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Friends Select Middle School Participates in First in a Series of Service Days



Weekly Press
• Tue, Oct 18, 2011

On Tuesday, October 11, Friends Select middle schoolers traveled to the Forbidden Drive area of the Wissahickon to repair severely flood-damaged areas and trails. This is the middle school's first community service project of the 2011-2012 school year.

Together, all of the students worked hard to move gravel, rocks, fencing, and even 100lb trash cans! In the end, the areas were transformed and while there is certainly more work that can be done, the students could see the positive difference.

Throughout the day, many passers-by thanked the students for all of their hard work and a few even stopped to lend a hand. At meeting for worship after lunch, students expressed how enjoyable it was spending the day working together.

"It's a pretty amazing moment to see just how dramatic the change is at the site after working on it for hours," said Terry Kessel, director of middle school. "The school's service programs build a strong foundation for our students that will enable a lifetime of service learning and philanthropic gestures to their communities." Service learning, either within the school community or outside, teaches the importance and necessity of making a positive contribution to our society. For all Friends Select middle schoolers, there are days set aside throughout the year to perform large-group service projects.

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