

Community Involvement in Service-Learning

Involving the community is an essential step in improving the quality and quantity of service-learning initiatives. The following list shows how fellow New Jersey schools involved in PACES, another Learn & Serve Project, involved the community in innovative ways.



PACES 1

School	Program	Description
Carl Goetz MS	Bridging the Generation Gap/ Senior Program	Hosting a day to honor senior citizens; researched time periods, wrote letters, etc. Senior Citizens.
Delsea HS	Senior Prom	Hosting a Prom for senior citizens . Senior Citizens
Egg Harbor Township	Teaching Bicycle Safety	PE Students teach bicycle safety to lower grades/ senior citizens Partner with AtlantiCare Foundation Atlantic County, Department of Highway Safety Advantage Bike Shop Egg Harbor B of Education Shore Memorial Hospital Beacon Cycling Store Egg Harbor Township Police South Jersey Traffic Safety Alliance
John F. Kennedy HS	Presenting the Great Falls	Teaching the public about town landmark. Paterson Board of Recreation Paterson Board of Education Great Falls Historical Society
Iselin MS	Commerce Bank Project	Bank provides lessons in saving money; matches funds in drive to aid an ailing family Commerce Bank
Lake Riviera MS	Anti-smoking Campaign: "KICK BUTTS" WEEK	Tobaccofreekids.org & community (parents, seniors, town officials) partner in education night
Lake Riviera MS	Family Fitness Night	Ocean County Department of Health and local health-related businesses serve as instructors and provide educational information. Kids organize, do brochures, maps.
Lindenwold HS	Water Testing for Community Awareness	Students test the water they drink; results are tabulated and discussed for presentation to the Lindenwold Borough Council.
Linwood MS	Spanning Generations through Figurative Language: Creating Valentines	ESL use figurative language to create valentines for senior citizens. LIONS
Linwood MS	Surfing with Seniors	Teaching computer skills to seniors; LIONS
Marlboro HS	"Action Speak Louder than Words"	The "Human Conscience" class hears a Red Cross speaker advocating the need to vaccinate children in Africa vs. measles. They execute a project to raise money for the cause, and also

		educate the public about this need. Rock Bands contribute their time and talent to perform at the event.
Ocean County Vocational Technical Institute	Cuts for Kids	Cosmetology students give haircuts to students with disabilities (AREA School)
Ocean County Vocational Technical Institute	Feed the Need	Preparing meals for needy families. Students, staff and parents involved with the education and fundraising campaign. Local businesses made monetary and food donations. Local non profit organizations involved with the distribution of the prepared meals. Social service agencies supplied referrals of those in need of the meals.
Passaic County Technical Institute	How Trustworthy is Your Service Technician?	Auto shop students teach parents. The following community businesses were consulted: STS Tire Store, Ayes
Passaic County Technical Institute	“They deserve our respect”: Providing health care to residents of nursing homes	The ill residents receive basic nursing care from participating students. The staff and residents of two nursing and healthcare centers are involved.
Woodstown HS	HONORING OUR HEROES: A Living History Project	Students in US History study the changing concept of a hero and honor local heroes whom they have chosen. Local community groups, elected officials.

PACES 2

School	Program	Description
Iselin MS	Tolerant Students Changing the World	Students, after writing personal reflections on experiencing intolerance, plan and execute an assembly on tolerance for the whole school. Local law enforcement officer addresses violence in the community & consequences of engaging in hate crimes.
Linden HS	Recognizing Impact of Non-Profits for National volunteer Week celebration	Students research non-profit organizations in their town, make posters, presentations & honor organizations. The New Jersey Community Food Bank, The American Red Cross, The ARC of Union County, The Make a Wish Foundation, The March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, The United Way of America, Catholic Charities USA, Lions Club International, The Salvation Army, Catholic Community Services, and The LINCS
Linwood MS, North Brunswick	What’s a Million? Every Penny Counts!	Students collect one million pennies to help local causes & finance book purchases. Local non-profits, businesses & corporations involved.
Ocean County Vocational Technical School	Marine Debris around the World; Taking a Global Look at a Local Issue	Students in the Marine Academy take a global look at a local issue by participating in local underwater and shoreline cleanups, assessing the types of marine debris found and its environmental impact in different geographic locations. Involves environmental organizations.
Passaic County Technical Institute	Reading to Head Start Children	Guided by their interests, Reading Lab students choose two books from Barnes & Noble – one for themselves, & one for Head Start children.
John F. Kennedy HS	<i>Jumpstarting</i> the College Process: Students Teaching Parents	Students guide parents through the process of filling out the FAFSA forms and help to allay their fears in facing the college admission process of their children. Parents of the community
Lake Riviera HS	<i>Boy at War</i> : A Springboard to a Patriotic Tribute	After reading <i>Boy at War</i> , language arts students create a tribute to all veterans, incorporating many disciplines. Veterans of Foreign Wars

PACES 2: Aspiring School Plans

School	Program	Action
Alexander Hamilton Academy	Celebration of African-American Heritage	Students research African-American heritage and give an interdisciplinary presentation to the school & community.
Carl W. Goetz Middle School	Get in the Know about CO – Carbon Monoxide Awareness	To raise awareness of the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning Carl Goetz students launch a campaign to inform the public and make CO detectors available free to all residents of Jackson.
Egg Harbor Township	Power of Pride: Honoring Local Heroes on Active Duty	Students honor Egg Harbor Township “Local Heroes” on active military duty as well as their families through diverse projects.
Hubbard MS	Darfur Gallery Walk	Students do research on the Darfur crisis, its components, helping agencies, etc., and prepare a ‘Gallery Walk’ of vital information open to the school/community.
John F. Kennedy HS	<i>Jumpstarting</i> the College Process: Students Teaching Parents	Students guide parents through the process of filling out the FAFSA forms and help to allay the fears of parents facing the college admission process of their children. Parents of the community
Kittatinny HS	Hudson River Service Expedition	Students perform a valuable service for the Hudson River Fishing Association by measuring and tagging fish to determine fish growth and migration patterns.
Lake Riviera HS	Boy at War: A Springboard to a Patriotic Tribute	After reading <i>Boy at War</i> , language arts students create a tribute to all veterans, incorporating many disciplines. Veterans of Foreign Wars
Lindenwold HS	Refurbishing a Bicycle Path	Student research on native plants forms the academic basis of a year-long beautification process of a walking trail that students physically clean up and identify plants through plaques.
Long Branch HS	Eminent Domain Project: Investigative Reporting	The Eminent Domain project trains students to become investigative reporters with specific assignments on a local issue to assemble evidence for presentation to the City Council.
Marlboro HS	Intergenerational Day	Child Development Lab II students plan a morning of fun with senior citizens. They interview them, play games and teach a craft.
Maxson MS	M4C”(Maxson For Cook): Spurring Environmental & Global Community Awareness	Students beautify their own school’s grounds first and then reproduce their efforts at an elementary school. Local landscapers, town officials involved
Montgomery UMS	Robotics for Tiny Tots	Students design robots in their elective Robotics class and demonstrate their creatures in action at a show for young children at the day care center.
Woodstown HS	Summer Safety: Students Teaching Students	Students, after undergoing training, teach younger children about issues such as water safety, heat-related illnesses, poisoning, bicycle safety, and bites and stings ways to stay safe in summer. American Red Cross manual used.