

Day of Service @YCS

At Yorkville Community School, we guide our practice around our core values, **Honesty, Responsibility, Respect and Kindness**. We chose these particular values because they encompass behaviors that we believe support a successful learning community. Our **YCS Cares** program is centered on our core values and provides ways for our students to be proactive members of our community. Each grade is responsible for partnering with an outside organization and through their thematic study culmination projects, finds a way to support that organization.

In January, we celebrated the resounding life of Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. King used the power of words, peaceful protest and community building to achieve extraordinary goals. To continue the practice of Dr. King's movement and in line with our **YCS Cares** program, our school participated in the **National Day of Service on January 18, 2019**. Each grade engaged in service tasks that allowed us to give back to those in need.

We partnered with:

- **Ronald McDonald House:** Grades Pre K, 2, 3 creating friendship bracelets/ snowflakes and Valentine's Day cards for children in their program-
- **Operation Gratitude:** Fifth graders wrote letters of thanks to servicemen and servicewomen overseas.
- **Meals on Wheels:** Kindergarten and First graders decorated placemats & brown paper bags used for meals throughout their program.
- **Common Pantry:** Fourth graders made over 200 sandwiches and packed them for distribution.

"Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding." "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

~ Martin Luther King, Jr.



Pre K's
Peaceful
Protest



Fourth grade
making
sandwiches for
the NY Common
Pantry

School wide assembly
honoring Martin Luther
King Jr.

