

Emerging Leaders

Abigail Bidwell had been a Girl Scout for 12 years and is in Troop 390 in Service Unit 605. She is currently a junior at Park Hill High School.

Abigail's Gold Award project focused on the lack of leadership roles students were given at Tiffany Ridge Elementary School. **"Emerging Leaders" works with** students, faculty and parents to illustrate what leadership is and how to be a leader. Discovering that the student council did not give its students the chance to make changes in the school community, Abigail created a club that would allow students to become their own leaders. By teaching public speaking skills, team work, and work ethic, 5th graders have the opportunity to become strong leaders on their own.

Abigail worked with the principal, Mr. Fitzmorris and student council advisor, Carolyn Child to create a program that would establish student leadership. Abigail also designed a manual, which she gave to all 10 elementary schools in the Park Hill High School District to provide information and resources to promote the creation of the club. By emphasizing the need for leadership, Abigail hopes her project will inspire students to learn more about what it takes to become a leader while allowing them uncover the leader within.

Because of Girl Scouts... I learned to be the leader I am today.



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