



# Service Learning Opportunities

## Third Nine Weeks

**\*HOTC ...** In honor of Martin Luther King, be encouraged to participate in the MLK Humanitarian Walk and Festival which takes place now through January 31st! ( Students will receive two hours for participating) **SAVE THE DATE!** Please visit the website for updates on miscellaneous service and donation opportunities. **[Handsonthomascounty.org](http://Handsonthomascounty.org)**

**\*Thomas County Humane Society ...** Students will be allowed to donate treats and distribute them to the animals, following a volunteer training session. The session dates and times are published on their website on the events page. (Thomasvillehumane.org) The training session is required before the students can volunteer. Feel free to donate a bag of dog food for 3 hours of credit. They use Hill Science Diet food. It can be purchased from the Tractor Supply Company. Treat boxes/bags will equal one half hour each. They can be turned in to Mrs. Studdard or donated directly to the Humane Society. Please take a service learning form with you as you train or volunteer. The staff there will be happy to sign the forms.

**\*MERIT League of Good Neighbors ...** MERIT students may volunteer to clean/ mow the lawn or complete outside chores of a person who may find it difficult to complete chores on their own. Hopefully, MERIT students can identify needs within their own neighborhoods. They are encouraged to wear MERIT team t-shirts while working! Please have the neighbor in need sign the SL volunteer form.

### **\*Miss Kitty's ...**

Does your middle or high schooler need volunteer hours? Are they kitten lovers? Foster families are sometimes needed for a few weeks. No out of pocket vet care expenses. Just dedication to show these babies lots of love, petting, and cuddles. A bedroom is a great closed location where they can just hang out together. In 3-4 weeks, their job will be to socialize the kittens, so they will be ready for the adoption program through Miss Kitty's. Give Miss Kitty a call if your family is interested. \* Miss Kitty is currently in need of donations to include cat food, toys, cat litter, clean blankets and towels, and hand sanitizer. This is an easy, Do-It-Yourself, COVID-safe service opportunity. Call the staff at 229-236-0167 for more details. Hours awarded will be based on the level of effort rendered.

**\*Treehouse ...** A list of needed supplies , along with hour values, will be shared with MERIT families and teachers. Items can be taken directly to The Treehouse location or turned into your child's homeroom teacher.

\*See website for needed supplies ... <http://treehousethomasville.org/>

**Ronald MacDonald House ...** Students can donate a quart zip lock bag full of soda can tabs. **Each bag is equal to 1 hour.** Students may turn them into their homeroom teachers or Mrs. Studdard.

**Hands and Hearts for Horses ...** Volunteers assist with many aspects of horse care, from grooming and tacking horses for lessons to bringing in and turning out horses before and after rides. For volunteers who don't mind going above and beyond, there are always stalls to be mucked, water buckets to be filled, and horses to be bathed! Please visit the website to get started with the application process. [info@handsandheartsforhorses.com](mailto:info@handsandheartsforhorses.com)

**Thomasville Center for the Arts ...** Stay tuned for volunteer opportunities on the 2nd Saturday of each month and the Center for the Arts hosts events. ( 10:00 am - 2:00 pm) MERIT loves supporting the Arts!

**Backpack Buddies is back!!!** We are now packing food bags for Thomas County School System students who may not have sufficient food for the weekends. The activity will be held at the Thomas County School Board complex located at 200 North Pinetree Boulevard and will take place between 3:15 p.m. and 4:15 p.m.

**Birthday Boxes - *The Tree House Children's Advocacy Center*** of Thomas County needs creative students to design "Birthday Boxes" for local children in need. If you are interested in this project, please contact Ms. Heather Irvin, Tree House Client Advocate, at 229-226-5437, or Col McLeod in Guidance. This would be a fun project to partner with a close friend or family member.