

## Student Leadership Council

1. The purpose of SLC is to foster and grow leadership qualities in 8<sup>th</sup> grade students in order to help others. Through participation and involvement in many aspects of school activities and life, students take on an active leadership role. They are a group of students interested in helping others. They meet on a weekly basis during their lunch hour, as well as various times after school throughout the school year.
2. Students are selected through an application and recommendation process. They should be leaders, demonstrate good character, and work hard academically. The final group is selected by teachers based on this criteria and student essay on the application. (Share some student essays)
3. Training—Students participated in 1 week of summer mentoring through the 5<sup>th</sup> block ALSO program. The students got the opportunity to work directly with incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders. They mentored and taught the new 6<sup>th</sup> graders all about ERMS. We had wonderful feedback from 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents.
4. Community Service Activities have included:
  - a. Acting as transition team for incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders, consisting of Q/A sessions, 5<sup>th</sup> block introduction party, Olympic Day teaser, summer transition program, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Academy Day
  - b. Red Ribbon week sponsors
  - c. Can drive
  - d. Trick or Treat for UNICEF/school-wide costume party
  - e. Box Tops collection and counting (gets \$ for the school)
  - f. Jeans for Wishes
  - g. Elementary school mentoring
  - h. Visiting/contributing to the pound
  - i. Blood drives
  - j. Morning announcements

- k. School contests
- l. Assisting the office, teachers, and other students during x-block
- m. Other community service (on our own)

#### 5. Fundraising Efforts

- a. 50/50 raffles at home athletic events
- b. Working concession stand at home athletic events
- c. Valentine's Dance
- d. School contests/dress-up themes

#### 6. St. Louis Field Trip

- a. SLC has the privilege of going to the St. Louis Arch and riverfront in May. They get to browse various gift shops, tour a museum, view a movie about the Arch construction, travel to the top of the Arch, and embark on a riverboat cruise and lunch.
- b. To be eligible to attend the field trip, all students must acquire and document 20 community service and/or fundraising hours. We also fundraise the cost of the school bus, as well as the cost of the Arch/riverboat tickets and lunch.