

The Samuel B. Webb Elementary School Partnership with Hands On Hartford



Dates	Activity	Grade Level
June 2009 – August 2009	Collect New and Gently used backpacks	Prek- 6
September 2009 1-25	Backpack Program – Collect backpacks and bring in enough child preferred food to send home for a weekend.	Grade 6
October 2009 1-23	Backpack Program Collect backpacks and bring in enough child preferred food to send home for a weekend.	Grade 5
November 2009 2-18	Backpack Program Collect backpacks and bring in enough child preferred food to send home for a weekend.	Grade 4
December 2009 1-18	Backpack Program Collect backpacks and bring in enough child preferred food to send home for a weekend.	Grade 3
January 2010 4-25	Backpack Program Collect backpacks and bring in enough child preferred food to send home for a weekend.	Grades 1/2
February 2010 1-23	Backpack Program Collect backpacks and bring in enough child preferred food to send home for a weekend.	Grades Prek/Kindergarten
March 2010	Volunteer Opportunity for community service hours	Grade 6
April 2010 1 st Teachers at soup kitchen/6 th grade students	Grow veggies I n garden and donate food to food kitchen	Grade 3 Grade 6 Staff



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Soup Kitchen –

In an effort to support the recycling and green earth projects our **grade three team** is going to work towards having a garden that can be used to donate produce to the soup kitchens supported by Hands on Hartford. The goal is to have this project be student run and the materials used to start the garden will be totally from recycled materials the soil will be compost taken from lunch garbage.

The staff will take the produce and then bring it to help prepare a meal in the soup kitchen on our April 1st PD day where we will help serve the meal as well. As approved by parents some sixth graders can help serve along with parents and staff.

Sixth Grade Volunteer Opportunities:

Backpacks Needed!



Join Webb in partnering with the “Hands on Hartford” Organization in helping out the people of the Greater Hartford Area. In an effort to collaborate with an organization near to our town we have begun a relationship with this organization to learn more about the needs of the local communities and how we can help others while gaining a more thorough understanding about why we donate money, food, clothes, and other items to local organizations.

Starting June 2009 and continuing into next year we are asking you to donate gently used or new backpacks to our backpack program. They can be dropped off in the school office or to your child’s classroom.

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Back Pack Program Itemized List

Each Friday, Hands On Hartford delivers 40 bags of kid-friendly foods to Betances Elementary School and 35 to Sanchez Elementary School. These bags are given to children who would otherwise go hungry on the weekends.

Each bag of food contains the following:

- 2 lunch items:** mac & cheese, can of soup, canned pasta (ex. Chef Boyardee)
- 2 juice boxes**
- 2 servings of fruit:** fruit cups, fruit "leathers", fruit snacks, small can of fruit, dried fruit
- 2 breakfast items:** instant oatmeal packet, individual-sized box of cereal
- 2 or more healthy snacks:** granola bar, crackers, pretzels, goldfish crackers, crackers with cheese/peanut butter
- 1 dessert:** pudding, cookies