Medford Public Schools

The Center for Citizenship and Social Responsibility

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Mission

The mission of the Center for Citizenship and Social Responsibility (CCSR) is designed to provide instructional resources, activities, coordination, and training to help responsible global citizens grow as positive contributors to society. The primary goal of the CCSR is to develop student leaders/social entrepreneurs who work to make the world a better place.



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Day of Arts and Crafts at Youville Assisted Living





CCSR Student Leaders: Julia Hanratty, Kiera Tramble, Cathleen Lanergan, Magdelawit Takele, and Jonah Siegel

The idea behind this project was to partner the Center for Citizenship & Social Responsibility and Youville Assisted Living Center to work with their dementia unit. The project consisted of a group of highschool students participating in arts and crafts with the dementia residents. This project helped the individuals in the dementia unit combat loneliness, confusion, and disconnect. The students and residents colored pictures and spent time having conversations.

The Habitat Cleanup



(Left to right)
George Borikov,
Justin Cho,
Peter Nguyen,
Shayan Chowdury,
Theetat Thakong





CCSR Student Leaders: George Borikov, Justin Cho, Peter Nguyen, Shayan Chowdhury, and Theetat Thakong

The goal of the habitat clean-up project was to keep the public parks clean for people to enjoy and protect local wildlife. The students worked hard to clean up the park and filled many bags of trash. The students learned to enjoy their time in nature and felt accomplished when they looked back at a pristine landscape. The group was also willing to protect local habitats by controlling invasive species through planting, landscaping, and even fishing in the Mystic River.

Bake Sale Buddies



CCSR Student Leaders: Tess McMorrow, Lily Isbill, Josie Mumma and Sophia Yucel

The Bake Sale Buddies organized a project to raise funds for the Greater Boston Food Bank. The Greater Boston Food Bank is committed to increasing food distribution and providing three meals a day to every person in need in Eastern Massachusetts while supporting healthy lives and healthy communities. The bake sale was held at the Medford Boys' Basketball Senior Night. Each of the four girls hand-baked every treat that was sold and ultimately raised $264 to donate toward their cause.

Winter Health and Hygiene Drive



CCSR Student Leaders: Nathan Quinn, Katherine Beagan, and Julia Sarrantonio

Nathan Quinn, Katherine Beagan, and Julia Sarrantonio put together a ‘Winter Health and Hygiene Drive’ at the beginning of February to collect hygiene products for families in need. Hygiene products can be expensive and donating them can help families greatly. Throughout the process the students learned how to organize a project, publicize, and work with other organizations. All donations collected were given to the Medford Housing Authority, which is dedicated to helping families in need, elderly families, and disabled families.

Mystic Park and River Cleanups




CCSR Student Leaders: Jonah Siegel and Maggie Fowler

Other CCSR members pictured: George Borikov, Justin Cho, Peter Nguyen, Shayan Chowdhury, Theetat Thakong, Viola Clark, Safiya Lemmons, Kiera Tramble, Sanntana Russell, and Ben Raftree

The Mystic River and Park Cleanup Project has taken place at various local parks throughout the past three years. This project was partially assisted by the Mystic River Watershed Association, an environmental group that has helped with education at some events. During each cleanup, volunteers gathered by the rivers and parks to pick up trash from its banks. This project helped to create a cleaner habitat and environment along the Mystic River.

CCSR Poetry Project



The CCSR held a competition promoting the creation of poetry addressing social issues like climate change, prejudice, and homelessness. Students' poems will be published on the CCSR web page and social media. The top two submissions received a $50 prize.

Andrews Middle School

Mum Fundraiser for The Epilepsy Foundation



CCSR Student Leaders: Leah Berson, Kyla Margras, Maria LaVecchia, Kayla Margras, Lucy Filex, Isabella Putnam-Bagley, Leah Hershkowitz, Maria LaVecchia, Brynn Sherbloom, Joshua Pereira, Ayah Najar, Nora McCobb

With more than 3.4 million people living with epilepsy nationwide, CCSR students wanted to help raise awareness. They decided to create a fundraiser where they sold mums. They bought the mums from a local farm in Billerica, MA. The group sold 175 mums and raised a total of $1,100 that they donated to The Epilepsy Foundation.

Fundraiser for Breast Cancer Awareness





CCSR Student Leaders: Brynn Sherbloon, Celia Meagher, Reghan Nitchie, Nicolas Wong, Maria LaVecchia, Christina Walker, Brianna Ryan, Alessandra Donato, Evelyn Willwert, Sophia Tsou, Audrey Gil

October was Breast Cancer Awareness Month! Students in this group decided to set up a station to paint pink ribbons on their fellow students' cheeks. They also sold pink ribbon pins for $2 to their classmates. This cause was important to the students because some of them have been personally affected by this disease. The students raised $314 for Breast Cancer Research. The funds were donated to Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

Thanksgiving Baskets



CCSR Student Leaders: Leah Berson, Kyla Margras, Isabella - Putnam Bagley, Nick Wong, Josh Pereira, Andrew Pereira, Lucy Felix, Emily LaGrassa, Domnick Martino, Kendra Margras, Maria LaVecchia, Ayah Najjar & Alessandra Donato

During Thanksgiving time, the students decided to make Thanksgiving baskets for families in need in the Medford area. Students went above and beyond collecting donations from family, friends and businesses from the community. The CCSR raised over $6,000 to purchase food for each basket. Students put together 128 complete baskets with all the fixings for a Thanksgiving meal. Each basket also included a $25 gift card so families could purchase a turkey or other items for their meals. The fundraiser was such a success that Channel 10 News and Fox 25 came to the McGlynn Middle to do a segment on the project. Students were interviewed about why they chose this project and how it made them feel.

Tree of Warmth



CCSR Student Leaders: Isabella Putnam- Bagley, Emily LaGrassa & Lucy Felix

The CCSR students wanted to help people who needed warm items for the winter. The students collected donations from the community and families. They collected hats, gloves, coats, socks, and scarves. These items were given to students in need and donated to The Medford Family Network for Medford residents.

Valentine's Day Cards



CCSR Student Leaders: Josh Pereriam Andrew Pereira, Dominick Martino, and Nick Wong

Students decided to create Valentine's Day cards for our elderly community and others in Medford that could use a smile. Together as a team the student leaders made over 100 Valentine's Day cards. They wrote personalized notes of encouragement and drew pictures. Students wanted to put a smile on others' faces by reminding them that they are thought about on Valentine's Day.

Bingo Night for Epilepsy



CCSR Student Leaders: Isabella Putnam- Bagley, Emily LaGrassa, Leah Berson, Kayla Magras, Kyla Margras, and Maria LaVecchia

The Andrews Middle school held a bingo night to raise money for Epilepsy. One of the students' families has been suffering from this disease and they wanted to help bring awareness to the community. The group sold pizza and snacks that were donated by parents and Wegmans. They also gathered gift cards from local businesses to give out as bingo prizes. Raffle baskets were donated by staff and families. This event raised over $1,000 for the Epilepsy Foundation.

McGlynn Middle School

Tree Planting





CCSR Student Leaders: Murilo Botelho Ferreira and Fionn Murray-Stewart

CCSR students Murilo and Fionn with a little help from friends, helped plant trees behind the McGlynn Middle School. Trees Medford donated 6 saplings of different varieties. Murilo and Fionn fought against rocky earth to dig holes deep enough for each tree. They then carefully planted them and ensured they had plenty of water. The boys filled up the water bags of each tree for several weeks after the planting, to ensure their survival through the winter.

Thanksgiving Baskets





CCSR Student Leaders: Alesandra Ramos Lopez, Aria Guscott, Violet Baxter, Kayleen Rosario Toribio, Gabby Purifory, Chrisley Cornet, Savannah McLaughlin, Jayda Silveira and Chloë Dorcellus

CCSR students Alesandra, Aria, Violet, Kayleen, Gabby, Chrisley, Savannah, Jayda and Chloë partnered up with the CCSR group from the Andrews to collect and create Thanksgiving meal baskets to give to families in the Medford community. Students first sponsored a food drive at both schools. Then, students from both middle schools assembled together to put together food baskets with all the necessary traditional meal fixes one would have for a Thanksgiving meal. Students created over 100 baskets.

MSPCA Fundraiser



CCSR Student Leaders: Chrisley Cornet, Gabby Purifory and Isadora Da Silva

McGlynn Middle School students, Chrisley, Gabby and Isadora have a love for animals and wanted to find a way to give back to those who haven't found their forever home yet. The girls came up with the fundraiser idea and researched various local animal shelters to donate to. They chose NSPCA Angell for their Giving Day Match. The funds from the fundraiser will be matched and used to help families who are struggling to access veterinary care.

MMS Language Mentors



CCSR Student Leaders: Chloë Dorcellus, Kayleen Rosario Toribio, Alesandra Ramos Lopez, Aria Guscott, Ellen Alves, Savannah McLaughlin

This project was designed by a group of mostly 8th-graders at the McGlynn Middle School. The purpose of the project is to provide valuable insights and guidance to incoming 6th graders about what to expect when they begin their world language studies in middle school. The goal was to create an informative, engaging, and accessible resource that would help ease any anxieties and ensure students feel prepared and excited about learning a new language. The girls created an engaging slideshow to present to 5th graders. The students will be piloting this program with the 5th grade class at the McGlyn Elementary school and if it is successful, hopefully roll it out to the other 5th grade classes at the other elementary schools in Medford, MA.

Roberts Elementary School

Snack Bar for Jimmy Fund



CCSR Student Leaders: Jake Schurko, Adam Peloquin, Pedro Lana, Marcos Santos, Suley Ortega Chacon, Quinn Roe, Sofia Namili, Ailish Oliver and Austin Rich

This group decided that they wanted to raise money for the Jimmy Fund to help kids with Cancer. The students organized a Snack Bar at STEM Night. Each student brought in items to sell during the event. They sold pretzels, cheez-its, cookies, chips, water and juice boxes. All together the students raised $221. The proceeds collected will help fund innovative cancer research and compassionate patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Teacher Lunch for Red Cross



CCSR Student Leaders: Sonali Casey, James Hickey, Tianna Joseph, Kellan & Hendricks Mercer

CCSR students Sonali, James, Tianna, Kellan and Hendricks decided to organize a fundraiser for the American Red Cross. They wanted to raise money for the people who were affected by the Los Angeles fires and hurricanes in Florida. They raised the money by organizing a Teacher Luncheon on the Early Release Day. With the help of their families, the students made soup and grilled cheese sandwiches to serve to the teachers. Overall, they raised $125 to donate to their cause!

New England Wildlife Center Presentation



CCSR Student Leaders: Amalia Priento-Chuckran, Aiden Lau, Sienna Cunha, Inaya Skalijic and Aliegh Bookhagen

The CCSR students wanted to help wild animals by educating the Roberts Elementary School about how people can help! They invited the New England Wildlife Center to the Roberts school for an animal presentation. All 2nd & 3rd grade students were invited to the presentation. The students saw a hawk, snake, turtles and learned how to help wild animals. The students also raised $375 to donate to the New England Wildlife Center by asking families to donate.

Coin Drive for BayState Children's Hospital



CCSR Student Leaders: Tyler Sparks, Thienlam Nguyen, Amy Crane & Charlotte Bookhagen

CCSR students Amy, Tyler, Charlotte and Thienlam decided that they wanted to help sick children. The students planned a coin drive to raise money for Baystate Children's Hospital. During the week of February 5th- 16th they distributed containers to each classroom in the school to collect spare change. All together the school raised $434 from the coins that were collected. The donations will help support the Baystate Children's hospital's most critical and urgent needs.

Bookmarks for Best Friends Animal Society



CCSR Student Leaders: Jerrica Ogonosky, Victoria De Oliveira, Rayssa Neves, Eva Flynn, Thienlam Nguyen and Ryder DeAngelis

These CCSR students wanted to help animals at the Best Friends Animal Society. The students decided to raise money for the shelter by making bookmarks and selling them at the Roberts Elementary School's Art Night. Students Jerrica, Victoria, Rayssa, Eva Thienlam and Ryder decorated over 100 bookmarks to sell. The proceeds collected will help tens of thousands of animals—both at the Sanctuary and through outreach and rescue programs all across the country.

A Bed for Every Child Building Project



CCSR Student Leaders: Joshua Souza, Queendiamond Joly, Alek Mounier, Elliotte Dion, Tahalia Zomick & Alice Mundt

Students in this group decided they wanted to help children in need who didn't have beds of their own. They partnered with the organization "A Bed for Every Child" to raise money and build beds for children in need. The students organized a raffle to help fundraise their project. The raffle included a fidget basket, stuffed animal basket & snack basket. All together they raised $570 with the raffle. The students also wrote letters to sponsors to raise money for the cause. They collected $3,500 and funded the cost of 10 beds. The Roberts students along with high school volunteers worked hard to build each bed for kids in need!

Bathroom Monitors



CCSR Student Leaders: Olivia Murphy, Tahalia Zomick & Alice Mundt

Olivia decided she wanted to dedicate her time to making the bathrooms better at Roberts Elementary School. Olivia created bathroom rules to hang up in all of the student bathrooms. She also created posters of positive affirmations to hang in the stalls where graffiti had been written. Olivia's goal is to monitor the bathrooms and make sure students are treating them appropriately and that they are kept clean.

Missituk Elementary School

Alpha Turkey Drive: (Food Drive)



CCSR Student Leaders: Nora W, Adelaide E, Sam F, Annika B Sophie K, Sofie N, Sonampreet K, Avery F, Moses R, Leo F

The CCSR students set up collection bins for non-perishable items to donate to families in need for Thanksgiving. Students created posters to advertise their bins, contacted food banks and nursing homes to see if they would accept donations. Students also included handwritten letters to the recipients, wishing them a wonderful holiday season.

Missituk Pet Pals: (Pet Drive)



CCSR Student Leaders: Lola W, Margot N, Ella K, Penny D
Holden M, Nicole M, Yasmina H, Neriah N, Maggie B

This group wanted to help animals. The students set up collection bins for new pet toys and animal treats. The students in this group researched out to local animal shelters that were currently accepting donations. They finally settled on 4 Paws Animal Shelter. The student collected many items to donate to the center.

Bake Sale for the Homeless



CCSR Student Leaders: Vera S and Simon P

Vera and Simon worked together to set up a bake sale to raise money for the homeless. They designed a flyer to ask families to contribute baked goods to the November 23rd Missituk Craft Day. Through their efforts they were able to raise $650 for the Horizons for Homeless Children Shelter.

4-Square Forever



CCSR Student Leaders: Quinn M, Maeve O, Hazel C.

These students noticed that at recess there were often issues while students were waiting in line to play four-square. Their solution to this problem was to create another four square court. Getting permission took some time, so they were not able to complete the court in the fall session. However, the students plan to continue this project in the spring session with the creation of a new court!

Share Table/Missituk Posters



CCSR Student Leaders: Fallon P, Mila J, and Leila M

Students noticed that lots of food was going to waste in the cafeteria. They sought out permission to create a share table at lunch. Unfortunately, they were not able to complete this project as projects revolving around food require permission from DESE. These students pivoted and created posters to help other projects and brainstormed ideas for a Missituk mural.

Lemonade Stand for World Wildlife Fund



CCSR Student Leaders: Maggie B, Neriah N, Margot O, Ella K, Annika B

These students hosted a lemonade stand to raise money for the World Wildlife Fund. In the two hours that they ran their stand, they collected $300 to help the animals. Students made baked goods, homemade bracelets, and yummy lemonade. They set up their stand at Barry Park and had many visitors come by!

Brooks Elementary School

Spice Drive



CCSR Student Leaders:Owen McFelly, Owen Granger and Brennan Belanger

CCSR fifth grade students hosted a Spice Drive to support the West Medford Community Center Food Pantry. The Drive took place during the week of December 9th and ended on December 19th. Students collected the spices in collection bins by the main office. Improving access to cooking spices can help food recipients maintain their cultural identity, uphold family traditions and encourage creative/ nutritious cooking.

Coin Challenge



CCSR Student Leaders: Alaina Cinelli, Sahira Hutchinson and Bridget Murray

The Annual CCSR Coin Drive was an enormous success! The student leaders collected $1,766 to benefit the Medford Family Network Hygiene Drive. The girls used the money to fill the Medford Family Network's shelves with their requested toiletries. Mr Coates' third grade class came in first for collecting the most coins. Ms. Fitzgerald's third class came in second place and Mrs. Latorella's third grade class came in third place.

Book Drive



CCSR Student Leaders: Miriam Cockerell and Brooke Roselando

CCSR students held a school wide book drive from February 10- 14th. Students and families dropped off gently used children's books to donate. All books were donated to The Friends of Medford Public Library for its spring book sale. They delivered over 10 boxes of books! The money raised from the sales will go toward free museum passes and special library programs for Medford Residents. Any books that were not sold were donated to More Than Words, a nonprofit that empowers young adults who are in the foster system, court-involved, homeless, or out of school to take charge of their lives by operating a bookselling business.

Bake Sale



CCSR Student Leaders: Nadya Ishmukhametova and Eleanor Brooks

CCSR leaders Nadya Ishmukhametova and Eleanor Brooks hosted an amazing bake sale to benefit Cradle to Crayons Boston. Cradles to Crayons uses donated funds to run their year-round programs that support their mission of providing everyday essentials to children in need. The girls ran a great bake sale for a great cause.

Sock Drive



CCSR Student Leaders: Nicholas Brady and Frankie DiGaetano

CCSR Students hosted a Sock Drive to benefit the St. Francis House. They asked for new socks for both men and women. St. Francis House is the largest day shelter in Massachusetts, welcoming up to 600 individuals experiencing homelessness each day. The most requested clothing item, often overlooked, is new socks. Shelters frequently need new socks because they are a crucial item for hygiene and warmth, especially for those who walk long distances or are exposed to the elements.

Eyeglasses Drive

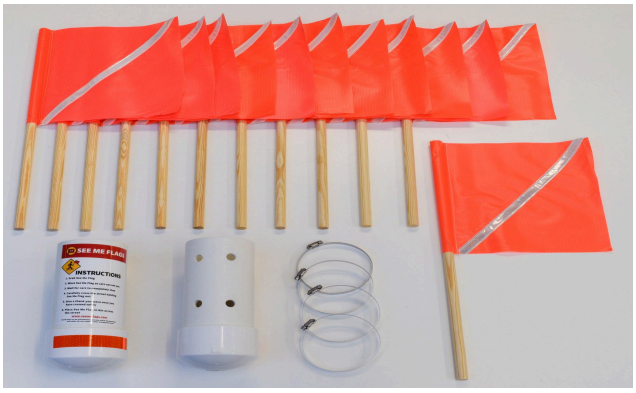


CCSR Student Leaders: Anderson Kang and Yasmin Oliveira

The eyeglass drive was a huge success! Anderson Kang and Yasmin collected over 100 pairs of eyeglasses with their collection. With the help of the local Lions Club, all of the eyeglasses will find new homes for people in need.

See Me Flags





CCSR Student Leaders: Reid Collins and Huzaifah Haq

CCSR students Reid Collins and Hizaifah Haq have been concerned about pedestrian safety in West Medford. Deciding to be proactive, they installed “See Me Flags” at three local intersections. The flags are located at m High Street/ Woburn Street, High Street/ Warren Street and Playstead Road/ Clewley Road. These bright and effective flags help increase pedestrian safety as they walk across the crosswalks.

Bake Sale



CCSR Student Leaders: Leo Barczak-Kroll and Julia Gropelli

CCSR leaders Leo Barczak-Kroll and Julia Gropelli hosted an April bake sale. The results were delicious! All the profits were donated to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Dana–Farber is a cancer treatment and research center in Boston. Leo and Julia's baking went a very long way.

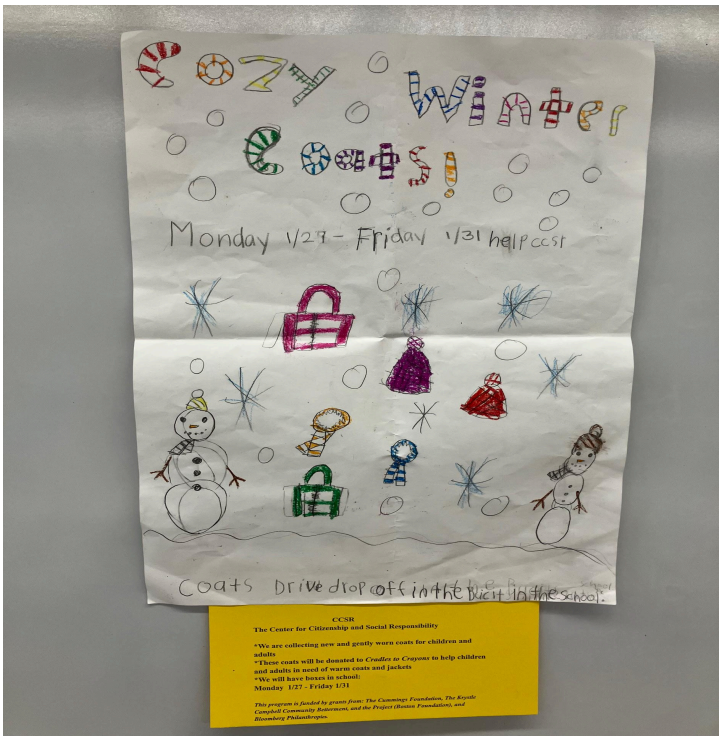
Sedge Wren Awareness
A Massachusetts Endangered Animal



CCSR Student Leaders: Lilah Farzner and Evelyn Rigas

CCSR leaders Lilah Farzner and Evelyn Rigas created a slideshow to raise awareness of the endangered Sedge wren. They shared their informative slide show with the entire school. In addition, they planted a school wildflower garden complete with sunflowers to give the Massachusetts wrens more space.

Coat Drive for Cradles to Crayons



CCSR Student Leaders: Raina, Alex, Esme, Tia, John, Stella, Jane, Mae, Lucy T, Teddy, Lucy W, Esme F, Alexis, Lucy O, Scarlett, Kiley, Anastasia, Alaa, Grace, Ceci, Nora, Julie, Cora, Mia, Andy, Ysah, Claudia, Theo, Catania, Daniel

The Second and Third grade CCSR students at Brooks Elementary held a coat drive. They collected over 100 new and gently used coats that were donated to Cradles to Crayons. Students from this group also created a “Kindness Calendar” to inspire acts of kindness throughout the week.

McGlynn Elementary School

Animal Shelter Heroes



CCSR Student Leaders: Heloisa Souza, Michaela Carvalho, Zoe Flygare, Karma Yesh, Rylee Readon, Nicolly Teodora Cezar

These girls care about animals and want to make a difference in their lives. The CCSR students made and sold slime in order to have money to give to the Northeast Animal Shelter. They earned over $100 for their project. They then took the money and bought supplies for the shelter that were requested on the shelter's website.

Caring For Animals



CCSR Student Leaders: Avery DeJesus, Kai Evee, Braxton Evee

These 3 fifth graders wanted to help the animal shelter in Medford, Kitty Connection. They came up with a clever way to make money. The students sent out a notice and got people to donate money for Pop Art pictures of their pets. The students then took the pictures and followed several steps to create beautiful works of art that were then digitally shared with the pet owners. The money was used to buy requested supplies for the animal shelter. Furthermore, the students set up a donation box to collect yet more supplies that could be donated to the shelter.

Thanksgiving Heroes



CCSR Student Leaders: Donovan Ban, Terrell Seaines-Taylor, Kevin Purifory, Joey Doiron, Travis Quach, Patrick Kilgariff

These energetic young men were very busy helping with the McGlynn Elementary School's Thanksgiving food drive. They decorated boxes and signs and helped to spread the word that food was being collected to help needy families in our community. They wrote thank you notes to thank businesses that donated. The students also made slime with other CCSR groups that was sold to students in the school. The boys were able to donate money for turkey gift cards from their share of the profits from the slime.

Birthdays for All



CCSR Student Leaders: Malachi Connaught, Kaiden Fiorello, Shiv Patel, Muller Cornet, Luke Grijaldo, Jose, Sofia Flores Martinez, Eleanor Giordano, Ella Sharpe, Erica Zheng, Sabela Maarouf, Mia Cobanovic

This group was a mixed group of third and fifth graders that loved the idea of making sure less fortunate children get to celebrate birthdays in the same way that these girls celebrate with their families. The girls procured boxes and decorated them. They found the agency "Birthday Wishes" and contacted them about making birthday boxes. After helping other CCSR groups make and sell slime, they were able to purchase birthday party supplies and cake making supplies enough to fill two birthday boxes.

Caring for Others



CCSR Student Leaders: Dorothie Anderson, Brock Anderson, Jacob Mathews, Jayden Davis-Dockins, Yuta Kaku

The fifth graders and third graders chose to work together on this project. The students ran a drive for supplies that may be needed by homeless individuals living in the Medford area. They collected many filled bags of supplies thanks to the generosity of the McGlynn community! The materials were all given to Marie Cassidy at the Medford Family Network so she could distribute them to those in need, including the area's homeless shelter.

Spreading Kindness



CCSR Student Leaders: Izzy Camacho, Josue Lemuse, Mia Corado, Yanalys Canales, Marc Odvil

These 3rd and 5th graders wanted to do something creative for their project. They chose to build upon a prior project where students painted canvases for the school hallways and included kindness sayings on the paintings. These students worked very hard planning their drawings, researching the sayings and completing the paintings. The paintings now are hung on the walls of our school building, reminding students of the importance of demonstrating kindness. They also helped run the World Kindness day at our school by creating a large mural and inviting students to record acts of kindness on sticky notes and put them on the mural.

Gardens of Hope



CCSR Student Leaders: Laura Siqueira, Lucy Camuso, Harry Richard, Logan Occline, Feyza Baskin

This industrious group played around with different ideas to do with gardening until they landed on the idea of growing herbs and selling small gardens with different herbs. Their plan was to raise money with the sale of the small gardens and then donate that money to the food pantry to help needy individuals in the Medford area. The students were able to make and sell 8 small herb gardens.

Helping the Homeless from CA Wildfires



CCSR Student Leaders: Shiv Patel, Malachi Connaught, David Santucci, Albert BC Alpha, Tenzin Michael Ngawang

This combination group of 2nd and 4th graders were aware of recent events in the news (The California Wildfires) and wanted to learn about how the American Red Cross helped in disasters and ultimately wanted to raise money to donate to the American Red Cross. They helped with the overall group fundraiser, Change for Charity, and dove into making and selling slime as an additional fundraiser. This group donated $100 to the American Red Cross.

Supporting Animal Shelters



CCSR Student Leaders: Imran Elhasany, Starla Shrestha, Arabella Mytil, Farah Jasem Alnajar, Davari Weekes, Gurjap Singh Dhiman

This energetic group was very excited to join CCSR and jump into a project to help make the world a better place. After going back and forth, they decided to dedicate their efforts to supporting animal shelters. They wanted to be able to donate money as well as start a drive for used items such as blankets and towels. They created a letter to McGlynn families and decorated a box for collection of the used items. They also made and sold slime to eager McGlynn students before school to have money to purchase needed items for the Northeast Animal Shelter.

Reusable Bags for Seniors



CCSR Student Leaders: Ada Gladding, Julia Connelly, Janiyah Tirado, Sofia A Flores Martinez, Ava Rose Huggins, Muller Cornet , Asmaa Jasem Alnajar

These students wanted to combine artistic talent with the CCSR goal of helping to make their community a better place. They decided to decorate and fill reusable canvas bags and donate them to a Senior Center in Medford. They planned designs and used fabric markers to make the bags come to life. They also researched and purchased materials to fill the bags for Seniors in Medford. The students participated in the group wide Change for Charity to raise money for their bags and the items to fill those bags.

Animal Helpers



CCSR Student Leaders: Lilyana Ventresca, Lincoln Marino, Ava Hanley, Julie Hanley, Lucca Baudanza, Loudence Janvier, Osnaica Prince

This group of second graders also wanted to do something to help animals. They chose to make toys for animals at the Northeast Animal Shelter. They made many different toys for both cats and dogs, working hard to make fun toys that would entertain the animals in the shelter.

Let's Have a Bully-Free School



CCSR Student Leaders: Yasmine Elhasany, Nialyse Hernandez, Ella Sharpe, Eleanor Giordano

These thoughtful young ladies tackled a large project with their wish to create a video to promote having a bully-free school. The girls decided on their chosen type of video to create. They, then, did research to find facts to support their video. They created an outline, wrote a script and then created a fabulous video about the need to communicate respectfully with others. The girls shared their video with fourth and fifth graders in their building.

Wildfire Heroes



CCSR Student Leaders: Declan Shaughnessy, Caroline Maltez, Liam Benquoi, M.J. Ferreira, Luiz Davi Neves Ferreira

These students had heard about students in California that were victims of the wildfires losing their schools. They wanted to raise money to help those students replace school supplies in their temporary schools. These 4th graders and 2nd graders made and sold slime and participated in the group's main fundraiser of Change for Charity. They went around to classrooms to drum up interest in the fundraiser and helped to count the money as it came in. The students identified the organization that helped schools in Southern California, SupplyBank.org as the recipients of their donated money. Together with 2 other groups, they donated $300!

Kindergarten Helpers



CCSR Student Leaders: Erica Zheng, Emily Namsel, Mia Cobinovic

These sweet girls have participated in CCSR for several years, and have professed an interest to help in the kindergarten classrooms every session. The girls each chose one day to go to a particular kindergarten classroom from 8:30 AM to 9 AM to help with the students. The girls help students get ready for the day, read books, and help at morning meetings, among other things. The teachers are always happy to include these helpful girls with their kindergarten students.

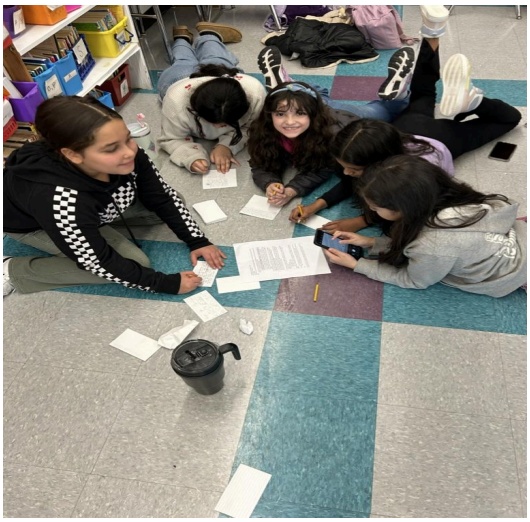
Heroes for the Homeless



CCSR Student Leaders: Rylan Shaughnessy, Owen Fernandes, Demetri Pena, Sean Connolly, Jameson Jr. Emile

These second grade boys tried several different fundraisers to raise money for the wildfire victims of California. They made bracelets, made slime and helped with CCSR's main fundraiser of Change for Charity. Along with a couple of other groups, they raised $300 to donate to SupplyBank.org.

Wildfire School Helpers



CCSR Student Leaders: Aubrey Ventura, Emily Rodriguez, Angeline Bella Prodescimo, Victoria Vieira Souza, Rita Alves

These fourth graders were the 3rd group to band together with the goal of helping schools in California that lost everything in the recent wildfires. They made and sold bracelets and participated in our full group's fundraiser, Change for Charity. They enjoyed working together and were proud to donate $300 to SupplyBank.org, an organization that supports schools in California in making sure they have all the supplies they need.

Homeless Helpers



CCSR Student Leaders: Lilian G. Ribeiro, Nantiba Kabid, Jimena Ventura

These second grade girls and boys worked happily together making bracelets, making slime and helping with Change for Charity. They were able to raise $75 to purchase materials to send to homeless people in California that were victims of the wildfires that devastated the area in early 2025.