

Community Service Ideas:

1. Craft fair - teams used their creativity to do crafts to sell at a fair at the school – lanyards, etc.
2. Sending old running shoes to the less fortunate countries
3. Sending holiday cards or thank you notes to military overseas
4. Canned food drive/replenish food pantries
5. School clean-up/beautification
6. Community garden work
7. Make Veteran's Day Cards and give to Veteran's home
8. Paint school outside garbage cans and benches
9. Posters for school wide recycling campaign
10. Skit for school regarding no bullying or other topics learned at GOTR
11. Healthy goodie bags for teachers & thank you cards or teacher appreciation baskets
12. Letters to the President of US regarding particular issue
13. Make healthy lunch meals and give to homeless shelter
14. Make planters and give to senior center
15. Read to younger children at Library
16. Planting a small flower garden at the school
17. Making holiday door decorations, goodies bags, or cards for a local nursing home
18. Cleaned marks off the gym floor
19. Bake sale with proceeds benefiting the charity of their choice
20. Make healthy habits posters for the school or make posters for the end of season 5K.
21. Random Acts of Kindness (See form on the Council Director Resource page)
22. One team formed Pen Pals with a group of kids their age in Nicaragua through a local Peace Corps volunteer. They really enjoyed learning the similarities and differences between cultures. They also made bracelets for their Pen Pals and sent them in the letters along with picture of their group.
23. Collected baked goods, games & made cards for Fire Station down the street from the school.
24. Collected books for local Title I schools, made bookmarks for the books with positive messages.
25. Collected warm blankets, food & grooming items and put together goodie bags for homeless who can be found regularly in the neighborhood. Included positive messages like "You are important" - and listed area resources where they could get help.
26. Made ornaments, earrings, bracelets & necklaces that were then donated to a group of teachers to use for fundraising for "Relay for Life"
27. MAKE medals for the finishers who run with them in the 5K. So cool because all the medals are different - and the girls write things on them like, thank you for running, you're #1, You Rock... etc....
28. Make cards for a local nursing home: birthday, thinking of you or holiday cards
29. Make a holiday basket for a family in need
30. Contact a tree farm about donating a tree to a family in need
31. Custodian, Secretary, or Principal Appreciation Project. Take pictures of them, and create posters that say thank you. Display them in the school
32. Create post it notes that show appreciation for the teachers and place them on their doors so when then come in the next day, they start their day off with a positive note of appreciation from their students!
33. Pick an animal shelter and collect supplies to donate.
34. Collect glove, hats, and jackets. Donate to the school nurse for kids that don't have them.
35. Plan an afternoon to play games at a local nursing home
36. Create packages for kids staying local Children's Hospital

37. Arrange a day to help the custodian. Learn about the job, and then help complete some cleaning tasks. Take photos. Make a poster that shows the kids and the custodians working together. Display the poster that thanks him for all they do, and displays a picture of your project.
38. Arrange to read to younger kids after school or help them with homework. Check with teachers or after school programs(SACC).
39. Volunteer to help at a local race. Kids are great at handing out water or cleaning up cups at water stations. Write notes of appreciation to local police officers, firefighters, or soldiers for helping to keep their community safe.
40. Rake leaves and bag them.
41. Collect tissue boxes or anti-bacterial wipes and distribute to the classrooms in your school.
42. Collect school supplies (pencils, erasers, crayons, glue, scissors) and distribute to the classrooms in your school.
43. Collect gently used books and donate them to the school library.