

**APS COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY**  
**EXAMPLES OF GIVING BACK**

**Auburn High School:**

- The Lit Club is currently collecting, sorting, and will eventually be wrapping books to be distributed to kids in the after school program at AYFS for the holidays.
- The AHS Athletic Leadership Council volunteered at the Auburn Rocket Race 5k that benefits Auburn Youth and Family Services. They have set up water tables along the course and handed out water to the participants.
- Life Skills Students work in the Food Pantry @ AYFS.
- Life Skills Interns volunteer for Special Olympics and Unified Sports.
- Rockets 2 Rockets organize a food drive every year for local charities.
- NHS: Adopting a family for Auburn Youth and Family Services (to buy gifts for), sending care packages to soldiers from the Auburn Community, shoveling snow for Auburn's seniors. Volunteer at the Brodeur Road Race, and each student commits to 15 hours of service work in the community each year. We have 44 students this year, so a total of 660 hours were completed over this summer in the community.
- Football Teams - Participate in Brodeur Road Race, some help with Pop Warner coaching and the Pop Warner jamboree.
- The softball team is involved in the community in many ways. Last Spring they visited the elderly home in Auburn to have dinner and play games. Every year the teams (both baseball and softball) run youth clinics that reach out to children of all ages in the town.
- Art students have volunteered for face painting at events like the Klepto 5k and the Duck Race, as well as submitting to numerous shows and helping with exhibits such as the district show. They are also involved with the Cultural Council's yearly art show. One art student is currently volunteering at AYFS teaching art classes.
- Basketball teams volunteer at the Special Olympics.
- Television production classes filmed and edited World Cafe video.
- Continue to film the Senate forum once a month.
- Class of 2018 officers collected canned food on Halloween night instead of trick or treating and donated it to AYFS. \$560 in t-shirt sales were donated by the Class of 2018 in memory of Ron Tarentino.
- The Boys and Girls Track and Field teams hold an annual "Tracksgiving" celebration in February, where they celebrate the track season, but also hold a canned food drive. The proceeds are donated to AYFS. This event is attended by approximately 150 people; athletes and their families, so the can drive has yielded great results over the past couple of years.
- International Club hosts a booth at Homecoming that is available to the greater Auburn community and also organizes the International Luncheon for the PD Day in March. This serves the APS community. Additionally, the International Festival, held in April, is an event that encourages cultural awareness among the AHS community.
- Chorus & Band Students, many participate in the Greater Auburn Community Chorus, Church Choir(s), Worcester Youth Symphony Orchestra, CCD assistants/teachers and Relay for Life.

- Baseball team runs numerous free and paid clinics for the youth in the community. They are in the 12th year of offering a free community clinic. They also work on town fields, Lemansky, Bryn Mawr and Franklin for the DPW and Little League. They also donate a lot of gear and clinic tuition vouchers to many fundraising raffles.
- Soccer teams volunteered at the Klepto 5k.
- Girls' basketball teams puts on at least one clinic a year to work on skills with the youth in town.
- Girls' Hockey has worked with little kids at Horgan for the "learn to skate" program.
- Student Council – Relay for Life, Ataxia Walk, Homecoming, David Brodeur Race, Bocce Tournament with Special Olympics, Haunted Hallway, MASC Conference, CDMASC Conferences and 10 hours of independent community service per trimester.
- C.A.R.E. travels to 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes at Swanson Road Intermediate. The program content includes: Cliques/Self-Esteem/Bullying, Internet Safety / Cyber Bullying, Face-to-Face Program and Drugs & Alcohol / Peer Pressure.
- Students raised \$1500 for Kingswood High School in Texas and \$1500 for relief efforts in Puerto Rico after devastating hurricanes this fall.

#### **Auburn Athletes:**

- Raking leaves for senior citizens
- Snow shoveling for senior citizens
- Rocket Run to fundraise for Auburn alumna, Nikki Berthiaume (to become an annual event for a needy family or individual)
- Major David Brodeur Klepto 5K – athletes helped
- Helped with the move to the new AMS
- Worked at the elementary schools this summer
- AYF Tournament

#### **Auburn Middle School**

- Halloween with Auburn Life Care Student Council
- Turkey Drive Student Council & Faculty
- Toys for Auburn Youth, Student Council
- Grade 8 Winter Ball, all proceeds to toys for Auburn Youth, Student Council
- Scarecrow making with Auburn Life Care, SPARK
- Holiday Sing- Along and gingerbread house decorating, SPARK
- Easter egg decorating and flower arrangement with Auburn Life Care, SPARK
- Winter gathering with Auburn Life Care, Student Council
- Caroling at Auburn Life Care - 8th Grade Band
- Winter Fair with Auburn Life Care, Student Council
- Collect hats/scarves/mittens for AYFS, Student Council
- Valentine Day Dance proceeds to Children's Charity, Student Council
- Visit with their "grandparent" & create valentines Auburn Life Center, Student Council
- No Shave November, Proceeds to American Cancer Society, StuCo + NJHS
- Picnic with Auburn Life Care, Student Council

- Relay for Life Team, AMS Student Body
- Town Clean Up NJHS, Student Council
- Faculty involved with AYFS Dancing with the Stars
- Memorial Day presentations with American Legion
- Community Service Commitment for 10 hours community service in Auburn (5K events) National Junior Honor Society members
- Hurricane Relief Buckets - Student Council
- Rock-a-Thon with Stonehill college proceeds to Make-a-wish, NJHS and STUCO
- NaNoWriMo
- AYFS December food donation from Hanover Theatre brunch
- Phys Ed Department for annual Skate field trip
- Construction of Skate Aids by Young Engineers Club members to be given to AMS
- “Hands Only” CPR Challenge
- Presentation to grade 8 student by Auburn Historical Museum - Dr. Goddard Meets the Rockets”, sponsored by STEM Math Auburn Cultural Council Grant
- Presentation to grade 7 STEM Math students by Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park ranger on waterways and dams in Auburn area.

### **Bryn Mawr School**

- Candy, socks, gloves and letters of thanks to the Veterans’ Shelter after Veterans’ Day
- Canned goods for AYFS
- New pajamas and children’s books to AYFS
- Hat and mittens to AYFS
- Staff adopted a family through AYFS and Auburn Police Department for Christmas
- Kindergarten Community Day thank you cards to the Auburn Fire, Police, Water, and Highway departments
- Memorial Day collaboration with our local Veterans
- Holiday concert performance for Eddy Pond
- Special Person Day and lunch at Bryn Mawr School
- Staff coordinated Volunteer Luncheon in the spring for all of our volunteers
- Auburn Chamber of Commerce Community Clean Up participation
- Pennies for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
- Hurricane Relief Buckets in collaboration with AMS
- Blood Drive in collaboration with Pakachoag School
- Weekly ‘Jeans’ money donated to a local charity
- Family Literacy and Science Nights
- September 11th Thank You Project for the Auburn Police Department, Fire Department and Military Families
- Student created cards sent to active military men and women

### **Pakachoag School:**

- PAK staff and students participated in a Fall Food Drive which raised over 1500 items for AYFS.
- Back to School Meet and Greet for new and returning families

- Fire Safety Presentation by Lieutenant Steele
- Halloween Safety Presentation by Officer Stephanie Hayward
- Worcester State University helped with Hearing Screenings
- Blood Drive in collaboration with Bryn Mawr School
- Family Literacy Night
- Food Drive for a raffle ticket at Family Literacy night to benefit AYFS food pantry
- Worcester Brave Hearts "Exercise Your Mind" Reading Program presented to all students.
- Second Grade the Hurricane Relief Buckets for the school
- Second Grade Community Celebration focusing on Veterans' Day & Thanksgiving
- Grade 1 Community Service Learning "Adopt the Cops"
- Kindergarten conducted a bottle and can drive to raise money to purchase playground equipment
- Tiger Program to promote anti-bullying in the school community
- Staff collection for AYFS for the Christmas season
- Special Person lunch
- Volunteer Appreciation Lunch coordinated by staff
- Community Celebrations for both K and 1 highlighting some things that they have learned
- Second grade performance at Eddy Pond for Holiday Season
- Denim Dollars donated each trimester to local charity

#### **Swanson Road Intermediate School:**

- Popsicles with the Principal - Welcoming all new grade three families to SWIS
- Title One Parent outreach
- Spooky Spectacular - Fall community building event, free to SWIS families
- Veteran Candy Drive -Hundreds of pounds of candy and cards sent to Vets, Inc.
- SWIS Staff Support - Funds raised for student/family emergencies
- Donations for hurricane ravaged areas: Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico
- School-wide Food Drive for AYFS
- CARE program for Grade 5 students
- Family Literacy Night
- Turkey Trot Funds to Pride and Purpose -. Raised \$3,500.
- Staff Donations monetary and food drives: Fall, Winter, and Spring
- Atrium Revival - Working with school community, Auburn Businesses, and Bay Path
- Arboretum - activating a green space for the community
- Girls on the Run 5K - After School Club
- BOKS Before School Club - After School Club
- VEX Robotics Club - After School Club
- SWIS Honor Choir - performing at the Auburn Senior Center for Veterans' Day
- Before and After School Galaxy Program
- Breakfast nutrition program
- SWIS Honor Choir - performing at Auburn Tree Lighting, Providence Bruins' game, SWIS String /Choir Concert

- All Town Choir Concert
- Power of One - Anti Bullying School wide program
- Worcester State hearing and vision screenings
- S.T.E.A.M. Carnival - Simple Machines carnival games
- School-wide Earth Day - Local businesses and college students
- Letters to Seniors Valentine's Day
- "Cozy Up with a Good Book" pajama and book drive. Donations sent to local homeless shelters
- Community Reading Day
- Volunteer Recognition - Thank You breakfast.
- Quilts of Valor - Program to present (surprise) a handmade personalized quilt along with certificate of thanks and recognize men and women who are military veterans of war

**Central Office**

- Donated a filled Hurricane Relief Bucket
- Adopted a family of four for Christmas