

September 2024 Bulletin

School is back in session and the Children & Young program is in full swing. In the spirit of becoming the community “go to” for activities and growth opportunities that make an impact for our children, I would like to focus on the activities for the coming month of October. This may be helpful for planning purposes to coordinate with your local school. What is the one thing that you do that touches and makes a difference to the children of your community?

What can you do?

Communicate with the school and find out what activities they have planned and explore ways to enhance those plans. If need be, create events to interact with students and staff. I recommend making a list of possible events such as Patriotic Music sing-alongs, Patriotic Art Projects, Patriotic Music for the band classes, and skits for Drama class.

Participate with the PTO, by discovering and fulfilling their needs. Volunteers are always needed.

Create and promote the students to make holiday cards for our deployed troops.

Build relationships with your local schools – ask them what they need the most: volunteers for the classroom, for the playground, for after school activities, or the music, band, P.E., drama, and art classes.

Plan and implement activities that work with the community and the schools – example: promote October Education Month by handing out pocket dictionaries to a specific grade.

Schedule ahead of time with the school to hold a Veteran’s Day Event to have veterans in the classrooms to showcase the sacrifices of our military heroes. I recommend pre-planned questions from the kids to ask the veterans. Coordinate with the Honor/Color Guard for an American Flag Folding demonstration.

Together I hope that we can assist our National Chairman in reaching these objectives. Fall Conference and future bulletins will include more recommendations and information on activities and awards for the Children and Youth Program.

In the Spirit of Service, not Self,
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