Calendar of Hands-On Opportunities for 2026–27

September 25: 8th grade hosts The Learning Collaborative Carnival (grade 8).

Throughout the year: 8th grade visits The Learning Collaborative in advisories.

November 2-20: Halloween Candy Collection to be repackaged, a note added, and passed along in our Walk for Hope packages and to Soldier's Angels (grades 5, 6, 7, 8).

November 20: 17th Annual Walk for Hope (grades 5, 6, 7, 8).

November 30-December 11: Up-Cycle Drive (grades 5, 6, 7, 8). Many of our service projects for December 18's Service and Wellness Day will be hands-on activities where students 'up-cycle' donated goods. Students will manipulate these donated goods to make them into new and usable gems for many of our service partners.

- *If you have any of these items at home and are ready to pass them along, please think about bringing them to school any time between November 30 and December 11! More instructions to come on the drop off logistics.*
    - **Games and activities** (including puzzles, card games, board games, Rubix cubes, etc) that are no longer used. These will be cleaned up, organized, repackaged, a note written and donated to Beds for Kids and Thompson Family Services.
    - **Socks** who have lost their partner. These will be made into cat toys for Humane Society of Charlotte.
    - **Fabric, sweatshirts/pants, t-shirts, and old linens**. Clean, please! These will be repurposed into dog and cat beds for Humane Society of Charlotte.
    - **Books**, any and all kinds! These will be donated to Promising Pages and Baby Bundles.
    - **Lamps and tables**: side tables, bedside tables, coffee tables, desk lamps, floor lamps, etc. Please have working light bulbs if possible. These will be cleaned, painted if needed, and donated to Beds for Kids.
    - **Coats, jackets, and sweatshirts** to 'Coat the Court' in the winter and provide warm weather gear to our partners at Beds for Kids and Roof Above.

December 18: Service and Wellness Day #1 (grades 5, 6, 7)

March (date TBD): 2nd Annual Rock Paper Scissors Competition (grades 5, 6, 7, 8) – Money raised to support and raise awareness of Period Poverty at a local Title 1 high school.

April 28: 3rd Annual School at the Beach Service Night (grade 8)

May (date TBD): Service and Wellness Day #2 (grades 5, 6, 7)