

MS Community Service Week (May 13–16)

During COVID-19, the Middle School had to trade a trip to Shenandoah National Park for a MS “Stay-cation” where we worked on various projects and played in COVID-friendly venues. It was a hit and opened our eyes to a new way of rounding out this element of the MS experience. With MS Community Service Week, we have an opportunity to work and engage for the betterment of our school and our greater community, learning skills that have real-life applications and building a sense of camaraderie through a shared experience. Ahead of every incoming Grade 6 student is the opportunity for a trip to Washington, D.C., a trip to The Leadership School and a chance to give back to the community ... all in the company of friends.

MS Students in US classes will be allowed to attend those classes.

All times below are guess-timates.

MAY	Monday 12	Tuesday 13	Wednesday 14	Thursday 15	Friday 16
LOCATION	Regular academic day in classes	@WMA	@WMA, Lunch on MS Blacktop	@Wilb. Community Garden; partner with Wilb. Senior Center	@Wilbraham Trails Partner w/ OSRC
Morning Event 8:15-11:15	Academic Day School Meeting – introduce week, tasks, adventure!	Plantings and Landscaping	Plantings and Landscaping	Wilbraham Community Garden Yard cleanup for local seniors.	Conservation trails with OSRC (Trimming, grading, litter patrol)
LUNCH 11:15-noon	Dining Hall	Dining Hall	MS Pizza & Wings Party: Special Guests – The Maintenance Crew	Dining Hall	Dining Hall
Afternoon Event Noon-3	Academic Day	WMA Trail Hikes with trash pickup along the way.	Regular afternoon Activities	Movement Terrain Movement ...	No school after lunch – prepare for MS Dance
After School 3:30-5	Regular afternoon Activities	Regular afternoon Activities		Regular afternoon Activities	

This is a mandatory school event – students who do not attend will not be allowed on campus for the week.

Students will need a few items each day to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience:

- A durable and refillable (but not wicked heavy) water bottle
- Sunglasses or safety glasses
- Durable work gloves (think weeding, planting shrubs, maybe encountering thorny vines)
- Sunscreen
- String bag to hold everything.

Students are encouraged to bring one yard maintenance tool such as:

- Garden rake
- Leaf rake
- Small shovel
- Planting tools (trowel and three-prong cultivator (Who knew? I had to look it up))

Students will *not* need:

- Bookbag/laptop
- Spending money