

## The D.O.C.K. Ministries-Kellogsville Partnership

### *The D.O.C.K. - Building Relationships and Discipling Kids*

**Mission:** It is the vision of The Dock Ministries to use all of our talents and resources to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to every child and parent in the tri-city area. This vision guides our practice and programs. Every activity run out of The Dock Ministry contains an element of sharing the Gospel, whether it is through preaching, teaching, playing or praying.



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## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

### Community Drop In Center

- The D.O.C.K. provides a safe place for students, from grades 6th through 12th, to gather.
- The D.O.C.K. seeks to positively influence neighborhood teens through friendship, relationships and the Gospel of Jesus Christ; as well as cooperate with area governments, churches, and organizations to create a community that is growing, prosperous and loving.
- During drop in hours and other scheduled times, educational opportunities are provided to students via workshops, guest speakers, and group discussion.
- During drop in hours, volunteer tutors are often available to help students with homework.



### Breakthrough Summer Program

- Mentor Program
- Administered in small groups with guided curriculum.



### Hosts Neighborhood Events

#### **Family Night**

- The D.O.C.K. provides a variety of family night activities for families of the community.
- Activities vary but may include comedy, music, community discussion, food, fellowship, and most importantly family bonding.

#### **Casa Vila Meal**

- A team of volunteers provided a cookout lunch for the families living at the Casa Vila Motel.
- This event brings community members together to share in food and fellowship.

#### **Community Pride**

- An opportunity for the community to come together to take pride in the many blessings of our community.
- Band and orchestra groups provide the music for the event.
- Rock climbing, bounce equipment, dunk tank and other fun activities are available free of charge to all participants.



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### Community Pride (cont)

- Many free foods and beverages are available in addition to some low cost options.
- Students showcase Academic Service Learning work completed in the community.
- Community organizations provide resource education and awareness.
- Students and community members celebrate in community at event prior to attending the home football game.



## STUDENT ACADEMIC SERVICE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

*For questions regarding any of these Student Academic Service Learning Opportunities, please contact Wayne Ondersma at the number listed above.*

There are Student Academic Service Learning Opportunities for Middle and High School students at The D.O.C.K. Below are some ideas, however, many of the D.O.C.K.'s programs arise to meet changing community needs. Teachers are encouraged to approach The D.O.C.K. with any ideas for partnership.

### **Mural and Other Art Projects**

In 2010 students from Kelloggsville Middle School were asked what things were important to them about their neighborhood. They mentioned the school, their neighbors and friends, but they also mentioned The Dock. With money raised through a grant, a mural was painted with the help of local artist Roger Timermanis. The mural was unveiled on June 6 to the Board of Education, the parents and school administration; from there it was donated to The Dock Ministries. The Dock welcomes the opportunity for students to do more of this work for the Dock or for students to create art at the Dock to be given to other service organizations.

### **Peer Tutors**

Peer tutors can serve at the Dock to help other students with homework. This project can apply to any discipline as the students will tutor others on the course concepts they are studying in the classroom.

### **Peer Presenters**

A class doing Academic Service Learning can develop an educational presentation to give to peers at the Dock. Students can prepare presentations on eating healthy, managing stress, financial management, job skills, conflict resolution, writing, research, math, human cultures, responsible citizenship. Presenters are encouraged to share the core knowledge on the topic and then engage peers in reflective discussion about the topic. Learning is deepened when you ask peers to give examples from their lives, tell one way they plan to use what they learned, engage in a fun activity, or share reflective insights.

### **Food Service**

The Dock serves food on a daily basis. Students could assist with food service and clean up at the Dock.

### **Special Projects**

The dock is always looking for ways to serve the community. Teachers should bring ideas to Wayne for exploration. Just to give you some ideas, teachers may want to start a box garden trend in the community, conduct a clothes drive, have the students run a store at the Dock, plan and organize a family night, or plan and implement a special booth at the community festival. Wayne is willing to brainstorm and assess feasibility of any service related ideas.