

TOP Teen Outreach Program

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ENDING THE YEAR STRONG

We are gearing up for the end of the year and we are excited for the upcoming CSL activities for the following weeks. We have a myriad of in-school activities we will be working on for the last part of our school year! The 6th graders will be working on decision-making skills, and how emotions can affect the decisions we make. Look out for some new CSL artwork around the campus! The 7th grade class will be focusing on exploring their identity and mental health wellness skills! We know that mental health and understanding your own identity is super important! So, look forward to learning more about yourself and creating some cool animal toys for one of our in-school CSL activities. For our graduating class here at BWMS, we are gearing up for high school to learn more hands-on skills students can use in high school or maybe at a new job! The 8th grade TOP classes are also creating a beautiful mural for BWMS, so we are excited to put that up for the whole BWMS population. We are excited to end the school year on a strong note and promote the students to the next grade level! We hope you all have a great summer!

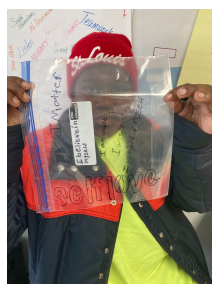
POURING INTO OUR COMMUNITIES

This Spring, Brittany Woods Middle School's 6th, 7th, and 8th graders really poured into their community with Community Service Learning field trips. They serviced many places in the U City area, as well as places throughout Saint Louis. Some of these places were University City Childcare Center, U City in Bloom, Kaufman Park, Mission STL, and many more! Students learned the power in giving back to the communities that they are a part of. Teens worked with various food pantries to feed thousands of people, and even worked with a company that distributes work from entrepreneurs in developing countries and pays them in hopes of breaking the cycle of poverty. Teens left these trips feeling empowered and filled with joy that they were able to make an impact!



INDIRECTLY GIVING BACK & SPEAKING UP!

Students dove right into indirect CSL projects this semester to benefit peers and the community. The 6th grade students created positive body image messages on paper flowers, which were posted in school bathrooms. With MAP testing coming up, 6th grade students created candy-grams to give a little energy boost to peers taking the test. Both our 6th and 7th grade students duplicated the NFL's "My Cause My Cleats" initiative and designed their own shoes to bring awareness of a need in their communities. For one of our sensitive subject lessons, our 7th grade scholars also created "consent" posters for their lesson to relay messages of the importance of consent. The 6th graders created a cool down strategies wall to help their peers calm down when they are feeling escalated. The 8th grade class also created SEL skills banners to give to rising 6th grade students. One of the topics our 8th grade clubs wanted to talk about was interviewing. To supplement the Interviewing Skills lesson, students created an interview tips packet to give to individuals seeking employment.





WE ASKED STUDENTS "HOW DO YOU THINK YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE IN TOP THIS YEAR?" AND THIS IS WHAT THEY SAID....

"Because I volunteered at the Dream Center."
- Evalea

"I made a difference to the people in U City. I helped them get hygiene products."
-Laila

"By contributing to the youth of U City Children's Center and helping them maintain their garden."- Maurice

"By being positive and helping people."
-Syncere

"Because I learned about sexual health and learned to mature up." -
Mariah