Back of the Yards & Brighton Park

Boss Orders Day Off to Paint Chavez Elementary

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CHICAGO — Employees at a software sales firm played hooky this week, but for a good cause.

Brushes in hand, folks from Savo showed up for a major interior paint job Tuesday at Cesar Chavez Multicultural Academic Center, 4747 S. Marshfield Ave.

It's another philanthropic mission for the company, which has ranked among the city's best places to work. Nearly all of Savo’s 145 employees — part of the company's Savo Gives Back team — helped spruce up the Back of the Yards elementary school.

The work included repainting several classrooms, lockers, radiator covers and stairways.

A spokeswoman for Savo, 155 N. Wacker Drive, said employees chose Chavez because of Savo's partnership with Citizen Schools, a nonprofit organization that sends Americorps volunteers to schools for a variety of hands-on learning programs.

Nick Achlien, 27, a Roscoe Village resident and mobile developer with Savo, was so excited about the opportunity he took to Reddit to post the news.

"Contributing to the community and helping out is something that I love to do," he said. "We had a project to do and we got it done."

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