

Wheelabrator “elves” help Ballard School students get into the holiday spirit

SAUGUS, Mass. — Dec. 19, 2012 — Holiday spirit abounded at Ballard Early Childhood Center recently when a group of “elves” from Wheelabrator Saugus handed out gifts to each of the 100 preschool students.

Donning elf hats, Wheelabrator Saugus Plant Manager Eric Lucier, Senior Manager of Public Affairs Michelle Nadeau and Community Relations Specialist Heidi Choate delivered gift bags filled with hats, gloves and stuffed snowmen to every classroom Dec. 13. Students eagerly opened their gifts and displayed colorful hats and mittens to one another in excitement.

“It’s exciting to have Wheelabrator Saugus as our school partner,” said Principal Marie Bridges. “The ongoing support of the company and active participation of Wheelabrator employees allows us to provide opportunities to children that we would not normally be able to offer. We are so thankful for their recent holiday visit.”

This marked the second year Wheelabrator Saugus spread holiday cheer at the Ballard School as part of its burgeoning partnership with the school. Earlier this year, Wheelabrator donated \$7,000 to Ballard for a variety of items including tricycles and helmets, die cuts for teachers to make classroom decorations, and curriculum aids. Students also enjoyed an end-of-the-school-year field trip to the Bear Creek Wildlife Sanctuary at Wheelabrator Saugus.

“We are pleased to be able to continue our partnership with the Ballard School,” said Lucier. “Wheelabrator is committed to serving as an engaged community partner and an active supporter of the Saugus school system. Our employees remain dedicated to serving the Saugus community and contributing to school activities and programs.”

Another upcoming event at the school that Wheelabrator is underwriting is the second annual pediatrician information night scheduled for Jan. 28. An area pediatrician will be at the school to speak to parents about nutrition, medications, child development and other topics.

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