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Teaches the importance of a strong community

- Created a unit called “Finding Ferguson,” which refers to the previous school that occupied their building. It was abruptly closed in 2013 due to state budget cuts.

- Came up with the idea to honor the building’s past as a way to create a better future for the entire neighborhood.

- Coordinated the distribution of flyers to help locate former students and staff dating back to the 1930s and had the students conduct interviews with the people they found.

- Culminated the unit with a reunion arranged entirely by the students. More than 250 alumni attended and formed what they called the “U School-Ferguson Alliance.”