

## Acts of Kindness Ideas

### Community:

Organized in groups of 4-5; with 20+ in your Leadership class, many opportunities for the year!

- an afternoon in a Seniors home
- an afternoon or weekend activity involving elementary or middle schools
- bake sale/Krispy Kreme sales with proceeds going to a community cause
- car wash for a community cause
- toy drive for needy children in the community
- food drive before the summer break
- volunteering at a local soup kitchen
- volunteering through student mentorship programs (Big Brothers Big Sisters)

### School-based:

- **Stars of the School:** either gold hearts or red stars all around the school with student names on it; bring the heart or star to the receive a prize (stickers to pencils!)
- **BYOB:** all students and staff have to bring a banana . . . Leadership provides tubs of ice cream, toppings and bowls in the foyer (bananas can be sold for \$1 and given to a local charity)
- **Remembrance Day in May:** prepare and host a supper for veterans from your local Legion (Branch 21). Intent is to let them know they are appreciated all year, not just in November. Also, when they participate in your Remembrance Day service, there is no chance to “connect” with them about their experiences . . .this offers that opportunity
- **Teacher Recognition:** can be done twice a year; once at the start of school or winter break and the last one in May/June. Here are some novel ideas that are cheap and fun!
  - a) A small mirror with a note that says “you are looking at a very special person!”
  - b) Nestle Crunch Bars with the note “Thanks for your help at crunch time”
  - c) A coupon for a free car wash afterschool!
  - d) Make ghost lollipops out of lollipops covered with Kleenex with the note,” We don’t have a ghost of a chance without you.”
  - e) Mars chocolate bars with the note, “You are out of this world!”
  - f) Teacher appreciation with goodies/coffee/fruit platters in the staffroom after report card prep day or parent-teacher interviews.
  - g) Teacher Mugging – first day of school: have mugs made up for the staff that say “YOU’VE BEEN MUGGED – have a great year at \_\_\_\_\_” **Leadership class**
- **Inclusion of Students:** do you have students that often sit by themselves having lunch? How do you think they feel? Wouldn’t it be nice to make them feel included? At Yale Secondary, students are invited to a pizza luncheon by a Leadership student. Conversation needs to be established between the two before the invitation and the Leadership student must be present for the luncheon.