

IMPROVING THE SCHOOL

njhs group helps improve landscaping

This year the National Junior Honor Society's School Improvement group helped improve the area around the portables outside in one day.

"We bordered the portables with rocks, gravel, and granite. Also we filled places with soil to plant flower beds later on," eighth grader Mason Barrera said.

NJHS director Dawn Dammann realized that the landscape around the portables was bad, and having kids help make the area better was a brilliant idea.

"It impacts the students at

Gorzycki because it shows the kids how to maintain property," Dammann said.

Many students that were a part of this activity took the time to take in the type of knowledge they would get from this activity.

Students got the chance to experience landscaping.

"It was definitely a new experience, everyone knew that we were doing this to improve the school, so I think everyone enjoyed this experience," eighth grader David Stout said.

This activity involved many people putting forth their best

effort, pushing through the long hours of hard work.

"The activity got crazy because there were so many things to be done, and there weren't a lot of people there, but we worked well together, and completed what needed to be done," eighth grader Alisa Hanson said.

Most students that were a part of this activity took in the fact that it helps them work with others and how to landscape.

"At the beginning of the activity it seemed a bit hopeless, but in the end we made so much progress," Stout said.



Preparing to run under a rope, eighth graders Dalton Robertson and Lawson Crow participate in team building activities. PALs get to go to Zilker Park to strengthen the way they work with each other. "It taught us to work together as a team to get under the rope and accomplish our goal," Crow said. *Photo by Mandy Pedneau*

Preparing to get raised by fellow classmates, eighth grade PAL Oliver Lopez goes through ropes. Each year PALs gets the opportunity to participate in team building exercises on a field trip. "I liked this activity because it brought us together, and showed us how to think together," Lopez said. *Photo by Mandy Pedneau*





Putting dirt into a wheelbarrow, eighth graders Alisa Hanson and Mason Barrera help improve the landscaping around the portables. This was one of the first activities that NJHS School Improvement group did. "The best part was that it made the portables look way better, and it taught me how to work well with others," Hanson said. Photo by Jade Fattouh

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NJHS
COMPLETED
1,602 hours of
service
that's
96,120
minutes
or
5,767,200
seconds

Walking down the hall, seventh grader Madison Vires takes carnations to a class. Each year, Leadership gets the chance to raise money to go to Make a Wish foundation. "My favorite part about carnations is giving them out because I like to see their reaction," Vires said. Photo by Gail Roggenbauer



Holding pieces of rope, seventh graders Liam Spencer and Grace Swift prepare to accomplish the activity. Leadership does team building activities to become a stronger group. "This activity helped me learn that it takes a group, with good team work to achieve," Spencer said. Photo by Ryan Kinney

1. Attempting to jump under the rope, seventh graders Sierra Greenberg, Lauryn Armstrong, and Grace Swift participate in a team building exercise. Photo by Ryan Kinney **2. Speaking to classmates,** seventh graders Madeline Sweany and Megan Zeng gives ideas for Student Council. Photo by Gail Roggenbauer. **3. Participating in a team building activity,** eighth graders Claire Skrobarczyk and Anna Esaka pass a rubber dot. Photo by Mandy Pedneau.