

ANNOUNCING THE PRESIDENTIAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD FOR STUDENTS AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS

Terrace Community Middle School has a long standing tradition of volunteer service. TCMS has relied upon its volunteers to support the school and to build a strong sense of community. TCMS participates in the Presidential Service Award program to honor its volunteers.

The President's Council on Service and Civic Participation (the Council) was established in 2003 to recognize the valuable contributions volunteers are making in our communities and encourage more people to serve. The Council created the President's Volunteer Service Award program as a way to thank and honor Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service.

Recognizing and honoring volunteers sets a standard for service, ensuring a sustained commitment in civic participation, and inspires others to make service a central part of their lives. The President's Volunteer Service Awards recognizes individuals, families, and groups that have achieved a certain standard – measured by the number of hours of service over a 12-month period or cumulative hours earned over the course of a lifetime.

Attention students: Do you volunteer for TCMS, a club, your church, or your community? Then we would like to recognize you for your service. TCMS is participating in the **Presidential Volunteer Service Award**. If you accumulate and record 50 or more service hours within a 12 month period, then you are eligible for this recognition. TCMS will honor students who have accumulated 50 or more service hours from May 2009-May 2010. The exact deadline to submit service hours to Mrs. Bennett will be announced soon so that we can ensure enough time for ordering and delivery of awards.

If you are under 14 years of age, log on to <http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/tgact/ros/dspROSlogin.cfm> to print a "Record of Service." You will use this form to keep track of your hours. Print as many as you may need.

If you are 14 years old or older (including adult volunteers), log on to <http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/tgact/ros/dspROSlogin.cfm> and create an online "Record of Service" to track volunteer hours. Once you create a profile, you can log in and update your Record of Service as needed. You will need a "Record of Service Key." Please contact Mrs. Bennett to get this key which will allow you to record TCMS as the certifying organization.

To learn more about the award and the various levels of recognition, please visit <http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov/tg/pvsainfo/dspAboutAwards.cfm>. Please contact Mrs. Bennett at kris.bennett@tcmstornadoes.com if you have questions.