SAUGUS, Mass. — (December 23, 2014) — Employees of Wheelabrator Saugus brought the holiday spirit to students at Ballard Early Childhood Center recently when they stopped by with holiday gifts for all of the children.

Donning elf hats, Wheelabrator Saugus Plant Manager Eric Lucier, Financial Analyst Jennifer Lelis and Community Relations Specialist Heidi Choate visited every classroom on December 18 to deliver gift bags to 105 students filled with hats, gloves and holiday puzzles. Students were eager to open their gifts and try on their new cold-weather gear.

“We’re so lucky. It just brightens their day,” said Ballard Principal Marie Bridges, as she watched the students open their gifts. “It means so much to have Wheelabrator Saugus continue its partnership with us. Even beyond this day, the company is always more than willing to cross items off of our wish list, from classroom decorations to curriculum aids. Every year they continue to amaze us with their dedication to Saugus Public Schools and the children in our community.”

Wheelabrator Saugus creates clean, renewable energy from everyday residential and business wastes. The event marked the fourth year the company has spread holiday cheer at Ballard as part of its business partnership with the school.

Wheelabrator Saugus is engaged in many Ballard school programs and has contributed to a number of enhancements at the school, including the donation of an automated external defibrillator, security cameras, and two-way radios for teachers to use in case of emergency. Wheelabrator also provides support for school field trips each year.

“We have built a wonderful relationship with Marie and her staff at Ballard over the years,” said Wheelabrator Saugus Plant Manager Eric Lucier. “We look forward to visiting students and teachers throughout the school year.”

Ballard students also wrap up each school year with a field trip to Bear Creek Wildlife Sanctuary at Wheelabrator Saugus where students learn about nature and the local habitat.

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