



ADOPT A CLASS



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AAC SCHOOLS

- **MILL PARK**
millpark.ddouglas.k12.or.us/
- **HUMBOLDT**
www.humboldt.pps.k12.or.us/
- **JAMES JOHN**
www.pps.k12.or.us/schools-c/pages/jamesjohn/index.htm
- **CAPITOL HILL**
www.capitolhill.pps.k12.or.us/

We can't believe another school year has already begun.

Welcome Back Adopt A Class Coordinator Alumni: Fred Meyer (Main Office), Roosevelt High School Class of 1966 & Friends, Unitus Community Credit Union, The Port of Portland, Rite Aid, Roosevelt High School class of 1969 & Friends, Geo. S. Bush, Inc, De La Salle North Catholic High School, Wells Fargo Bank, Advantage Sales & Marketing and Regence.

Welcome new Adopt A Class Coordinators: Columbia Sportswear, The City of Portland, Dreyer's Ice Cream, The Portland Airport, Portland Metro Rotary & Friends, Acosta Sales & Marketing, US Bank Private Client Group, KOIN-TV, IPM, Fred Meyer (Division Store and Gateway Store), Fred Meyer (Hollywood Store), Fred Meyer (Burlingame Store), Fred Meyer (IS Department) and Fred Meyer (Interstate Store).

Adopt A Class volunteers are participating at four **Title 1** schools this year; Mill Park Elementary (SE 117th & Division), Humboldt Elementary (Behind Jefferson High School on N. Gantenbein), James John Elementary (North Portland on N. Charleston Ave.) and Capitol Hill (Near Terwilliger Blvd on SW 17th).

Title 1 eligibility (LO REVIEW 2007) A school can apply for federal Title 1 status if a certain percentage of the students who attend it are living in poverty. Title 1 schools receive additional money that must be used for students who are failing or at risk of failing to meet state academic standards. The gross income requirement for free lunches; Family of three must make an income of less than \$20,900 a year and a family of four, \$25,100.

Wayne and I have been communicating with many of you and it sounds like everyone is off to a good start. We have shared some of the stories from you on the next page.... check it out.

Please continue to email Wayne and me the stories about your classroom visits, pictures and anything else that you would like to share. Wayne and I are not able to participate in the AAC activities, so we like to live the experience through all of you.

We can't say this enough ~ Thank you so much for taking on the AAC Coordinator role and for all that you & your volunteers are doing. You are all making a difference in these kids lives.



Activity Dates

Introductory Activity from Kids	OCT
Introductory Letter to Kids	OCT
Winter Celebration	DEC
Thank you letter from Kids	JAN
Spring Activity	May or June
Book Fair	Varies by school

INTRODUCTORY ACTIVITY

There are 2 activities that take place in October. The first is the **Introductory Activity**, which tends to be a letter that the kids write about themselves to their Adopter. The AAC Coordinator picks up the Introductory Activity early in the month of October.

The second activity is a **letter written by the Adopter** to their student. The Coordinator delivers the letters to their kids later in the month of October. AAC Volunteers are welcome to go with the Coordinators to the classroom to meet their kids when the letters are

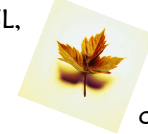
picked up and when the letters from the Adopters are delivered to the kids. Please remember that all AAC activities are done as a group. Dates and times should be mutually agreed upon by the Coordinator and their Teacher.

YOUR STORIES

Many of you have already received the Introductory Activity/Letters from your kids. Others of you are scheduled to pick them up and there are a few still working on dates. We have heard from many of you and are excited. As the school year progresses, relationships with your Teachers will have been formed and executing the AAC program will become second nature.

Doug & Linda, Portland Metro Rotary & Friends ~ They will be their teacher to see what they can do to assist with Reading, Math, ESL, The Portland Rotary is going to Poland October 9 through the 21st. they are there they will be working on a Pen Pal program with the graders from Poland. The Rotary members will also be sending post from Poland to their students so that they will receive "foreign mail"

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Craig, Fred Meyer Burlingame Store ~ good and that they brought Balloons for



Craig said that their first visit very their kids.

Jenny and Heather, Dreyer's Ice Cream ~ They are planning on going to their school's Book fair to spend time with their kids and purchase books.

Meg, Geo. S Bush, Inc. ~ Meg was thrilled when she wrote us to. Her group is planning a Costume Party with their class on October 31st.

Kyleigh, Unitus Community Credit Union ~ Kyleigh said that they will be going on a tour of the class- room, meet their kids and pick up the letters. While they are visiting, they plan to read with their kids too.



Alisa, Fred and her volunteers

Meyer Hollywood Store ~ While visiting the classroom, Alisa brought backpacks filled with school supplies, cookies and juice.

JoEllen, Roosevelt High School Class of 1969 & Friends ~ The RHS Alumni donated money for art supplies that the teacher needed. Their first contact with their kids will be on October 31st.



Joanne & Anna, City of Portland ~ They have received their letters and will deliver their responses before going to the Book Fair. Joanne says their kids are adorable. They will be sending chaperones on a class field trip to a farm.

Know anyone that would be a great AAC Adopter ?



There are currently 25 Adopting Businesses and Organizations that are participating in the AAC program in the Portland Metro area. That means that there are approximately 648 kids that have a positive role model in their life because of your participation in AAC.

We still have classrooms without an Adopter. 12 classrooms at Mill Park, 4 classrooms at Humboldt, 5 classrooms at Capitol Hill and 1 classroom at James John are available for Adoption. If you know someone at a Business or Organization that would

make a great Adopter, please send us their name and phone number. We would love to talk with them.

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