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Olson Mustangs get lessons from community leader

The Olson Elementary Mustang Leadership Team got a pep talk from a real community leader on Jan. 17 as the fifth-graders prepared to ask local businesses to support the school's upcoming Color Run event.

Tom Wilson, owner of MBI Staffing in Woodstock, greeted the students at the Metra train station, which MBI recently leased, refurbished and transformed into a community center that is available for area nonprofits and organizations.

Wilson's company also operates MBI Cares, which has made countless donations for things such as winter clothing for children, teacher supplies, sports leagues and school activities among many other charitable contributions.

Students listened attentively as Wilson told them some of his personal experience and offered leadership advice as well as congratulating the students on their path toward becoming leaders as students and adults.

"It's not often that I get to meet with a bunch of leaders. It's kind of a big deal," Wilson said. "It's so easy to say that world. But really, it's not easy to live that life of service."

Wilson stressed that leaders need to set an example by carrying themselves with humility and the understanding that sometimes they'll fail and get frustrated.

"If you're really gonna be a good leader, don't be afraid of your emotions. Don't be afraid to fail. Don't think you have to have every answer. No one needs you to be perfect. The best leaders ask people for help," he said.

The Mustang Leadership Team is seeking sponsors for the Olson PTO Color Run fundraising event on May 5. Funds will be used for field trips, playground equipment and other items. Sponsors' names will appear on banners and T-shirts and items for raffles.

Anyone interested in donating or sponsorships can contact Olson Elementary School at (815) 338-0473. Donations can also be sent to Attention: Color Run, Olson PTO, 720 W. Judd St. Woodstock, IL 60098.