



Service Learning News

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Dear Parents,

Last semester Middle School students who worked on **Trail to Service** created the following mission, vision, and core values that will guide the Foundation. **Trail to Service** is a student-inspired, student-managed Foundation in the Middle School. The Foundation will be responsible for receiving and funding internal requests for support of service learning projects at Old Trail School.

Trail to Service Foundation

Mission:

Inspiring a commitment to student service and philanthropy.

Vision:

In the next decade, the Foundation hopes to become a catalyst for service projects at Old Trail School, eventually expanding our philanthropy to the northeast Ohio school community.

Core Values:

We believe in and practice:

- a life-long commitment to service learning
- teaching and inspiring knowledge of philanthropy
- encouragement of financial awareness and responsibility

This semester, **Trail to Service** will be part of a brand new service elective in the Middle School. Students in this semester's class include: seventh graders Skylar G., Lauren K., and Nanak S. and eighth graders Audrey B., Tim H., Creighton J., and Leah M. These students will work on developing the Foundation's application.

The application will be used by student groups at Old Trail School to apply for funds to use for service learning projects. Once the application is completed, **Trail to Service** students will work on publicizing the Foundation within our school community.

Look for **Trail to Service** at upcoming Head of School Assemblies, in Buffalo Bytes, and on the Old Trail School website!

Serving together,

Judy & Amanda