



# Media Advisory

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## STUDENTS IN SEATTLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LEARN & SERVE CHALLENGE

Students in **Seattle** and across the United States will highlight their community service and learning work during the national Learn & Serve Challenge – September 17-23, 2007. In Seattle, the Challenge Event will be in partnership with the annual United Way of King County's Day of Caring, September 21. The following Seattle Public Schools will be participating: Meany Middle School and Stevens Elementary School

The goals of the week long campaign are to increase public understanding of service-learning and the federal Learn & Service America program and to inspire more communities to launch their own service-learning programs. Service-learning is a hands-on teaching method that engages young people in solving problems within their schools and communities as part of academic studies and other out-of-school time learning activities.

**WHEN:** Friday, September 21, 2007  
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Meany Middle School, 301 21<sup>st</sup> Avenue East, Seattle 98112  
Stevens Elementary School, 1242 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue East, Seattle 98112

**At Meany Middle School students will be joining over 150 community and parent volunteers from Home Depot, City Year, and Meany, to enhance many of the service learning projects completed by students. In recognition of the Meany "caring community" the volunteers will weed, build, install, and clean.**

**At Stevens Elementary School students will be joining over 50 community and parent volunteers from Nordstrom's and Stevens, to weed, clean up, and plant around the many service learning projects completed by students on the Stevens' site.**

**The Learn & Serve Challenge** is a concentrated week of special events and activities, spotlighting service-learning successes around the country in order to build awareness of students' contributions to their communities; spread effective service-learning practices; and inspire other schools and communities to launch their own programs and projects. The Challenge supports the federal goal to engage 5 million college students serving and ensure that 50 percent of America's K-12 schools incorporate service-learning into their curricula by 2010. For more information and to find local Challenge events and activities, visit: [www.learnandservechallenge.org](http://www.learnandservechallenge.org).

For more information about the United Way of King County Day of Caring, visit: [www.uwkc.org](http://www.uwkc.org)

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