

# DFW- Fidelity Investments Impact Report

Volunteer  
Fairfax



## WHAT WE DID:

Fidelity Investments' volunteers worked over the span of two days, September 28th and 30th to transform the inside and outside of West Handley Elementary School. They did this by painting inspiring and interactive murals throughout the hallways of the school, building a planter and filling it with new plants that could be an interactive student garden one day, and by painting the handrails surrounding the school to bring some color to the beige exterior. Additionally, the volunteers revamped the courtyard area by installing new basketball nets, a basketball rack, wall Connect 4's, cup art to show school spirit, and painted interactive stencils such as yoga poses and circuit walks throughout the courtyard.

"We are so grateful for your investment at West Handley! Our students and community will be so blessed by the wonderful projects Fidelity volunteers did [in September]. We can't wait to have you back!"

- Shelbi Reed, West Handley Elementary School Principal

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## History of the School:

West Handley opened in 1954 with only 12 classrooms. They have since undergone two renovations and now serve about 400 students. Their campus is a Title 1 campus with 98% of students in low-income households living at or below the poverty line. West Handley serve grades PK-5 and offer both regular programs (English) and dual language programs (English/Spanish). The student population is about 65% Hispanic, 30% African American, and 5% White/other.



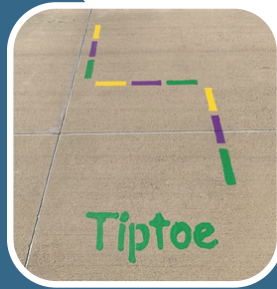
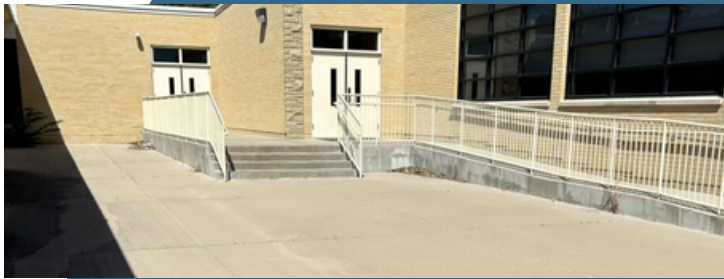
## THE IMPACT:

- Math Mural- Volunteers leveled up the cafeteria hallway by painting a mural that included entertaining artwork and educational math charts to promote learning, even while outside the classroom!
- Inspirational Messages Mural- Volunteers painted "Today is Going to be a Good Day!" and "We Rise By Lifting Others" to provide positive messages in the entryway hallway so that students are reminded every day to have a positive mindset.
- Courtyard Makeover- Volunteers painted yoga poses and circuit walks which transformed the empty, bland courtyard into a vibrant, fun space to play.
  - Volunteers also boosted the sports stations by painting basketball lines, installing a basketball rack, and putting in new basketball and soccer nets. This helped the courtyard by improving the functionality of the space and the overall look.
  - Lastly in the courtyard, volunteers put cup art including school themes and the owl mascot into the fence as a way to provide school spirit and beauty to the outside of the school.
- Handrails- The school was a cohesive beige color around each side, so volunteers painted the handrails around the outside of the school bright purple as a way to bring some excitement to every inch of the school!
- Landscaping- Volunteers built a planter and filled it as well as existing planters with fresh plants and flowers to make the front of the school warm and inviting for everyone entering.

In every school, it is important to promote community, comfort, and learning. Thanks to Fidelity Investments' volunteers, we were able to help level up West Handley Elementary School.

"The transformation days had a profound impact on our students! Not only did the projects meet very tangible needs for our students and community, but the presence of so many warm and encouraging people investing in our school sent a clear message that West Handley students are valued and deserving. I cannot thank Fidelity enough!"

- Shelbi Reed, West Handley Elementary School Principal



# Before & Afters

