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DSHS DAY OF SERVICE EVENT PLANNED

In September of 2018, a group of student leaders at Dripping Springs High School started developing the idea of a school-wide community service day. Goals of the event included building community and unity through service to others as well as recognizing the importance of giving back to the community. This idea will become a reality on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 12-13, as the first DSHS "Day of Service."

In its inaugural year, the Day of Service will involve all juniors and seniors with the hope of expanding to all grades in the years to come. Student leaders have reached out to organizations throughout the community to identify service projects for more than 900 students. On those days, students will spread out throughout the community to help with projects at multiple locations, including yardwork, clean-up activities, and more.

Locations where DSHS students will be lending a hand include Pedernales State Park, Dripping Springs Ranch Park, Red Arena, Blanco State Park, Dripping Springs Sports Park, Charro Ranch Park, Founders Memorial Park, Veterans Memorial Park, the Senior Activity Center Thrift Store, Westcave Preserve, Reimers Park, Hays Women's Shelter, and all DSISD campuses.

"These student leaders have demonstrated relentless energy, vision, and leadership to make this idea come to fruition," praised Principal Joe Burns. "This was an enormous undertaking and they encountered many challenges along the way, but they focused on their goal and found solutions where needed to make sure this event happens."

With the support of the community, students also raised funds to pay for transportation, lunches, and other supplies. **Students produced a video explaining the Day of Service.**