



# Adopt-A-Classroom (AAC) Newsletter

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## Thank You... and, It's Not Too Late

Since September, Tewksbury families and businesses have quietly donated \$9,944 to Dewing School classrooms! Thank you! It is not too late to participate. AAC expects that teachers spend donations received before May 1<sup>st</sup> before the end of the year. In this newsletter, we thought you might like to hear how some teachers have spent AAC donations to improve the Dewing School educational experience.

With our deepest appreciation, Michelle and Andrea



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## What Do Teachers Think About AAC?

*"All of the parental generosity and commitment to the 22 kids in my first grade classroom during the 2008/09 school year has been phenomenal! Through the AAC program I have been able to enhance the learning environment in many ways. Our literacy program has been boosted by a CD/tape player, CD/book sets, individual tapes for oral reading to develop fluency skills, classroom library selections, and reading center activities. We now have much needed basic classroom supplies such as a wooden mailbox system, heavy duty pencil sharpener, heavy duty staplers, rewards, stickers, posters, charts, art supplies, markers, etc. Best of all, even though our community is in a time of economic stress, my 22 first graders remain curious, enthusiastic and actively engaged in the learning process. I am fortunate to have committed parents, a #1 class of first graders, and a rewarding and enjoyable occupation! Thank You!" - Mrs. Stratis Grade 1*

*"AAC has made a huge difference for the staff and children from the Dewing School. Due to budget constraints, more and more of our classroom supplies have been eliminated. The generosity of supporters helps us to maintain a level of excellence so important as we struggle with ever growing state mandates and "raising of the bar". We thank parents and businesses for their support." - Mrs. Cintolo Grade 3*

*"I've purchased a VCR/DVD combo which, along with a donated TV, allows me to show short clips of movies/TV shows that helps visual learners and all students build up their 'fact file' in their brains! I don't have to wheel the bulky TV cart and/or share with 12 other teachers! It's great!" - Miss Selissen Grade 4*

*"We love the Adopt-A-Classroom program. We have bought many items that have enriched our classroom environment. For example, we bought a set of classroom clocks and, as we are currently working on time, those clocks have been a wonderful manipulative, which we feel has made a huge difference in our students' understanding of this concept. We have also purchased items that have enhanced our classroom environment such as bulletin board trimmers. Other items, such as pencil tip erasers, are a necessary item in any classroom. Stickers and incentive charts help to organize our behavior system to make our classroom run more smoothly. We hope this program continues in the future." - Mrs. Kalyoyanides & Mrs. MacLeod Grade 2*

*"I love that the parents get an email when I purchase items through AAC! The kids get excited when I tell them 'they helped buy the items'! (It helps us stay connected to the home and community.) I have purchased a new listening center, white boards, 3-ring binders for each student, a math center time activity kit, markers for the children and an art 'clothesline' to display student projects." - Mrs. Rodgers Kindergarten*

*"We were able to combine our AAC donations with help from the PAC to purchase a new overhead projector. The projector is vital to teaching our new reading series, and we are so thankful and appreciative for the help." - Mrs. McGrath & Mrs. Cloney Grade 3*



## Progress Report

- ✓ 93% of Dewing classrooms registered
- ✓ 100% of registered classrooms have at least 1 partner
- ✓ 50% of those with 1 partner have met initial financial goal
- ✓ \$9,944 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