

SCHOOLS



Above: We studied perimeter and made blankets to donate to the Dane County Humane Society.

Right: Caption: Raking (and composting) for one of Lake View's "senior" neighbors.



Photos submitted by Kim Besmer

Lake View students learn to help our community on the Northside

By Lydia Nyachieo, S. Brennan and our classmates

This year, our second and third grade class from Lake View Elementary learned a lot about our community. We learned how we can help the community and how the community can help us.

In September, we planted flowers at school that were donated by North Side True Value (formerly known as Meikle's). The flowers made the entrance of our school look beautiful. When October came, we walked to a Lake View neighbor's house and raked. Mrs. Zanoni was overjoyed by the work we did...and it made us feel proud. In November, we walked to Berkley Park and cleaned up garbage along the way. When we were walking a neighbor stepped outside her house and yelled, "Thank you!"

Over the winter, we studied measurement and then we made warm blankets to donate to the animals at the Dane County Humane Society (DCHS). Gayle Viney from DCHS came to tell us about the society and

how they help animals in our community. On a beautiful day in March, we went along Tennyson, where our school is, to clean up garbage that had piled up during the winter. Someone in our class found a dirty old sock! George Dreckmann from the City of Madison came to our class and taught us how to recycle properly. One fine April afternoon our class went to Warner Park and cleaned up the soccer and football fields. We loved it! Kids in our class found lots of things, including baseballs. We were glad that we could do something to help the earth. In May, we planted flowers at school that were donated by the hardware store again. Jeff, the manager at the hardware store, went to Lake View when he was little and wanted to do something to help his old school. We also had Safety Steve from the City of Madison come and teach us about bike safety. He wants to keep us safe when we are biking in the community this summer.

Thanks to all of the people that came and taught us about our community!



Photo by Margaret Adelmeyer

Two Os took on the hard work of pulling out the thistles in the front flower bed. Yikes!

O Ambassadors help make Lake View a great place

By Margaret Adelmeyer

The Oprah Winfrey Angel Network chose Lake View Elementary as an O Ambassador School, a joint project of Oprah's Angel Network and Free the Children. The program empowers young leaders and educators to dream big and accelerate global change through a step-by-step exploration of active learning, idea sharing and taking action. The O's explore four main themes of poverty, education, health and sustainable development. Youth practice active global citizenship to raise awareness about children's rights and fundraise to create positive change.

After taking two neighborhood walks, the third, fourth and fifth grade O's ranked traffic and safety as a high priority. They worked with the "Slow Down for Schools" Campaign. As part of the campaign, they made a banner for each class for the all-school walk with Mayor Cieslewicz on May 5.

The O Ambassadors also ranked cleaning up litter and keeping Lake View and the neighborhood clean and beautiful as a high priority. O's organized the Earth Day Warner Park Clean Up on April 24 and painted the new garbage cans for the playground. They came up with catchy slogans to promote Earth-friendly citizens, including, "I don't take cash, but I do take trash" and "Be green, not mean." O's have weeded and spread mulch around the school's trees and flower beds to keep Lake View a beautiful place for its students and community members. O's donated money to the Kids Can Free the Children international organization to help to empower people with the opportunity to learn, grow and break out of poverty by providing children with the priceless gift of knowledge.

Way to go, O's! Keep working hard to make our Lake View community a great place to learn.

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