

Service Learning Leadership Activities Overview: *Syllabus Extension: Will be amended as needed*



Chairpersons

- **Social Media:** Run our Twitter and Instagram Accounts; Be willing to attend the majority of events; be creative, engaging and informative!
- **School Site Counsel Representative (Returning Member):** Serve on the school site counsel by attending the quarterly meetings and sharing about what SLL is currently doing; share out from the meeting during our next class meeting.
- **Create Class Shirts:** Everyone will get to vote, but person is responsible for creating a few designs within our budget and time frame. Also responsible to organize sizes.

Committees

Finance and Fundraising: Ongoing

Come up with and implement fundraisers. This group should be passionate about supporting our class and be willing to go above and beyond; write Reimbursements and track budgets; Organize carnival sales Everyone supports and cheers on this committee! ☺

Skills for Independence: Ongoing

We are lucky enough to have some amazing Skills for Independence students on our campus. Working with Ms. Fujinaga and myself, you will help plan the activities we do these students. Our class serves as peer mentors for them as well as plans fun activities for both classes. We typically get together once a month.

B.I.O.N.I.C. Team: Believe it or not I Care: Ongoing

This team of students is responsible, with the help of Ms. Myrick and Ms. Baranick, to reach out to Panther family members who are out of school for an extended period of time. Students who were injured, have fallen ill, had a tragedy in their family, etc. will receive and appropriate care package and possible visit from the BIONIC Team. This committee works best for students with cars and/or very accommodating parents.

World Kindness Day: November 13 (On campus: School Wide)

Definition: Kindness Day was born when a collection of humanitarian groups came together on November 13, 1997 and made a “Declaration of Kindness”. On Kindness Day everyone is encouraged to make a similar declaration. Donating books, food or clothes to your local community is a great way to celebrate. However, pledging to commit just one act of kindness is no less worthwhile. This committee will plan a way for our campus to get involved with and celebrate World Kindness Day.

Canned Food Drive: Week of November 16th-20th (On campus; School Wide)

We have the opportunity to provide families in need with food items for their pantries. We will work with second period classrooms to bring as much canned food as they possible can. This committee will be responsible for planning the logistics to make this the most impactful canned food drive ever.

Willenberg Field Trip: December 2nd on campus and December 9th off campus

Every year, Peninsula visits the Willenberg School for students with special needs and Willenberg comes to our school as well. Pen will put on a holiday themed show for the students and our Panther Santa will give a gift to every student. SLL has the honor of purchasing and assembling these gifts as well as being “Traveling Acts”. Traveling Acts will visit the students in their classroom and perform songs, read stories, bring a craft, do face

painting, etc. This will be a very special day and your creativity will have a chance to shine! SLL will collaborate with ASB on this event and be responsible for auditioning and organizing other students who would also like to be Traveling Acts.

Random Acts of Kindness Month: Month of February (On Campus: School Wide)

Decide how our campus is going to celebrate Random Acts of Kindness month. Will we adopt groups on campus to complete projects for? Will we partner with EOP to complete RAKs?

PVPHS Walk for Life: February 24th (On Campus: School Wide)

All SLL students are automatic Walk for Life Ambassadors. You will help with sponsorships, t-shirt designing, set-up and clean-up. There will be an opportunity for you to add new and interesting things to the day as well.

Blanket-a-thon: March 2015 (On campus: Out of School Time: School Wide)

Blankets are needed for all types of kids staying in hospitals for an extended period. We will plan a date for students to come together to make no sew blankets for these kids. After school or on a Saturday, lead by SLL students, Pen students will be able to make one of a kind blankets for kids in need.

PEACE4Kids Day March 2015 (On campus: On Saturday)

PEACE4Kids is a charity serving children in the foster care system. Their center offers enrichment and life skills programs for foster youth on Saturdays. Pen SLL hosts these students for a day of arts, activities and fun in the spring. This committee will work with Ms. Myrick and Ms. Lewellen to make the day happen. All SLL students will be needed to volunteer at the event.

A Day Without Shoes: April 2015 (On campus: School Wide)

Created by TOMS Shoes, this day raises awareness on global issues. We most likely will have to wear shoes this day, but we will come up with a creative way to celebrate on our campus.

Blood Drive: May 27th (On Campus: School Wide)

In partnership with UCLA Blood and Platelet center, we host a blood drive here at Pen. All SLL students can volunteer as well as promote sign-ups, but this committee is responsible for organizing.

Let's talk about other needs you see on campus and other ideas you have...

Non-Required but Encouraged Activities

Ronald McDonald House Breakfast and Dinner Preparation: Saturday, November 7th (Off Campus)

Families with children undergoing long-term treatment in the hospital are able to stay at the Ronald McDonald house. We will prepare breakfast and dinner for the families.

Cooking for Toberman House Kids: May 2015 (Off Campus)

Using our on campus kitchen, we will plan and cook a meal for students in Toberman's after school care program.

City of Hope Field Trip Pending: Jan./Feb. 2016

In Class Required Activities

Leadership Training Day TBD (On campus)

All of our Pen Leadership classes will come together for the day to get to know one another, brainstorm collaborations and reflect on how to continue to make our campus great. There will be games, planning and reflection activities throughout the day. SLL will be responsible for a service type of component as well.

Thank you Thursday

Part of being a leader is thanking those who have helped directly or indirectly. In SLL you will have the opportunity to introduce our class to a group of people or person you think needs to be thanked. You will share

their story with us and let us know why it is important that we make them feel appreciated. This is an assignment for you and you will receive points for your presentation and organization.

Food For Thought Friday

This is our SLL "Journal." Every Friday we will have a quick write/think tank/discussion on leadership and/or other relevant topic. Please bring a 1 ½ binder with notebook paper to school to keep in our room. BONUS! There will be snacks. As part of building our SLL community, you will have the opportunity to bring in snacks. I will take the first couple weeks and then we will do sign-ups.

Homeboy Industries Field Trip: October 22 2015 (Off Campus)

Homeboy Industries is a concrete example of both a non-profit and a social enterprise. It also has a an incredible leadership team. We will visit for a tour and lunch. This is only be possible with volunteer parent drivers...

Fall volunteer project (Inside/Outside of class time)

This is a 15 hour volunteer project at a non-profit of your choice. While you get to choose the organization, it should be a new organization to you. There will be a presentation and short written component to this project.

Spring service projects to be completed by mid-May 2015 (Inside/Outside of class time)

This is where you put everything you have learned into action! This is an improvement based service project planned and completed by you. Woo!

Course Readings: *The Student Leadership Challenge*, *Tribes/Poke the Box* and *Half the Sky/The Alchemist*

For more resources, please visit servicelearningleadership.com or email me at myrickh@pvpusd.net