

Student Service Learning (SSL) Notes

Give a Little Time...Make a Big Difference

March 2011

SSL: Develops Sense of Competence.

- Spring Break next month is a good time to get involved in service. Address real need in the community while gaining knowledge, developing skills, and earning SSL hours in a meaningful way.
- Students who have met the graduation requirement of 75 hours by the first Friday in April (April 1, 2011) of a middle school year will be awarded the Superintendent's SSL Award. **All documentation must be in to the SSL coordinator by Friday, April 1, 2011 to qualify for 2011.**
- Seniors who have documented 260 or more SSL hours by the first Friday in April (April 1, 2011) will be awarded a Certificate of Meritorious Service. **All documentation must be in to the SSL coordinator by Friday, April 1, 2011 to qualify for 2011.**
- Middle School students enrolled in Grade 6 science, Grade 7 English, and Grade 8 social studies will have opportunities to engage in service-learning activities during the instructional day. Verification of service in these courses is required using MCPS Form 560-51, *Student Service Learning Activity Verification*.
- When you think about service for which SSL hours are awarded think: preapproved, nonprofit, tax exempt, organization, public place, secular in nature, adult supervision, (not a parent) addressing a real need !