

WCMS program highlighted by students at board meeting

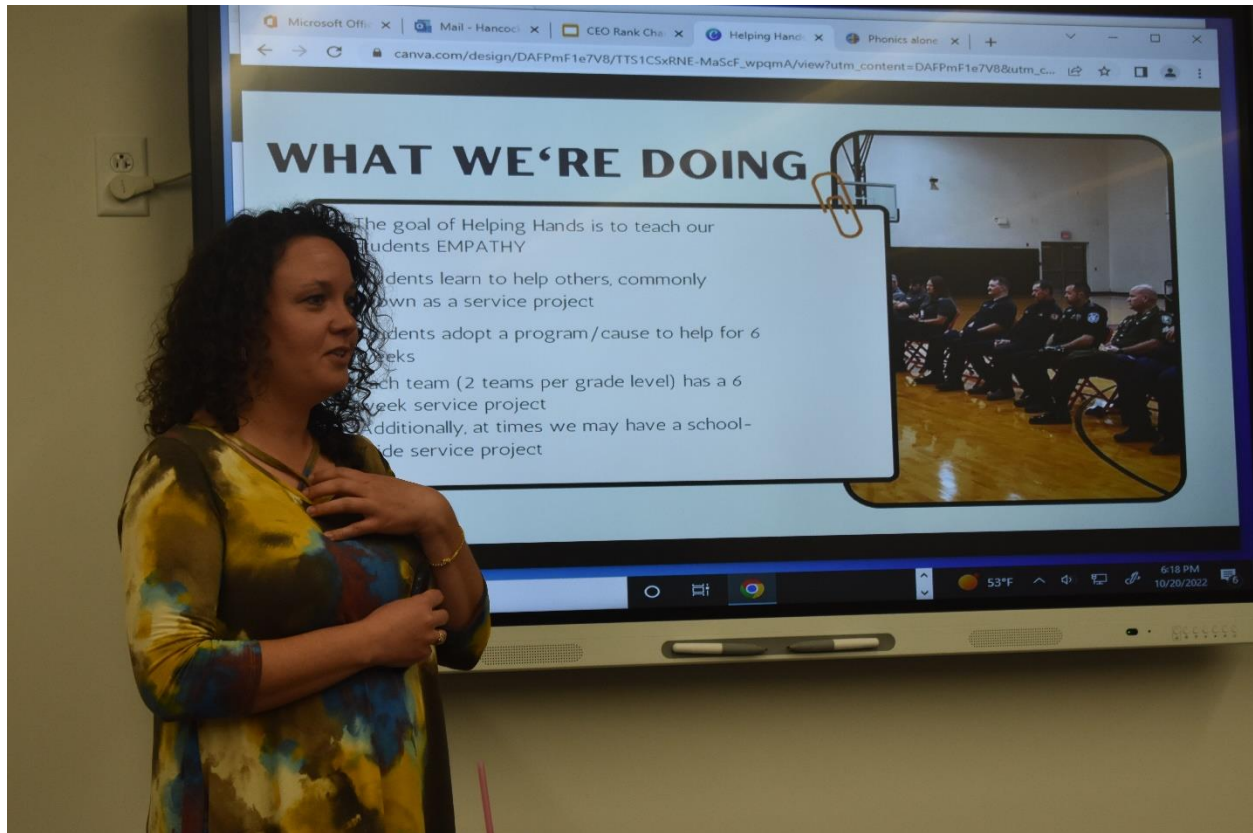
Wayne County Middle School has launched a new program through their exploratory classes to help students realize the significance of philanthropy and caring for others. Exploratory teachers coordinate and organize the initiatives throughout the year so students can have an impact outside the school building and make a difference.

During the first six weeks, the 8th grade Red Team were responsible for securing a "Helping Hands" program. The students were fortunate to have Wayne County Middle School Art Teacher Juliet Perkins' coordinate the special event and be able to involve the students in several ways. She is a technology resource teacher for her building so students naturally incorporated those skills in their presentation. They did voiceovers for a slide show embedded in a video presentation that they played to thank those present, which was shared on the district website and Facebook page.

Likewise, Kim Hadley's Exploratory class students on the 7th grade Red Team are working on a project with St. Jude Hospital. Local anesthesiologist Joe Hicks shared his son, Jeremy's story fighting cancer and the excellent care he received through St. Jude Hospital. He brought them 103 duffle bags promoting St. Jude. Since then, students have sent cards to patients and will be making finger puppets for the children at the hospital. This team of students will be collecting contributions to St. Jude this year, hoping to secure a brick for a \$1,000 contribution representing Wayne County Middle School along a walk at the Memphis based hospital.

Students will be doing all kind of unique projects like these during the rest of the school year, thanks to WCMS Principal Chris Patton, who initiated the focus on empathy.

[Click here for presentation about the "Helping Hands" program](#)



WCMS Art Teacher Juliet Perkins talked about her teams "Helping Hands" program



(l-r) Students Kydin Bullock, Carrie Criswell, and Addison Garner shared information about the "Helping Hands" program which they and fellow classmates participated in, recently.



8th grader Addison Garner received a certificate from Board Chairman Larry Muse



8th grader Carrie Criswell received a certificate from Chairman Larry Muse



8th grader Kydin Bullock received a certificate from Board Chairman Larry Muse



Teacher Juliet Perkins with student presenters and their families.