



STANDARDS OF EXCELLENCE PROGRAM PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

SCHOOL: Parsippany Hills High School
ACTIVITY: Halloween at the Hills
DATE(S): October 30, 2011
CATEGORY: Community Service
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PROVIDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THIS PROJECT:

Halloween at the Hills is a safe way for children around the community to trick or treat and have fun the night before Halloween. Different clubs from school come together to decorate classrooms and create fun activities for the children to take part in. The classrooms are decorated in a variety of themes, and are labeled scary or not scary. In the cafeteria, there are pizza sales and tables set up for the parents who would like to relax, and donations are collected for the state charity as well.

DESCRIBE THE PLANNING & EXECUTION OF THIS PROJECT:

Planning Halloween at the Hills starts with getting notice out to all of the clubs in the school. The clubs that are interested in participating come up with a certain theme, usually pertaining to the their club, and then get all of their members involved in decorating the classroom and bringing in candy and any other supplies needed for the activities. The student council then creates a map of the school with the classrooms that are participating, and also create scary and not scary signs for each classroom. Lastly, about a week before Halloween at the Hills, notices go out to all the elementary schools in order to advertise the event and to get as many kids to attend as possible. During the event student council members are made available to run their own classroom as well as selling pizza and monitoring how the event is going.

DESCRIBE THE BENEFIT OF THIS PROJECT BENEFIT TO SCHOOL AND/OR COMMUNITY:

Halloween at the Hills benefits both the school and the community because all students and everyone around the community join together for a night of enjoyment. The children are always so excited for this night and look forward to it every year. It is also beneficial because the high school volunteers are contributing to the community the night before halloween and it keeps them off the streets and out of trouble. This event is a safe and pleasurable way to bring everyone together and create a sense of unity amongst the community.

EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS PROJECT, REFLECTING ON ANY POSSIBLE CHANGES YOU MIGHT CONSIDER:

Halloween at the Hills always turns out to be a success every year because everyone enjoys it, whether they are volunteering or participating in it. Parents love bringing their children for this fun occasion because they know their children take pleasure in it and it's safe. The student council is also able to collect a good sum of money for the state charity. The only changes for this event may be getting more clubs to participate, and advertising more around the community so that more kids can join in on the fun.