

February is Career & Technical Education Month

After watching a video of someone doing a Random Act of Kindness, Hot Springs Junior Academy JAG students asked their specialist, Stephanie Goodman, if they could do something nice for the city of Hot Springs. Each class took charge of what they would do for this project. Classes suggested ideas, voted, and then purchased what they needed for the event. Wednesday, December 20th, classes loaded up on buses to accomplish things such as taking goody bags to the mall and downtown Hot Springs, visiting two nursing home with cards and cookies, and passing out candy canes to an elementary school and Wal-Mart. Students not only decided what they wanted to do but they all brought everything needed to make this happen. A local facility, The Caring Place, that provides a place people to bring their adult loved ones while they run errands or work was overjoyed to have a room full of students join them. Local entertainers visit every Wednesday to provide music from their era. This particular Wednesday they enjoyed Christmas tunes. The Caring Place participants and volunteers love to dance to the music. Students joined them on the dance floor before handing out their cards and candy canes. A student said as he walked back to the bus after visiting a local nursing home where they provided cookies and homemade cards, "Mrs. Goodman, this was fun, but I just don't feel like I've done enough. I want to do more things like this for other people." This was a great day for many people in Hot Springs but equally important it was a great day that changed many hearts in the Hot Springs Junior Academy students.



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