



Service Learning News

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by Amanda Kuhen

Dear Parents,

Welcome Back!

I am thrilled to be back at school teaching my eighth grade American history classes and coordinating the service learning projects for Old Trail School. I look so forward to the new service initiatives that have already been planned for this school year and can't wait to consider new service opportunities for our students and teachers. Our students have shown such great enthusiasm and commitment to service and it seems to grow more and more each year!

Unfortunately this year I have lost my partner in service, Judy Brookhart. Judy will now be working very closely with John Farber on strategic planning for Old Trail School. But, I know because of Judy's true passion for helping others, she will always be happy to lend a hand to our service projects. Her experience with service and her knowledge and love of Old Trail School families and students is remarkable.

This fall, in the months of September and October our **middle school students**, in their advisory groups, will travel a short distance up Ira hill to the **Crown Point Ecology Center**. Crown Point includes 130-acres of farmland and has a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program. Last year Crown Point donated 20,000 pounds of fresh vegetables to the Akron/Canton Regional Foodbank. Our students will be volunteering time to work in the organic fields by hand-weeding, harvesting, hoeing, crop thinning, greenhouse work, as well various other tasks that are needed on the farm.



Please email, call, or find me if you have any service learning related thoughts, ideas, or suggestions. My classroom can be found in the Middle School, in Noble Hall, room 706.

Serving together,

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