



# Adopt-A-Classroom (AAC) Newsletter

www.adoptaclassroom.org

## Sound familiar?



“What do you need?” and “How can we help?” These are the questions that many parents ask their child’s teacher. We believe that this program gives parents and the community the opportunity to enrich the school lives of a classroom of students through ongoing *communication as well as donations of funds, goods and/or services.*

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## Frequently Asked Questions



### Why isn't my child's teacher online?

We encourage all teachers to register. If one or more of your child's teachers are not registered, please contact them and let them know that you are trying to support their students.

### Why is there a \$25 minimum donation?

AAC wants to make sure that teachers have enough money to make a purchase. \$25 allows the teacher to spend about \$1 per student.

### I want to bring in an item. Is there a list of items that teachers need?

Find the teacher's essay on the [www.adoptaclassroom.org](http://www.adoptaclassroom.org) website. Please contact the teacher or a coordinator to ensure that the item has not yet been donated and/or will meet the minimum requirements (e.g., quality, size, quantity, etc.) Unfortunately, at this time, your name will not be listed under the donors section if you only donate goods or services. Even if AAC is not for you, please support the classroom with consumable supplies that are usually in need (e.g., wipes, tissues, paper towels, markers, etc.) No donation is too small.

### How do I know which classrooms need partners?

Please contact a Dewing Coordinator via email to identify a classroom in need of partners.

### Can I donate via the mail instead of online?

Yes, you can print a form from the website or contact a coordinator for a copy.

### Why don't my taxes pay for these items?

During the past 20 years, funding for education in most communities has not kept pace with expenses. Parents are often fulfilling teacher requests behind the scenes and teachers spend as much as \$1,200 of their own money per year to educate our children. This program tracks that spending by parents and gives the School Committee a gauge of the true cost of educating Tewksbury students.

### My company likes to support the community. Can they participate?

Any individual, organization, or business can participate by donating online or via mail. You will receive an email receipt that can be used as documentation for company gift-matching programs.



## Progress Report

- ✓ 71% of Dewing classrooms registered
- ✓ 82% of registered classrooms have at least 1 partner
- ✓ 20% of those with 1 partner have met initial financial goal
- ✓ \$3,295 plus goods & services donations

**Thank You for Your Support!**

## Program Highlights

- ❖ *Enriches the educational experience for a classroom*
- ❖ *Voluntary*
- ❖ *Multiple donors can sponsor the same classroom (\$25 min donation)*
- ❖ *100% of donation available to teacher via online account*
- ❖ *Fully tax-deductible*
- ❖ *Donate in minutes online or by mail using form provided online*
- ❖ *100% accountability and transparency!*
- ❖ *Each donor receives an email with itemized purchases and description of enrichment goals*

Coming soon! Look for Adopt-A-Classroom information on the Dewing website!