

# K-12 Service-Learning Ideas

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## Elementary

### Content Area(s): Language Arts/Writing

**Description: The Ultimate Story Exchange**

- Elementary students can send pieces of their writing via email to high school mentors.
- The mentors offer suggestions, critiques, and compliments

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### Content Area(s): Lang. Arts, Social Studies, Art, F.AC.E., Music, and Theater

**Description: 4<sup>th</sup> of July musical pageant**

- Students can interview local senior citizen, write skits, develop costumes, sets, and props and perform for the entire community on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

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- Contact Susan Bush at the middle school for more information on this project.

### Content Area(s): Reading

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## **Content Area(s): Science/Fire Safety**

### **Description: Adopt-a-Fire Department**

- Students can adopt-a-fire department and fireman can address important fire safety issues, such as smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detector, fire escape/escape routes, and fire extinguishers.

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### Content Area(s): Comm. Arts, Math, and Technology

#### Description: Entertainment Drive and Mini Walk-A-Thon

- Walk around school or track during class time each day and raise money through pledges to donate to local charity or Children's Hospital
- Entertainment drive to collect donated VHS tapes, DVD's, and CD's to donate to a hospital or local shelter.

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### Content Area(s): Comm. Arts

#### Description: Worry Dolls

- In the tradition of the Guatemalan people, student created worry dolls for children in hospitals and wrote poems explaining the worry doll tradition to their recipients.

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### Content Area(s): Comm. Arts

#### Description: Vest-A-Dog

- Story came from Chicken Soup for the teenage soul.
- Raise money to buy bulletproof vests for police dogs.

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**Content Area(s): Social Studies, Math, and English****Description: Have a Heart for the Homeless**

- Collect needed items and donate them to homeless shelters in the area.

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- Students can learn about water pollution as they test local rivers, streams, and lakes.

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**Content Area(s): Social Studies**

**Description: We The People – Project Citizen**

- Student study their community and discover areas that need improvement of change and act on them.
- Students then travel to Madison to present their ideas.

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<http://www.legalexplorer.com/education/education-pcitizen.asp?CaType=LRE>

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**Content Area(s): Family and Consumer Education**

**Description: Make pillows and give them to a local shelter**

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**Content Area(s): Foreign Language****Description: Career Awareness**

- Students can visit elementary classrooms to teach introductory foreign language classes.

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# High School

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### Description: Connections Volunteer Center

- “Connections” is a student developed and run volunteer center based out of your high school. The center serves as a liaison between students and community organizations to regulate, organize, and increase “supply and demand” of student volunteers.

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## Content Area(s): General, Character Education

### Description: “Stars and Stripes” Senior-Senior Prom

- A dance for senior citizens and high school students.
- Dancing, Refreshments, and Socializing
- Horticulture classes can create the corsages.

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## Content Area(s): Science

### Description: Trees for the Environment

- Studies Genetic Engineering, Reforestation, Stream Banks, Erosion Control, and Landscaping
- Plant trees based on what would be best for our school environment

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## **Content Area(s): Chemistry**

### **Description: Hazardous Waste Disposal**

- Students researched hazardous household cleaning products
- Created a cookbook for making safe cleaning products
- Distributed the booklet to community members at the hazardous waste collection day

### **Contact Information:**

- Robin Schrank at Greendale High School.

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**Content Area(s): Technology Education, Manufacturing and Construction**

**Description: Adirondack Chair Manufacturing Project**

- Construct Adirondack for local nature centers or environmental center.
- Students learn concepts of mass production, problem solving, flow of materials, and use of tools to complete this project.

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### **Description:**

- High School students can teach computer classes to community members or elementary students.

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## **Content Area(s): Career Education**

### **Description:**

- Junior and Senior can explore different career interests and practice applying, writing resumes, and interviewing.

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## **Service Learning Resources**

<http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/MSDE/programs/servicelearning/>

- Maryland schools are a leader in service learning and they have great ideas for projects.

<http://dpi.wi.gov/fscp/slhmpage.html>

<http://www.servicelearning.org/>

<http://www.learnandserve.org/>

<http://bostonteachnet.org/main.htm>

<http://www.service-learningpartnership.org/>

<http://www.compact.org/>

<http://www.cns.gov/>

<http://www.christophercolumbusawards.com/>