

Ludlow's Shining Stars

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Ms. Roberts' Green Team

As an ongoing service learning project, Ms. Roberts' students work together as Ludlow's Green Team. They take care of all the recycling bins for the district. The students work together each week to collect and empty the bins in the cans for removal. As part of the reflection component of service learning, they wrote a letter (below) explaining what they learn from their experiences. Their service is quite a big help for our students, faculty, and community!

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Ms. Combs' Cell Phones for Soldiers Project

During the 1st semester, Ms. Combs' PAICE Enrichment Group helped to organize, publicize, and collect phones for the Cell Phones for Soldiers Project. One step of their service learning project involved submitting an article for the Ludlow Community Connection, encouraging community members to recycle their old phones to provide minutes for soldiers to contact family members (below). The article was published in the January 2014 issue.

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Ms. Gordon's Panther Crafting Club

The Panther Crafting Club completed two service learning projects during the 1st semester. The first was making scarves. The club made 30 fleece scarves and donated them to the Family Resource & Youth Service Center and the Elementary Panther Store. Many have already been given out to students to use to keep warm. The group's second project was making 200 holiday cards for residents and visitors of the Brighton Center.

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Dear Mr. Beard, Ms. Currin, and Ms. Wharton,

We are The Green Team. Our names are Captain Travis, John, Eric, Riley, Jacob, Katie, Kara, and Sarah. Becca, Brittany, and Thomas are in our PAICE group and sometimes help us. Our peer tutors are Ms. Tasha, Ms. Brianna, Dakota, and Tristan. Ms. Neisje and Ms. Roberts are our teachers.

Every Monday we collect the recycling for the high school, middle school, and elementary school. We go to the board office, too. We are also in charge of collecting of the Box Tops instead of letting them get thrown in the garbage. We reuse stuff for our art.

Some of the things we have learned from our Green Team work:

MATH

We collect data and make a bar graph.

We count the bins.

We graph the bins.

We count the Box Tops and add the money they are worth.

READING

We reuse old magazines and read them and share them.

We read books about plants.

We read books about the desert, forest, and tundra.

We read Treasure Island.

We read the recycling books.

WRITING

We write emails.

We write down all that we need so we can plant some plants (brainstorm list of ideas).

We write our name and address on envelopes and mail them.

We write on posters about the desert and forest.

COMMUNICATION

We talk to each other during recycling so we know what rooms to do.

We talk to each other during recycling to work as a team.

We talk as a group during brainstorming.

We talk to our teachers and ask them questions.

We say to put out the recycling.

Travis talks on the telephone to people about cans.

LIFE SKILLS

We also put Box Tops together and put a rubber band around them.

We use a hammer and nails with lids to make a picture.

Sincerely,

The Green Team



Written by Katlyn Buemi, LHS Sophomore

Did you just get a new cell phone as a gift? Are you looking for something to do with the old one? Donate it to Cellphones for Soldiers!

Cellphones for Soldiers is a charitable organization that benefits our soldiers and their families tremendously. This organization was established in 2004 by Brittany Bergquist and her brother Robbie Bergquist. Brittany and her brother were thirteen and twelve when they first had the idea of this organization. They both were motivated after hearing a story of an Army Reserve Sergeant stationed in Iraq who had racked up a \$7,624 cell phone bill calling home to his family in the U.S. They both held fundraisers in their neighborhood to increase awareness. Cellphones for Soldiers is a program where anyone can donate their old, broken, and used phones. These phones are then recycled and the money generated from the recycling is used to purchase calling cards for our troops.

Since this program's inception, more than 11 million cell phones have been recycled, reducing the impact on landfills. Approximately 12,000 calling cards are mailed each week. A \$5 donation warrants 2.5 hours of talk time; a \$100.00 donation gives 50 hours or 3,000 minutes of talk time. Help our soldiers by letting them connect with their families at home!

The great thing about Cellphones for Soldiers is that it's a way to provide for our soldiers across seas, from our very homes. The Ludlow District Office is an official registered drop off location for these cellphones. We are reaching out to the community to increase awareness and support for this amazing foundation. Even if you don't have any old phones, you could spread the word to your friends and family. With the holidays so recent, surprise a soldier with a call home! A few minutes a day, put a smile on a troops face. After all, the troops fight for your freedom, so it's time to give them a little freedom of their own. We have two drop off locations in the Ludlow School District: the first is in the district office located at 525 Elm Street; the second location is in Mrs. Combs' classroom (H208) in the High School. If you cannot drop off your cellphones at our drop-off locations, you can always go to www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com and donate there.