SAUGUS, Mass. — DEC. 19, 2013 — The spirit of giving was in full force at the Ballard Early Childhood Center when a group of “elves” from Wheelabrator Saugus stopped by to deliver presents to the students.

Wheelabrator Saugus Plant Manager Eric Lucier, Financial Analyst Jennifer Crouteau and Community Relations Specialist Heidi Choate were joined by Saugus Superintendent of Schools Michael Tempesta. The elves visited every classroom, delivering 100 gift bags filled with hats, gloves, holiday activity books and crayons. Students were eager to open their gifts and try on their new colorful hats and gloves.

“We really appreciate all that Wheelabrator does for our school,” said Ballard Principal Marie Bridges. “Their continued support and gestures like this allow us to provide opportunities and resources to children that we would not normally be able to offer. Everyone looks forward to their holiday visit.”

This event marked the fourth year Wheelabrator Saugus has spread holiday cheer at Ballard as part of its business partnership with the school.

“I think we look forward to this day as much as the kids,” Lucier said. “To see the excitement on their faces as they open the presents brings into focus what this time of year is all about. We are very pleased to continue our partnership with the Ballard School.”
As part of its partnership, Wheelabrator Saugus is engaged in many programs the school puts on throughout the year and has contributed to a number of enhancements such as installing security cameras and providing two-way radios for teachers to use in case of emergency.

“The partnership with Wheelabrator has benefitted this school and the entire district,” Tempesta said. “This was another great gesture by a business partner we are fortunate to work closely with.”

In June, Ballard students wrap up the school year with a field trip to Bear Creek Wildlife Sanctuary at Wheelabrator Saugus where students are able to get up close and personal with nature and learn about the local ecosystem.

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