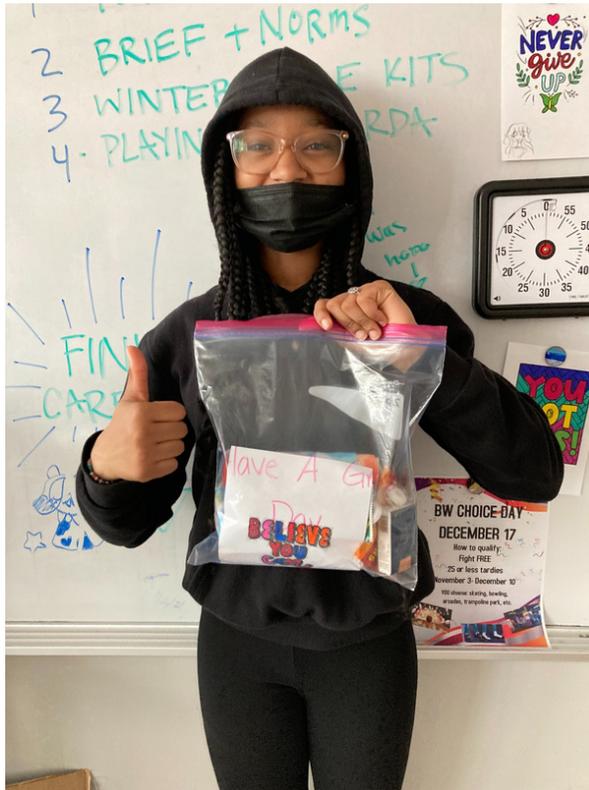


TOP Teen Outreach Program

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MOVING FORWARD

During this school year, students have had the opportunity to gain around ten hours of Community Service Learning (CSL) through direct, indirect, and civic action projects. This experience will help students vote on sites they are interested in supporting on their CSL field trips in the spring.

Before students left on winter break, both 7th and 8th grade students used their voice to vote on a variety of TOP curriculum lessons that they thought they would benefit from most in the second half of the school year. Topics with the most votes consisted of building friendships, healthy relationships, learning about mental health, and focusing on the future and goals. We can't wait to dive in and talk more about these topics!



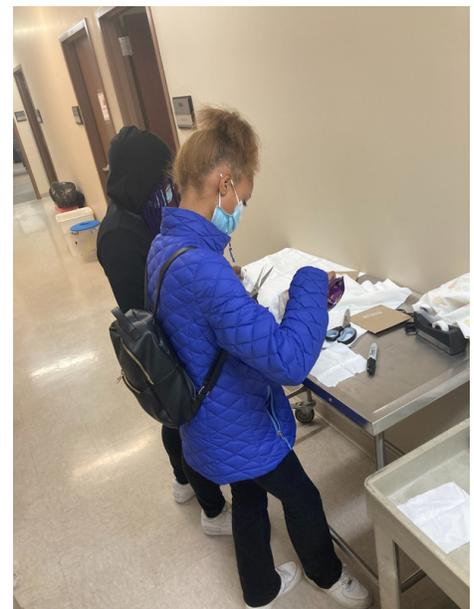
"TOP is a place where we communicate with each other."- London

WHAT'S UP NEXT?

The winter season in TOP at Brittany Woods is going to be focused on student voice and choice, building school and TOP club culture, bringing awareness about the causes and communities students care about, and supporting students in navigating the world of becoming teenagers.

Students will have the opportunity to:

- Vote on Community Service Learning field trip sites
- Partner with the My Cause My Cleats Campaign (7th Graders)
- Create a mural with local artists (8th Graders)
- Explore TOP lessons including sensitive subjects, body image, changes during puberty, consent, and love



8TH GRADE CSL FIELD TRIPS

On November 15th and November 19th, eighth grade students in TOP were able to engage with the community through service learning field trips to St. Louis County Pet Adoption, Loaves & Fishes Food Bank, The Green Center, LifeWise STL, Powder Valley Conservation Area and Mission STL.

Students put their skills into action and led their groups through successful trips by creating dog treats, sorting food donations, planting native plants, organizing clothing donations, landscaping, and removing non-native plants. Eighth graders are already thinking about where they want to give back to their community for their spring CSL field trips!

“HOW DO YOU CONTRIBUTE TO OTHER STUDENTS FEELING WELCOMED, COMFORTABLE, AND PART OF TOP CLUB?”

"I ask if students want to sit by me, work with me, and ask them how they are feeling." - Gibraun

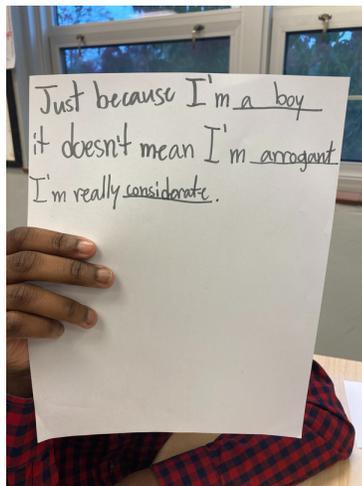
"By being cool and nice and not being mean." - Xavier

"By being friendly and offering help." - Reanell

"By being nice and by listening to people when they talk." - Aaron

7TH GRADE INDIRECT CSL PROJECTS

Seventh grade students really flexed their artistic skills by creating some incredible gifts to give to the Brittany Woods and larger University City communities. Projects supported teachers, University City families in need through Holiday Appeal, and the STL Diaper Bank. Student efforts included bringing awareness to stereotypes by sharing their perspectives on negative stereotypes and breaking down barriers, making cozy blankets and scarves, non-verbal communication education and awareness messages, glitter calming jars, and encouraging STL Diaper Bank love notes.



8TH GRADE INDIRECT CSL PROJECTS

Brittany Woods eighth graders were outstanding and built connections to their communities in a way that was very empathic and kind. Eighth graders explored stereotypes and then made awareness posters about breaking down negative stereotypes. After learning about stereotypes and increasing their knowledge on poverty, students made lovely warm scarves and blankets.

Students then paired blankets they made with the scarves to pack winter care kits to give to University City District families during the colder months of the year through the Holiday Appeal program. Students then rounded out 2021 by making colorful and fun DIY no slippers socks for Friends of Kids with Cancer.

