access to food on the weekends. The students represented the Leo Club, the middle and high school baseball teams, and the Gunter Mountain Society, Children of the American Revolution.

Twenty-six members of the 3rd through 5th grade gifted classes visited the residents of a local healthcare facility to spread some holiday cheer. Students sang Christmas carols and gave the residents hand-made cards.



KDS High School F.B.L.A. members shared their Christmas joy with a party for students in the Learning Resource Center.