

Hays High School students beautify campus grounds while building positive community relationships.

A group of Hays students took time out of their Saturday morning two weekends in a row to help make their school grounds look better, while also building student peer relations through community involvement. Activities that we were tasked with ranged from simply raking leaves, to planting new trees and rose bushes, to creating a new walking pathway.

Alongside my student peers, Hays County Deputy/HHS SRO Roger Ramirez (who also happens to be my Dad) joined in on this community service project. When asked why he chose to join us on a cold Saturday morning, he stated, "I believe that it is important to be involved in my community both in and out of my uniform. I want students to know that I am not only present on the clock from 8-5, but that I am also here to do my part in helping our community as a whole. Community involvement and awareness is key to making sure that we do our part in creating a safe environment for ourselves and our families."

The coldness in the air may have caused some runny noses, but it did not stop my fellow student peers nor myself from helping to better the environment of our school. I believe that it is important to keep in mind that no matter how small, or big, the task you take on is, YOU are helping make the world a better place one community at a time. Through community involvement, we are building stronger relationships and a stronger sense of pride for the community that we live in. Together, we can make a difference!