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One memory I have from the Kaiser Campus is helping with Marcy Cook Math Tiling. During lunch on Wednesday, my friends and I would go to one of the teacher's classrooms and help grade the student's math tiling. The idea of the task card was to have 10 tiles, zero through nine, that the students would have to place down to make all of the numbers work together. The sheets each had different mathematical concepts and questions on them. We would walk around with the answer keys and either offer help or check them off. It was a neat experience to see the spark in these children's eyes and their enjoyment of math and problem-solving. It is especially cool to see where this can all begin in certain people. My current major of Computer Science, where problem-solving is very prominent and necessary, was planted long ago at Kaiser.

The teacher would usually have the students swap desks to be around the people that are on the same level. This would add childhood competitiveness to situations. It was fun to help the students try and become the furthest along in the class. I remember one year when the students were finishing the sheets so quickly but they were tied with another student. They played rock paper scissors to see who went first.

From this experience, I was able to start doing some community service. I saw the joy of serving others at such a young age, only being a third grader and helping the other students. Community service has become such a big and impactful part of my life that when I was working on my Eagle Scout Project, I figured I would pay homage to Kaiser and show it some love as it showed me when growing up. I was able to put in the first GaGa Ball court as well as 3 tetherball courts that I remembered playing with at the Woodland campus. It's always fun to hear the impact that my project had on the school and to hear stories about the lines and such, that these students wait in to get on the courts. Last year I was able to help my cousin with his Eagle Scout Project and install the 2nd Gaga Ball Court because of so much interest. In conclusion, my time at Kaiser has made me a better person, as I learned from my teachers and peers.