

LEADERS OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

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Columbia Taylor Campus Middle School

The *Super Squad* team has been working vigorously to promote awareness throughout their school by donating food and toys to the Animal Columbia Shelter. Students have shown the leadership qualities of cooperation, communication, and persistence throughout this service project. They continue to work together as a team to brainstorm rewards for the class who donates the most items by April 30th. As a team, they decided it would be best to surprise them with a gift bag with multiple items inside. Super Squad is very eager to give the Columbia Animal Shelter all of the donations by May 4th!

Meanwhile, students have also been practicing their leadership qualities through activities outside of the service project. Some of the topics discussed include: resiliency, conflict, and team-building skills. One of the activities the students enjoyed was creating their own vision board. The students were instructed to create their own poster with two different sections. One side of the poster identified their skills, talents, positive traits, and accomplishments. On the flip side, students described what they would like to improve on, things they need to ask for help with, affirmations or slogans to remind them to keep trying and stay positive. Knowing who you are and what you stand for in life can help you gain self-confidence, which is important to being resilient (the ability to bounce back from a difficult situation).

Super Squad is strengthening their leadership qualities every day. We are excited to see even more growth in the final two weeks of group, as well as to hear how they will continue to use these skills for the rest of the school year!



Columbia students say goodbye to Ms. Stacy. Congratulations, Stacy, for completing your internship with Compass Mark!

Meet Aubrey!



Aubrey is a LFG participant at Columbia Taylor Campus Middle School. Some interesting facts about Aubrey are that her favorite vacation spot is the beach; her favorite school subject is science; she enjoys eating seafood; and she is very interested in basketball. Additionally, her career goal is to become a head nurse. Aubrey looks up to her older sister because she believes

her sister can relate to some of the experiences she is currently going through. Her sister also offers open communication. She is always there when Aubrey needs her. Aubrey sees herself as respectful, kind and helpful. She hopes to learn new coping mechanisms to help her when she is in a stressful situation. She wants to help people and remain calm during those situations. Aubrey has shown many positive leadership qualities throughout group, and we are very proud of her!

Student Spotlights

Meet Keegan!



Keegan has joined our Landis Run group this year as a Mentor. Outside of LFG group, Keegan enjoys spending time reading as well as talking with her friends. Some interesting facts about Keegan are: her favorite movie is *Caroline*; her favorite animals are cows; and her go-to food is bagels with cream cheese. Additionally, her favorite school subject is English, and her vacation destination is Illinois. In the future, Keegan hopes to begin a career as a fashion designer and seamstress. Keegan sees Billie Eilish as her role model, because she appreciates Eilish's big impact on the music industry at a very young age. When thinking about the LFG program, Keegan hopes to gain skills including drive and motivation, because "in these hard times sometimes it can be hard to stay hopeful, but this group helps me feel like I'm doing good." Keegan sees leadership qualities in herself such as being caring, compassionate, and empathetic – and we do too!



"The key to successful leadership today is influence, not authority."

—Kenneth Blanchard

Landis Run Intermediate School

The "MHCD Leaders" – or "Mental Health & COVID Distractions" Team has been diligently completing all preparations for their service project! After receiving both helpful feedback and approval from Landis Run and Compass Mark staff in March, the LFG group officially plans to hold their Mental Health Spirit Week at Landis Run Intermediate School from May 10th through May 14th. Our students are eager to make this goal a reality!

Some of the tasks that mentors and students have completed throughout the month include: suggesting team t-shirt designs, designing 'icebreaker' activities, preparing the script for a video project, and creating bracelets that show uplifting messages for each and every one of their Landis Run peers. Students have also created morning announcement scripts, which will be read at the beginning of each Spirit Week day, to share how we can manage our emotions in a positive way. Throughout this project, the MHCD Leaders want their friends to hear that they are not alone in how they are feeling; that they have friends and counselors who will always support them; and that taking care of their mental health is a powerful action!

The LFG group has also taken some time this month to talk about important leadership skills, such as respect and empathy. The group will conclude on Wednesday May 19th, with a final celebration alongside any of our students' family members who wish to join. We are eager to share all the ways we have seen our students boldly strengthen their leadership skills and giftings, in order to make a profound impact wherever they go!

Student Spotlight

Meet Ella!



Ella is in 5th grade at Landis Run. She has continually used her leadership qualities – such as kindness, being a hard worker, and being organized – within our LFG group and beyond. She is eager to gain more leadership qualities as a result of being part of our LFG team. In order to know Ella a little better, we asked her some questions about herself. We learned that she enjoys hobbies like baking, sewing, and acting. She loves Disney movies, and her favorite school subject is Language Arts. Her favorite animals are dogs; she enjoys Chicken Lo Mein; and her favorite vacation spot is New York! Additionally, Ella sees her Dad as her role model, because he teaches her how to bake. They also simply enjoy having fun together! One of Ella's goals for the future is to be an actress. Thank you, Ella, for being an influential leader!

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Mission Statement

Our mission is to empower youth to become strong leaders within their school and community through skill building, mentorship and service learning.

Vision

Building leaders for future generations.

Compass Mark Values

Purposeful– We value asking thoughtful questions, embracing the courage to change, and pursuing innovation grounded in research and best practice.

Compassion– We value sharing with each other's vulnerability, always seeking to guide through making individual connections.

Persistent– We value staying the course with resolute determination, taking time to celebrate achievements along the way, and pursuing collaboration for long-term impact.

Inclusive– We value creating welcoming, judgement-free environment that engage our individual differences as strengths.

Resilient– We value the inherent potential that exists in every person and community, recognizing that the past does not determine the future.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday May 6th:
Columbia Middle School LFG Final Celebration

Wednesday May 19th:
Landis Run Intermediate School LFG Final Celebration

June 21st-25th:
Kids Kamp at In-nabah Camp & Retreat Center



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