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Ben Franklin Academy First Annual Community Service Day a Success

Parents and Students Alike Find Ways to Give Back to the Community

DENVER, CO – March 18, 2014— Last weekend over 40 Ben Franklin Academy families came together with the common purpose of serving those in the community. Opportunities were provided for volunteers of all ages to model civic engagement, consistent with behaviors of BFA's namesake. Over 300 sandwiches were prepared for the Denver Rescue Mission along with more than 100 decorated bags for local grocery stores to use on Earth Day.

"Providing multiple opportunities to serve the community in one day allows for us to meet broader needs in the community as well as varying volunteer interests of the Ben Franklin community of families," said Lynsey Humphries, Community Outreach Officer for BFA's Marketing and Community Outreach Committee. "It was delightful to see children of all ages finding ways to help."

A group of dads, uncles, and grandfathers of BFA's children – called "Ben's Brigade" – used the opportunity to put various skill-sets to use by tackling large and small maintenance requests by the teachers and staff of BFA. Almost all of the facility walls had paint touch-ups, broken and missing ceiling tiles were replaced, a new storeroom was insulated, and despite the snowy weather, all the playground equipment was maintained.

"It was gratifying to know that teachers, staff and children would walk into school on Monday and see so many completed projects," said Dave Fischer, Chairperson of Ben's Brigade. "Amidst everyone's busy schedules, it's wonderful to know that we have a community of male volunteers who take time to take care of what might have taken the school weeks to do with no interruption to the school day."

This event represents one of several community service efforts BFA has undertaken during this school year. As BFA continues to establish its place in the local community, it hopes to find many other opportunities to spread ripples of citizen leadership.

About Ben Franklin Academy

Ben Franklin Academy (BFA) is a kindergarten through eighth grade Core Knowledge public charter school in northwestern Douglas County, Colorado. Consistent with its motto - "Stay Curious" - BFA's mission is to develop young adults with character like America's founding Renaissance man, Benjamin Franklin: well-read, scientifically curious, and civically engaged. BFA is a data-driven institution that inspires its students to excel through a challenging, sequenced curriculum that emphasizes science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM) and literacy while fostering the arts and sports. BFA also offers a tuition-based Core Knowledge preschool.

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