

**Salem Woods boosts school pride  
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Volunteer Nika Cayton applies dye to Salem Woods Elementary School 3<sup>rd</sup> grader Oceana Smith's Timberbeast Pride t-shirt. Strong school pride is one of the factors in building a student's commitment to their learning. It is often associated with high schools but this fall student government leaders at Salem Woods Elementary School put their pride into action by coordinating the tie-dyeing of Timberbeast Pride t-shirts for every one of the school's 475 students. Timberbeasts are the school's mascot and the name comes from the history of the area

where loggers were often referred to as Timberbeasts by the Native American families living here. Volunteers helped students show their individuality in how those shirts were dyed in the Salem Woods' school colors of blue and white. Efforts culminated in a school-wide assembly where all students and staff wore their new shirts and learned about how school pride is built on caring for and supporting all the members of the Timberbeast family. More "Pride" days will be scheduled throughout this school year to continue building Timberbeast Pride.