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Inaugural JUSD Week of Service is April 20-25

The initiative coincides with National Volunteer Week, and promotes student leadership

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JURUPA VALLEY, CA – In honor of National Volunteer Week, students in the Jurupa Unified School District will participate in a variety of service projects for the district's first-ever Week of Service. The initiative, to be held April 20-25, aims to inspire empathy, responsibility, and character among students of all ages by engaging in service to their schools and community. Every JUSD school will participate.

Student leaders helped to develop ideas for the week's events, with many fun, creative, and thoughtful activities planned. These include:

- At Pedley and Van Buren Elementary Schools, students collected donations for animals at the Riverside County Animal Shelter. Pedley students also read to animals earlier this month.
- At Indian Hills Elementary School, upper-grade students will work alongside their younger peers to pot plants that will be shared with residents of a nearby memory care facility.
- Rubidoux High School students will construct a Little Free Library and donate it to a local elementary school.
- Students at Mission Bell Elementary and Mission Middle School held clothing donation drives to provide the community with much-needed items at no cost.

Many other schools have organized thank-you card and gift drives for deserving staff, campus clean-ups, canned food drives, and more.

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"I'm so very proud of our JUSD community for stepping up for our first annual Week of Service," noted Superintendent Dr. Trenton Hansen. "Through these service learning opportunities, we are teaching students the value of empathy and volunteerism, while also helping them to build character and learn and practice important skills such as organization, teamwork, and leadership. Although each school community developed its own Week of Service project, this initiative shows our district's collective strength. We truly are stronger together."

Media opportunities: For more details or coverage opportunities related to Week of Service activities, please contact Jacquie Paul, Director of Strategic Communications at: jacqueline_paul@jUSD.k12.ca.us

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ABOUT JURUPA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

The award-winning Jurupa Unified School District is located within Riverside County. JUSD includes 26 schools: 16 elementary schools, one K-8 STEAM academy, three middle schools, three high schools, one continuation school, one adult alternative school, and one Pre-K school readiness center. We have 18 Community School campuses.