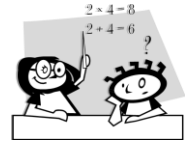




# Community Service

Due: Friday, January 17



**State Benchmark 6.2.7:** *Participate in a service-learning project, reflect upon experiences, and evaluate the value of the experience to the American ideal of participation.*

## Some cool things your classmates did last year for Community Service:

- **Bread lift – November 23, 2019**
- Baked treats for the people at the Rickman House downtown Kalamazoo
- Tutored students through the DLR and Portage Community Center
- Volunteered through the SPCA/ Animal Shelter
- Helped to coach youth football / cheerleading
- Volunteered at Portage District Library
- Volunteered at church or religious organization
- Volunteered at Middle School orientation
- Volunteered at Elementary School Carnival
- Volunteered at Kellogg Biological Station
- Sorted food for Loaves and Fishes
- Volunteered at Texas Township Fire Safety Days



- **Plan ahead** – Mark it on the calendar NOW! January seems like a long time away, but it will be here before you know it.
- If you are struggling to figure out what you would like to do, ask for help NOW not the day you return from Christmas break.
- If transportation is a problem for you try to buddy up with another classmate. All 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will be working on community service.
- If it benefits you/family or your sports team / band in a financial way it is not community service. If you have any questions check with your teachers.

## Some Organizations:

### Neighborhood Elementary PTO's

- Contact your local elementary and they can put you in touch with the PTO

### Portage Community Outreach Center

- 325 East Centre Avenue Portage, MI 49002
- (269) 323-1942

### Loaves and Fishes ( Food Pantry)

- Laura Winther at 488-2617 ext. 209

### Kalamazoo Valley Museum (Downtown Kalamazoo)

- Need volunteers for hands on activities. Check out website for more information.  
<http://kvm.kvcc.edu/info/volunteers/>

Think outside of yourself. Try to find a volunteer opportunity this semester to help make Kalamazoo County a better place. Look outside of your parents or family member's work place. What can you do to make a difference?