

WHS Service Learning Opportunities, Sept. 27

Need service learning hours? Want free dinner? The Westside Foundation is looking for volunteers!

The Foundation is holding its major fundraiser for all Westside Community Schools, VIVI, on Friday, Oct. 6, and student volunteers are needed.

Volunteers will be helping the Foundation raise money for Westside's students, teachers, classrooms, and student educational opportunities. Please contact Susie Norton at [susie.norton@cox.net](mailto:susie.norton@cox.net) for more information.

The event runs from 5 to about 10 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 6, and dinner will be provided.

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The Assistance League of Omaha needs student volunteers for Operation School Bell, which takes place Oct. 3 through 8 and Oct. 10 through 15. The project will clothe more than 4,000 Kindergarten to eighth grade children from 204 schools in the ten Omaha-area school districts. More than 300 of these children come from the Westside schools.

Operation School Bell will take place at JCPenneys-Westroads during after school hours and all day Saturday and Sunday during the two weekends. Volunteers would assist families in selecting clothing. Westside high school students who can help translate in Spanish, Karen or Sudanese languages would be especially helpful.

For more information, contact Suzanne Hinman, Operation School Bell chair, at [hinman2@cox.net](mailto:hinman2@cox.net).

UPDATE -- The critical need for Operation School Bell is -- **two weekends: Oct. 6-8 and 13-15.** And there is now a student volunteer coordinator! Contact Sara Lorentzen at [sylorentz@aol.com](mailto:sylorentz@aol.com) to schedule a shift.

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Loveland Elementary is looking for high school students who graduated from Loveland Elementary to help dust shelves and earn service learning hours. Please email [Lusero.Patricia@westside66.net](mailto:Lusero.Patricia@westside66.net) for information.

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Do Space, located at 72nd and Dodge, has volunteering opportunities. To see what is available and to get an application, please go to <http://www.dospace.org/what-you-can-do/volunteer>. After completing the application, the Do Space Volunteer Coordinator will set up a one-on-one time to review the

volunteer program policies and procedures and also set up a training date. For more information, contact Cherie Geary, Volunteer Coordinator, at 402 979-7374 or [volunteer@dospace.org](mailto:volunteer@dospace.org).

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Google CS First is a program that increases student access and exposure to computer science (CS) education through after-school, in-school, and summer programs. Google CS First is facilitated by instructors and/or community volunteers at the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands.

The minimum requirements to volunteer are:

- Enthusiasm to encourage in young people a desire and interest to create with CS (no CS background necessary)
- Interview or Meeting with BGCM Staff
- Background Check
- Availability to volunteer (commitment of eight weeks)

For questions about volunteering or about the Google CS First program, please contact Benjamin Schmitz at [bschmitz@bgcomaha.org](mailto:bschmitz@bgcomaha.org)

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Swanson Elementary School is looking for high school volunteers to come and help shelve books after school. Hours would be from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Please contact Diana Hiatt at [hiatt.diana@westside66.net](mailto:hiatt.diana@westside66.net) for details and arrangements.

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