

George Henckle Memorial Walk-A-Thon

To honor the memory of the school's principal who died prior to the beginning of school in 1999, students from Sudlersville Middle School decided to participate in the George Henckle Memorial Walk-A-Thon. The event generated scholarship funds to benefit former Sudlersville Middle School students who attend post-secondary education or trade school.

Meet a recognized community need: The memorial scholarship fund helps students who attend a post-secondary school or trade school that have attended Sudlersville Middle School in the past.

Achieve curricular objectives: The students met curricular objectives by planning the event, creating forms for community responses and pledges, contacting businesses and community resources to hold the event, organizing, cooperating and working with peers to make the event a success.

Reflect through the service-learning experience: The students reflected on the initial meaning the scholarships would have for students who knew Mr. Henckle and those that would want to know more about a man that did so much for education in his community. The students discussed and shared the responses that were received about the project, positive and negative, so that we could learn from the experiences of one another.

Develop student responsibility: The students were given the responsibility of calling Parks and Recreation for permission to use the park for the walk-a-thon, to gather pledges, recruit walkers, and coordinate the people at the park.

Establish community partnerships: The community partnerships that were established were with the Parks and Recreation, Chestertown Bank, Sudlersville Deli, Sudlersville Middle School, and the local deli.

Plan ahead for service-learning: Planning and preparation for the project had to begin early as is clear from steps outlined under the Develop Student Responsibility bullet.

Equip students with knowledge and skills needed for service: In preparation for the event the students discussed phone etiquette, and appropriate approaches for asking for donations or contributions to a worthy cause.