

Service First Fact Sheet



September 5, 2009

Overview:

Founded in 1999, Service First is a day-long community service event for entering Washington University students to volunteer with public schools. Each year, over 1000 students volunteer with 12 public schools in the region (St. Louis, University City, and Wellston), completing creative projects requested by principals and their staffs. At the conclusion of the service projects, students return to WU for a Community Service Fair, where they can learn about community service opportunities they can get involved in during their time in college.

Goals:

1. Introduce new students to the St. Louis community and ongoing community service opportunities.
2. Provide a productive activity for new students during Labor Day Weekend.
3. Encourage community development and new friendships among students, staff, and faculty.

Projects:

Service First sends approximately 90 students to each school, and all projects are developed by principals and their staffs. Projects include painting indoor and outdoor murals, painting activities and maps on the playground, creating bulletin boards, and preparing classrooms. The list of possible projects is endless!

Funding:

Service First is funded by Washington University and numerous generous donors, including the Women's Society of WU and local and national businesses.

2009 Schools:

<u>St. Louis Public Schools</u>	<u>Other</u>	
Cole	L'Ouverture	Flynn Park (U. City)
Dewey	Vashon	KIPP
Langston	Woodward	University City High
Long	Yeatman	Wellston Early Childhood Center

Event Timeline:

Volunteers arrive at schools: Between 12:30-1:30pm
Volunteers depart from schools: Between 4:00-5:00pm
Community Service Fair & BBQ at WU: 4:00-7:00pm

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