

Youth Leadership Project in Honor of Ashley K. Drew



Let me introduce you to an amazing young woman... Ashley K. Drew. Ashley is a former McLoughlin student who exemplified how one person can make a significant difference in the world. Ashley served others daily and was especially concerned about those who suffered from hunger and being homeless. At the young age of 7, she helped to organize a school wide blanket drive for the homeless. It was a highly successful service project and spearheaded other service projects. Ashley is known for spreading sunshine to others in her words and actions throughout her short life of 14 years. Ashley passed away on May 24, 2009 from a rare form of leukemia. Ashley provides the inspiration for a new project being created by Miss Brown and Mrs. Sanders this year.

Youth Leadership Project, what is it? Developing a heart for service builds leadership skills and fosters

self-esteem in ways academics cannot. When we serve others we build stronger homes, schools and communities. Ashley lived these principles each day of her life. The Youth Leadership Project will support students finding ways to strengthen their home, school, community and world in small or big ways. We want students to understand that one person can make a difference!



(Ashley and her mother Sara at the completion of the McLoughlin Jog A Thon Fundraiser)

All students may participate in the Youth Leadership Project, but our instructional focus this semester will be 6th graders. Currently, Miss Brown is discussing the book: *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Journey to Change the World... One Child at a Time* to help them understand the impact one person can have in the world.

We will encourage students to select something they want to accomplish in or outside of school.

At the completion of their projects, students will write reflective essays

describing how their projects helped them grow as leaders and citizens. Essays will be compiled and selected essays will be read in an assembly at the end of the year.

Parents of young children can discuss as a family how service can be completed within the home or neighborhood.

Stay tune for more information about the Youth Leadership Project in future newsletters. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call Miss Brown or Mrs. Sanders at 503-785-8650.

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New Standards In Mathematics



Students in K-6 will be mastering new mathematics standards this year. The standards will require your child to demonstrate their mathematical knowledge, reasoning skills and problem solving ability. Being able to apply mathematical knowledge successfully means students must be accurate and fluent in their basic math facts.

If your child struggles with memorizing facts try using music with a strong 4 beat rhythm (Mozart, Bach etc) and have your child say the facts