



# Welcome to Dr. Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots

social/curriculum-based service-learning program. Roots & Shoots encourages youth to make positive change happen—for the animal community, for the human community, and for the environment. With tens of thousands of people in more than 120 countries involved, Roots & Shoots members are identifying problems in their communities and taking action. Through service projects, youth-led campaigns, Roots & Shoots members are making a difference across the globe!

Service-learning campaigns are designed to take learning outside the classroom and connect it with the community in a meaningful way. By implementing a well-developed project and participating in hands-on experiences serving others, students are able to realize their ability to be a positive influence. The unique educational opportunities offered by service learning give students a chance to grow in a number of ways. Empowering students to take responsibility for the needs of their community and their own learning has many benefits, including:

- Creating youth led purposeful learning
- Building a sense of civic responsibility
- Enhancing critical-thinking skills
- Fostering career exploration
- Non-judgmental, accepting team environment for all abilities

## How will this look at Hopewell?

- ✓ We will meet once a week after school for one hour, on Mondays.
- ✓ We will have sign-ups for grades 3 through 6 in January.
- ✓ We will start meetings on January 30th and end May 1st.
- ✓ We will participate in onsite projects to improve our community and environment.
- ✓ We will have staff to assist and accept volunteers.
- ✓ We will have a dues fee of \$20.

