



An Achievable Dream High

STEM Club

The STEM Club has been concentrating on conservation this year. The club took a proactive approach with recycling and established a schedule for regular recycling pick up and staff participation in the recycling program. In February alone, the club collected over 2,000 gallons of clean recyclable materials and reduced the amount of trash in our recycling bins by 80%. Students also sold reusable water bottles to encourage students and staff to drink more water while using less plastic. Money raised from water bottle sales were used to upgrade the school water fountain to a bottle filling station.

Denbigh High

JROTC

The DHS JROTC took time out of their afternoons and weekends to volunteer with local food pantries. During the 2019-2020 school year, the JROTC volunteered with Five Loaves in connection with city partners to donate and pass out food to the community. These students understand that hunger is not seasonal and that is important to volunteer often.

PRIDE

PRIDE is a male leadership and mentoring program that is structured to empower young male students at the secondary level with the programmatic support they need to achieve abundant levels of success academically and socially. The members of the PRIDE Empowerment and Leadership Group conducted sessions on leadership with students at Dutrow Elementary every month. In addition to the mentorship with the elementary students, the group participated in The coordination of community events such as the 2nd Semester School Distribution Drive and partnering with the Books On Bikes program distributing books in the community.

Teens Against Violence

Teens against violence volunteers often serve the Denbigh community in a variety of ways. Since September TAV has dedicated more than 60 hours of selfless work with various community partners such as homeless shelters, NNPS elementary schools, and local churches. TAV also hosted a “black out” event for Red Ribbon Week to blackout bullying and to promote a more inclusive school climate. During Kindness Week, TAV gave away free flowers to all students who ate lunch on Valentine’s Day, so no one would feel left out.

Enterprise Academy

Morning Show Crew

The Morning Show Crew plans, researches, writes, and deliver news, light music, sports, announcements, advertising, and etc. to the student body every morning during homeroom. Every student in the group has the opportunity to participate either as an on-air anchor or a behind-the-scenes equipment manager. These students have exhibited great leadership and teamwork skills that can be incorporated to become college, career, and citizen ready.

Heritage High

NJROTC

The Heritage NJROTC Unit had a positive impact on the school as well as the local community. The hosted 2 of 3 scheduled blood drives. Although the unit was unable to hold the third drive due to the COVID19 pandemic, it exceeded the donation goal for the first 2 drives. The Heritage JROTC unit also organized and led it’s annual “Adopt-A-Spot” clean-up effort. The unit was responsible for picking up garbage along Marshall Avenue. The Heritage JROTC group supported the community by providing color guards and honor guards for several organizations to include the Newport News Police Department, Bayport Federal Credit Union, the Boo Williams Sports Complex and the Newport News One-City marathon, just to name a few.

Student Athletic Leadership Team

The HERITAGE STUDENT ATHLETIC LEADERSHIP TEAM serves as the bridge between athletes and school administration and provides feedback about issues involving student athletes. These Student Athletes are empowered with a voice in the athletic program. They promote unity amongst students from all of the athletic teams. SALT reinstated Seasonal Awards Nights and Senior Nights so that student athletes in less attended sports receive recognition in the presence of their peers and community. They have consolidated scholarship signings to add

dignity, class and comradery. These Student Leaders organized and designed the construction of an outdoor concession stand that provides necessary funds for ALL of the athletic teams. In addition, this team organized community service projects with Girls On The Run, partnered with James River Convalescent & Rehabilitation Center and served on the Community Knights Outreach Committee.

YADAPP

After attending the Youth Alcohol Drug Abuse Prevention Project Leadership Conference, YADAP members created 4 action plans for the 2019-2020 school year. They created a themed spirit week for Red Ribbon Week to raise awareness about drug use and abuse. They also created posters with messages related to the use of marijuana, alcohol, tobacco, and other illegal substances which were displayed on social media to spread the awareness to people within our school and surrounding community. YADAPP members volunteered and participated at the following events: Catalyst Effect's Silence Empowers Violence Break the Code Expo, Youth Leadership Summit, and the NNPS Student Wellness Fair. For Valentine's Day, students created over 1000 valentine's day cards for patients at CHKD. YADAPP leaders also lead training for middle school and high school students on the Expect Respect Program.

Menchville

AFJROTC

Air Force JROTC develops citizens of character dedicated to serving their nation and community. Menchville cadets provided weekly tutoring sessions to help students achieve academic success and completed monthly litter walks to improve school appearance. Cadets also created awareness presentations for middle and high school students highlighting the benefits of AFJROTC and promoting responsible behaviors such as staying away from drugs and alcohol and preventing bullying. This school year, Menchville AFJROTC has served the school and Newport News through over 250 events totaling 2,160 service hours. These events range from raising and lowering the Virginia State and American Flag each day to volunteering in the community and serving groups including The American Legion, Virginia War Museum, Peninsula Autism Society, Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board, Peninsula Food Bank, Newport News School Board, R.O. Nelson and Sanford Elementary Schools, Gildersleeve and Dozier Middle Schools, One City Marathon, and The American Heart Association.

Fare Share (Lead4Change)

Menchville's Lead4Change team, Fare Share, is comprised of 24 students. Dedicated to community improvement, the organization was awarded a \$10,000 Grand Prize Award from Lead4Change for their work. The money was donated to THRIVE Peninsula, a non-profit

community partner. Fare Share led an anti-bullying campaign and participated in STAND Night in October, held a school-wide canned food drive in November that resulted in over 1,600lbs of food donated to the Peninsula Foodbank, and raised \$400.00 for the United Way during the district wide United Way campaign in November. The organization created a Teacher Classroom Cleanup program which provided extra TLC to classrooms for which teachers every week from December through March. The group hosted Menchville's Got Talent: Virtual Edition, to promote school unity and provide a platform for students to share their talents, despite the physical show's cancellation due to Covid-19.

Triple Helix Robotics Team

Triple Helix Robotics is a leader in the Hampton Roads STEM learning community. Between competing with their robots in the FIRST Robotics Competition, hosting offseason tournaments, and opening a joint practice facility for teams in the region, Triple Helix aimed to build a culture of engineering excellence and a robust network of young people who are enthusiastic about science and technology careers. This year, Triple Helix expanded their collaboration with the VCU Occupational Therapy doctoral program, together exploring the intersection of rehabilitation and engineering by developing assistive technology and adapted mobility devices for clients in the Newport News community.

Point Option

PERMA

This club applied the science of wellbeing (Positive Psychology) to take steps to promote mental wellness and increases in authentic happiness. Students set goals and learned to play instruments as pathways to self expression, led gratitude campaigns and thanked staff members for their work, engaged in mindfulness activities and spent time outdoors to improve their mood, and increased sleep and consumption of vegetables to improve health.

Warwick

Drama Club

The drama club accomplished a successful fall play with over 350 members of the school and community in attendance. The organization placed 3rd at the Virginia High School League One Act competition and presented the story of the Freedom Riders for the school for a Black History performance.

HOSA (Future Health Professionals: Health Occupations Students of America)

HOSA is a Career and Technical Student Organization, led by students for students. HOSA develops citizenship skills, social competencies, and a wholesome attitude about life, education, and volunteerism. Warwick HOSA volunteered at nursing homes, elementary schools, local churches, the Virginia Living Museum (VLM), Red Cross, and The Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA).

National Honor Society

In addition to sponsoring a Red Cross Blood drive twice this year, NHS seniors volunteered at the Peninsula Food Bank and at Deer Park Elementary School. At Deer Park Elementary, NHS students read a story to the four kindergarten classes and facilitated an activity where the kindergarteners made dinosaurs!

Woodside

FCCLA

FCCLA (Family, Career and Community Leaders of America) has been very involved at school this year. For the first time, the organization hosted Faculty Dinner Classes. FCCLA invited faculty members into the classroom to teach them all the cooking methods students had learned over the year. This raised money for the Compassion Tree. FCCLA was able to purchase Christmas gifts for 5 children. The organization also sold homemade cookies and rice krispie treats to help raise money to continue cooking!

Key Club

Key Club is focused on providing opportunities for student leadership and community service. Thi year, students donated turkeys as part a school effort to provide full Thanksgiving dinners to needy Woodside families. Key Club also wrapped holiday gifts for faculty and staff to help reduce the stress of the holidays! Key Club assisted with the Alzheimer's Walk, rang bells for Salvation Army, and hosted Water Station 2 for the One City Marathon. The organization raised \$1337.00 for Special Olympics--Virginia through participation in Polar Plunge, with 5 members actually taking the icy Plunge in February in Virginia Beach!

Mu Alpha Theta

Mu Alpha Theta is a math honor society. Each of the club's 35 members donated 5 hours to tutor math students. The members also raised over \$1400 for Thrive Peninsula, a Denbigh Outreach program, through the "Pie in the Face" contest. Students also collected canned goods to donate to Thrive and held a Pi Games Party in the cafeteria. Mu Alpha Theta also held a pie bake off! Teachers and staff baked pies in the hope that theirs would be the one to win the trophy.