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Wilder Elementary Students Help Others at Field Day!

Springfield, MO- Wilder Elementary will host its annual Field Day, May 12, 2016. For the second year, children will participate in community service as one of their events. Student's will stuff beanies and make "Get Well" cards for The Beanie Brigade. Last year the students donated and stuffed 350 beanies that were sent out all over the country.

The Beanie Brigade was founded when a 13 year-old boy had undergone surgery in December 2014 to remove a brain tumor. He sat in his hospital bed with his head partially shaved and incision in full view. He felt self-conscious and wanted to cover his head when his friends came to visit. His friends and family rushed out to try to find a hat that fit his swollen head and also made him feel better. That hat was a beanie. Two weeks later the family learned of another little boy who

had undergone surgery. The family mailed him three beanies to hopefully make him feel better if only for a minute. The Beanie Brigade was born!

The Beanie Brigade has delivered over 1300 beanies to doctor's offices, hospitals, child life groups, and individuals since January 2015 all over the US. For more information regarding the organization please visit our Facebook page ([facebook.com/thebeaniebrigade@gmail.com](https://www.facebook.com/thebeaniebrigade@gmail.com)).