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“We know you are there and we care.”

Jim Comkowycz’s (a.k.a. “Mr. C”) Transitions classroom hums with activity. One student has just learned how to tell time. Three others collect their carts and head out to the front office for a delivery. Another student adjusts the fax machine. Mr. C prepares his King Middle School ESE class for the real world by having the students operate several gift shop-type enterprises. Reading, measuring, packing, and delivering are just a few of the finer points of entrepreneurship practiced. Students rotate to different stations around the room, helping out with the *King’s Balloons and More* program and *Soldier Snack Packs*. Here the students master the skills necessary for becoming productive, independent and contributing members of society.

Soldier Snack Packs are care packages the class sends to Manatee County soldiers serving overseas. Each Soldier Snack Pack includes the message, “We know you are there and we care.” A soldier who received a Soldier Snack Pack sent Mr. C’s class an American flag that had flown over combat in Baghdad. It now hangs proudly in Jim Comkowycz’s classroom and is a daily reminder of the importance of supporting our troops.



Joshua Belvin and Jim Comkowycz prepare Soldier Snack Packs for shipping overseas.

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All in a Day’s Work

Joshua Belvin is a young man on a mission. This King Middle School eighth grader is completing his third year in Mr. Comkowycz’s Transitions class and takes pride in all he has learned. He is well known on campus and serves as president of King’s Balloons and More. His mission? To attend the class field trip to Busch Gardens in April. Joshua works hard and is always ready to lend a hand. He values the job skills he has developed in Mr. C’s class and practices them daily. Getting along with others, having a positive attitude, staying on task and following instructions are all in a day’s work for Joshua.

Joshua is especially proud of the school’s display that is dedicated to the men and women of Manatee County serving in the Armed Forces. This exhibit includes soldiers’ boots and attire, flags flown during combat, and letters and pictures from soldiers and families expressing their gratitude for support. It’s an honor to share the display with visiting families and troops and show them heartfelt thanks for their sacrifices.

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ESE TRANSITION PROGRAM GIVING BACK



Every community needs volunteers. Helping others takes ordinary people and transforms them into selfless, generous citizens offering gifts of time and energy. When we give without expecting anything in return, something sparks within us, a glow of life, a sense of purpose. Society improves when its members put each other first.

So why give a piece of your life for others’ sakes? There are more practical benefits to community service; for instance, the service hours may count toward Florida Bright Futures and other scholarship requirements. Sometimes it’s difficult to get experience when you don’t have a job, and some employers won’t hire you without experience, but volunteering solves this problem. Experience will mature you and even impart ideas of future careers. Maybe you’ll help out at an animal shelter and then decide to become a vet!

Mr. Comkowycz’s ESE students from King Middle School have discovered how they can give back to the community. Their Soldier Snack Packs project supports local Manatee County soldiers who are serving overseas. Not only are these students learning skills that will help them adapt into the real world, but they’re realizing the importance of enriching the lives of others.

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Career Pathways in Manatee County

Regional Careers: Here are examples of ESE Transition related occupations and current wages in the Suncoast Workforce Region.

Occupational	Entry Level	Exper.
Vocational Education		
Teachers, Postsecondary *	\$24.94	\$39.00
Educational, Vocational, and School Counselors**	\$25.62	\$42.34
Occupational Health and Safety Specialists	\$17.61	\$28.00
Occupational Therapists	\$22.69	\$35.90
Physical Therapist Assistants	\$17.39	\$25.28
Physical Therapists	\$25.95	\$37.66

Source: <http://fred.labormarketinfo.com>
FL Labor Market Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics & Wages Program

Career Pathway: Students desiring a career in any of these areas can find related educational programs at these schools*:

- King Middle School
- Manatee High School
- Manatee Technical Institute
- Manatee Community College
- University of South Florida

*Other Manatee schools may offer similar programs. Listed schools are related to today’s issue.

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Check out the following websites:

- www.volunteermanatee.org
- www.ManateeACT.com (click “ESE Transitions”)
- www.manatee.k12.fl.us/sites/middleschool/king (click “Troop Support”)
- www.baynews9.com/content/36/2007/9/9/286501.html

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Do Something!

Community service and volunteering make Manatee County a better place to live. One way you can help is to donate snack items or postage dollars to Mr.C’s class for their Soldier Snack Pack project. Another way is to volunteer your time. With permission, use the internet to find out about different community service projects in your area.

What can you do to get involved? To get started:

- Visit: www.volunteermanatee.org. Read through the information.
- Choose three areas in which you’d like to volunteer, such as:



- Adopt-a-grandparent
- Home Safety for Seniors
- ManaTeens as Mentors
- Operation PainTeen (painting)
- Tidy Tombstones (cemetery mapping and landscaping)

- EnviroTeens (environmental focus)
- Reef Rakers (SCUBA teams deploy artificial reefs)
- Animal Welfare programs
- Emergency Response training

- Fill out the volunteer application at : www.volunteermanatee.org/application.pdf



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