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Yippee! Ms. Jeane received a Louisiana Learn and Serve Grant to make our grounds prettier! The grant, awarded by the Lieutenant Governor's Office, was valued at $6300. Monies from this grant will pay for picnic tables, benches, trees and flowers that will be placed around campus. Students will also be taking things into the community to
senior and going to local nursing homes to help beautify their grounds.

Grant Partners

Grant partners will assist students with lessons and materials for many grant projects.

Grant Projects

Vocational Agricultural Department will build picnic tables for the playgrounds. They are now working on bench tables that will be donated to the local area churches and common facilities.

Grade 8 students will learn many things about being a good citizen, what it takes to keep plants growing and healthy, and how to organize learning stations.

Grade 1-6 students will provide lots of help with playground beautification, cleaning up common areas, planting trees and flowers, and daily watering. Students will plant flowers to take home and care for. Students will paint flower pots and made windchimes as part of a Mother’s Day activity.

Grant Celebration

A grant celebration will be held in May. Students will enjoy a picnic lunch at 11:30. After lunch, an award’s assembly and learning fair will be held.
Evans students enjoyed participating in Learn & Serve Grant activities. We planted trees and flowers, made bird feeders, and had a picnic. Students also celebrated Arbor Day and Earth.

"Service learning is learning through active participation in service experiences."
Evans students serve and learn

By Courtesy

Evans School students recently participated in a picnic lunch and outdoors field day as part of their Learn and Serve America Grant.

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Evans students learn and serve ... Lyons promoted

From Staff Reports

Melanie Lyons has been promoted to senior branch office administrator at the Leesville branch office of Edward Jones. Lyons has been with Edward Jones for almost 5 years.

"Melanie has demonstrated an outstanding ability to juggle the many complex tasks and responsibilities associated with helping run this office, said Patrick Martin, a local financial advisor with the same company. "I'm very pleased that her exceptional ability and dedication to the firm have been recognized and rewarded."

To be named a senior branch office administrator, an individual must meet specific training requirements, demonstrate exceptional performance when completing office responsibilities, handle the complex tasks associated with running a high-volume office, and typically must have at least five years' experience with the firm.

"I am so pleased to receive this promotion," Lyons said. "It's terrific to be rewarded for a job well done. Of course, it can be challenging at times, but it's always educational and I really enjoy my work."

TOPS announces new officers

Chapter officers for the coming year were installed on May 7 for #LA87 chapter of TOPS in Leesville. The executive committee include Frances Eternack, leader; Kathy Carpenter, co-leader; Elaine Crews, secretary; Carolyn Allen, treasurer; Karina Dugger, weight recorder; Jean Smoot, assistant weight recorder.

Visitors are welcome to attend their first TOPS meeting free of charge.
Evans Junior High students were recently visited by James Jeane, a former Evans High School graduate. Jeane was severely injured in Iraq in 2006 and recently retired from the military after serving for 13 years. Jeane spoke to the students as part of a social studies project and also he also spoke to the students about serving others. This lesson and many others like it are supported by a grant from the Louisiana Serve Commission in the Office of the Lt. Gov. Mitchell J. Landrieu.
EVANS ARBOR DAY ACTIVITIES

Evans School students participated in many educational activities in conjunction with this year's Arbor Day recently. Students in grades 7 and 8 went into elementary classrooms and taught mini lessons in preparation for Arbor Day on January 16. They helped students make tree decorations and complete art projects.

Students also learned how to identify different trees and how to determine a tree's age and what Arbor Day is all about. Governor Mitch Landrieu was supported by a grant from the Louisiana Serve Commission in the office of Lieutenant Governor Mitch Landrieu.
Title 1 News

Things at EHS seem to be falling right into place! We have had a busy fall season. Some activities that took place in October are: The Harvey Rabbit puppet show, which kicked off our Red Ribbon week activities. Harvey Rabbit's stories always have a good character building message. He and his friends remind us to make good choices and to be honest because they are the corner stones of good character traits. Homecoming was exciting - there was a parade, reunions, basketball games, homecoming queen contest, and we topped it all off with a dance. Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Austin, and Mrs. Jeane's classes all did pumpkin related math lessons using weighing and estimating skills. At the end of the week the students got to carve their pumpkins. Our 4-H club participated in Judging Day. (See results below) We also participated in Red Ribbon activities to remind us to be drug free. The PBS monthly incentive for good behavior was a pizza and coke party. Students are working very hard to earn this privilege next month. I appreciate all the hours and hours of hard work the parent volunteers logged to help with the Christmas programs, parties, and in the classrooms! It couldn't happen without you! THANK YOU!!!

Mrs. Matthews

Jr. High Social Studies Fair Winners are:

Rich Harmon and Justice Nauta 3rd place, Justine Hoppa 2nd place, Cara Hoppa 2nd place, Layla Phillips and Paiton James 3rd place, Kalli Jeane and Katarina Haymon 3rd place, Caleb Ramsey 3rd place, Bradley Thomas and Matthew Harvey 3rd place

Elementary Winner:

Austin Lott 2nd place
8th Grade Newsletter

Hey everybody, this is your 8th grade reporter, Lillie. This third six weeks has been great. We have done many fun things like Turkey Trash, pumpkin art, and the social studies fair. The best part of the six weeks was our Christmas Party. Everyone had a great time while eating pizza and watching a movie. We have also welcomed two new students, Cheyenne and Alan.

The hardest part of the six weeks was the social studies fair. Everyone had to boost up their confidence and practice to talk in front of their judges. So, let’s give all the participants a round of applause. The following students placed in the social studies fair. Congratulations to all of them. 1st place: Cara, Kaylee, Sable, Dustin, Dennis, Kalli, Katarina, Bradley, Matthew, Jared, Kylee, and Katie. 2nd place winners were Isabella, Layla, Paiton, and Lillie. 3rd place winners were Brianna and Hailey. These students will compete in the parish fair on January 16.

Wait a minute; we can’t forget our birthday people for the six weeks. A happy birthday wish goes out to Kylee.

Learn and Serve Grant Update

The Louisiana Learn and Serve Grant has helped us achieve many things in our community. We delivered pumpkins and mums to the senior citizens in our community. We have planted many different kinds of flowers around the school campus. The agricultural department has been building picnic tables for the school campus and area churches.

We will be starting new projects this week in conjunction with Arbor Day, which is on Friday, January 16, 2009. We will read books about trees to the elementary students. We will also plant seeds, complete art projects, and make bird feeders. This is going to be a fun and exciting learning experience for the seventh and eighth graders as well as the elementary students.

By: Layla, Katarina, Payton, and Hailey
"Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to know Einstein's Theory of Relativity to serve. You need only a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love."
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Arbor Day Activities at Evans School

Katie Frisbie helps students from Evans LA 4 class make a bird feeder out of pinecones, peanut butter and birdseed.

8th grade students and Kathy Jarrell plant a tree during Arbor Day Activities.

National service is about getting things done, strengthening our communities, encouraging civic responsibility and expanding opportunity. Members of national service programs engage in sustainable projects that allow them to make fundamental changes in their communities. Programs not only create long-term results; they also rekindle the ethic of citizen service. Members are service pioneers committed to getting things done at the grassroots level and fortifying the ties that bind us together as a national community.

Learning to Serve, Serving to Learn is a Learn and Serve Grant written by Tanya Jeane. This grant is in its second year and teaches the students at Evans how they can make a difference in their community and school. In honor of Arbor Day, Mrs. Jeane's students taught lessons and did activities with the elementary classes about the importance of trees to our environment. They planted trees, made bird feeders, and held poster and coloring contest with the elementary classes.
Evans School was recently awarded a Learn and Serve Grant. The grant provides plants and wood materials to make improvements around the school and community. Students in junior high are major participants in the grant and will participate in many planting activities at the school and surrounding areas. Community outreach will also teach students about helping others. The project began recently when students planted mums and fall flowers around the school. Students will be donating decorated pumpkins to the local senior citizens in the community. All monies for the projects are supported by a grant from the Louisiana Serve Commission in the Office of Lieutenant Governor Mitchell J Landrieu.
Bulletin boards were designed by students and placed at various locations around campus. Students updated the boards as new activities occurred.
Pumpkin Math & Flower Donation

Students completed math activities and then carved their pumpkins to make flower pots. We donated these "flower pots" and flowers to local senior citizens.
Pumpkin Activities for October 20-24, 2008
PLC Monthly Activity

Monday, October 20, 2008
- Pumpkin Measurement Skills worksheet
- Read "Sir Cumference and the First Round Table" and make pumpkin predictions on worksheet provided.
- Cut yard to predict circumference of pumpkin.
- Test yard to see if estimate was "too short", "just right", or "too long" and place on classroom chart.
- Make a circle graph to record class data from estimation activity.
- Complete Predicting Pumpkin worksheet with pumpkins labeled 1-12.

Tuesday, October 21, 2008
- Pumpkin Measurement Skills worksheet
- Find actual measurements of pumpkin 1-12. Color estimations red, yellow, or green to show good, close, or bad estimates.
- Complete Pumpkin Math Estimates worksheet with estimations about student's own pumpkin.

Wednesday, October 22, 2008
- Pumpkin Measurement Skills worksheet
- Complete Pumpkin Math Estimates worksheet with actual measurements for weight, circumference, and water displacement.
- Complete "BIG Pumpkins!" worksheet.

Thursday, October 23, 2008
- Pumpkin Measurement Skills worksheet
- Cut lid off of pumpkin and dig out seeds and insides.
- Weight insides of pumpkin and pumpkin shell.
- Eat toasted pumpkin seeds.
- Have a seed spitting contest to see who can spit seed the longest. Measure and record distances.
- Complete Pumpkin Math Estimates worksheet with actual measurements for number of seeds and volume.
- Pumpkin word problem worksheet

Friday, October 24, 2008
- Pumpkin Measurement Skills worksheet
- Art with pumpkins
- Pumpkin hidden pictures worksheet.
- Eat Pumpkin Dump Cake
Grade 7 + 8 students conducted many pumpkin math activities before painting their pumpkins + turning them into mum plant pots!

Students also helped elementary students.
Students delivered the pumpkin mums to local senior citizens in our area.
What I learned about Pumpkins in our project:

- All About Pumpkins

- I learned about water displacement and that water's displacement measures the volume of a pumpkin.
- I learned that our pumpkins' volumes were measured.
- We learned how to measure the volume of pumpkins.
- We learned about the circumference of our pumpkins.
- We got to measure the circumference. 
- I got to pumpkins for the first time.
- I got pumpkins for the first time.
- My counting ability got refreshed.
- Counting seeds refreshed my counting ability.
What I Learned During Our Pumpkin Activity

Pumpkins and measurements

I learned how to measure circumference.
I learned how to count seeds in a pumpkin.
I learned what seeds taste like.
I learned how to convert metric measurements.
How to find water displacement, which measures volume.
How to make a bar graph.
How much space an object takes up.
I grew a circle.

My counting ability helped.

Understanding how to make a tally chart.

Understanding how to make a graph.

Understanding how to make a pie chart.