

A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO: HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

The Adopt A Class team would like to wish you and yours a happy holiday season! This past year has been tremendous and we know we wouldn't be where we are today without our teachers, mentors, resource coordinators, and countless other individuals that work tirelessly to keep our organization thriving. We are eternally grateful for all of your efforts and look forward to continuing successful mentoring relationships in the new year!



Here are a few reminders from the Adopt A Class team about classroom visits. Mentors AND educators, please make sure to log your visits in the Mentor Tracker and Teacher Tracker. Not only are these tracker reports important for our data, they're crucial to mentor impact reports as well! These logs give us a snapshot of your visit, how it went, what the lesson was about, etc. and help your AAC team member if they weren't able to make your visit. Now is a great time to catch up on any visit logs you may have missed, so you can start the new year fresh! Mentors, you can log your visits here. Educators, you can log your visits here.

Please enjoy our tips below for the month of December. Again, happy holidays, and thank you all for the work you do to support Adopt A Class and serve the students in our community!

Sincerely,

Sonya Fultz Chief Executive Officer

Adopt A Class News

Xavier University Athletics Offering Two Free Tickets

Our partners at Xavier University Athletics are offering **two free tickets** to all students (student plus a caregiver), and mentors, to attend the following women's basketball games:



Visit this **link** and enter the code "**ADOPT**" to access these tickets. Also, please share with all students in your school, even if their class doesn't currently participate in the Adopt A Class program!

Thank you to Xavier University Athletics for this opportunity!



Holiday FAQ's

Q: Should mentors bring a holiday gift for their students?

A: How mentors approach their classroom visit prior to the holiday break is entirely up to them! Some treat it just as they would any other visit, while others bring a special treat or a winter gift. Keep in mind that each classroom is very diverse - so students will be celebrating different holidays - but all of them have a long break ahead of them!

Any gift would be welcomed and appreciated!





If you do choose to bring gifts, some ideas include: Healthy snacks (nuts, raisins, pretzels, popcorn, etc.) Books Puzzles Card games DIY Craft sets Pop it Fidget Toys Play-doh Gloves Fuzzy Socks

BGR Holiday Food Drive Company To Hold First Ever AAC Food Drive

BGR, a packaging supply chain company located in West Chester, Ohio, is holding their first ever Adopt A Class Holiday Food Drive! Gift wrapped boxes were placed at two office locations and BGR mentors encouraged their teammates to contribute non-perishable items for donations to their classrooms.

Before winter break, BGR and their classrooms - Susan Ruhe's 3rd grade class at Hartwell Elementary and Kayla Richey's 3rd grade class at Wildwood Elementary - will be packing the collected items and distributing them to families in need. This amazing project is right in line with mentors demonstrating to their students the importance of giving back while impacting those right in their community!

Thank you to BGR for setting such a wonderful example of kindness and generosity!



Field Trips in 2023 It's time to start thinking of field trips!

The best field trips are when students are able to go to the mentors office to see the breadth of what they do. Mentors, take some time to brainstorm with your teams and prepare for a field trip in 2023 with your classroom!





Pizza Party Winner Congratulations, Amy Dwyer!



Congratulations to our teacher winner for our PIZZA PARTY, **Amy Dwyer at Norwood Elementary**! Amy's classroom was chosen at random from a list of teachers who were up to date on their Teacher Trackers. Educators, keep an eye out for more opportunities to win a pizza party for your classroom with Adopt A Class throughout the school year.

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