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Steffen Middle School Students Participate in Day of Service

School Celebrates Eighth Annual Day of Service at Camp Minikani

MEQUON, Wis. — On Friday, April 21, Steffen Middle School students participated in a school-wide day of service at the YMCA's Camp Minikani in Hubertus, Wis. Five hundred and twenty-two students, staff and parents worked for a collective total of 1,566 service hours.

Steffen Middle School educators and students have been participating in a school-wide community service day since 2005. In the first few years, students went to various sites around the community performing tasks to help. In 2010, Community Service Day was transformed. Now the entire student body and staff, along with a number of parents, travel to Camp Minikani in late April to assist in getting the camp ready for the summer season. 2017 marked Steffen's eighth annual day of service at Minikani.

Steffen has an almost 50-year connection with the camp. Steffen sends seventh grade students to the camp for three and a half days each fall for an outdoor education experience focusing on building character, fostering collaboration and enriching mutual respect. This experience influenced Steffen's commitment to focus its service day to serve the camp and its staff so that they can in turn serve hundreds of students each year both in the summer and for school groups in the fall.

"This is an experience that students, staff and parents all look forward to every year," said Steffen Principal Debbie Anderson. "This designated day of service allows students to practice skills of teamwork and collaboration and experience the value and goodness of service to others."

Some tasks performed included sanding and repainting canoe trailers, painting signs, maintaining shelters, docks, boardwalks, picnic tables, cabins and buildings, cleaning equestrian stalls and paddocks, assembling medical kits, painting parking lot lines and making a giant Jenga game.

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