Day of Play—Where Dreams Come True

Last Saturday, New Ulm kids flocked into the Civic Center to hula hoop, play life-size Jenga, and bounce on inflatables. The fourth annual Day of Play was a dream-come-true for children and parents alike, where about 80 MLC volunteers encouraged people of all ages to play and get active.

According to coordinator Caleb Klatt, the day was a success. “It went very well overall!” he said. “It was great to see so many little kids’ smiling faces, and it was a good way for MLC to interact with the community.”

Sophomore Cassie Doering (Lakeside / St. Paul-Lake Mills WI, pictured top) said, “It was cool because at first some of the kids were shy, but then they warmed up over time. I can’t wait to see that happen on a larger scale in my future ministry!”

Volunteers like Cassie love serving their Savior and look forward to next year’s Day of Play and the many other opportunities to serve they’ll have while at MLC.

Day of Play coordinators: Bethany Waldschmidt (LPS / St. Jacobi-Greenfield WI), Kinzie Paulsen (LPS / Good Shepherd-Downers Grove IL), Michelle Gartner (MLC event coordinator), Hillery Koelpin MLC ’14, Micah Koelpin (LPS / Calvary-Dallas TX), Caleb Klatt (West / Holy Trinity-New Hope MN), Ron Pile (LPS / St. John-St. John’s, Antigua).

Totally Awesome TAs

Campus jobs are abundant at MLC, one being the esteemed position of teaching assistant. Every year, several students—typically juniors—are offered TA jobs by professors they’ve had for class in previous semesters.

Emily Neeb (ALA / Peace-Queen Creek AZ, pictured) describes the TA life as “a great opportunity to experience the ‘behind the scenes’ of being a teacher.” The TAs’ tasks vary depending on courses they help out with. Emily’s duties include making copies, correcting assignments, and helping students one on one. “Students can come to me with questions about lesson plans or other assignments. I enjoy being the person who helps answer these questions!”

Emily assists Professor Gregory Diersen (former Great Plains LHS teacher), who says there are many benefits to having a TA. “It saves me time, but it also gives the students someone to go to who is approachable, has already taken the class, and has a different perspective than I would on certain things.”

Being a TA is just one campus job that might help you pay the bills when you’re here. Almost 300 of our students—about 40%—work on our campus or in our cafeteria.