

8th Annual AHS Toys For Tots



Again this year, the Attendance Crew is coordinating a toy drive for students less fortunate. We would LOVE for all of you to join us in the fun!

Last year, our toy drive was extremely successful and rewarding. We were overwhelmed with the generosity of the Arapahoe staff, students and parents. We collected more than 1,350 toys, and delivered 750 of them to Barrett Elementary school in Denver. Each child at Barrett Elementary received two toys and a pair of gloves and a hat. Santa was there giving out candy canes which thrilled the kids. We also provided 600 toys to the Denver Indian Center and the Village Pre-School. All of this was possible because of YOU!

The success of the toy drive over the last seven years has brought lots of community interest. This year, we have "adopted" Fairview Elementary School in Denver. Fairview has 250 students who come from very loving families, but their parents struggle to provide the bare necessities. We are also reaching out to Denver Indian Health and Family Services to provide a new toy to children of these families. This is where Arapahoe can help. Our goal is that each child will receive a new toy from our toy drive and hats and gloves to keep them warm this winter.

There are many ways for you to be a part of this rewarding experience. We need lots of toys and gift wrappers. We are always happy to accept cash donations if you don't have time to shop. Last year, we were truly inspired by so many kids who cared. Student clubs, athletic teams, and individual classes contributed greatly to the overall success of the toy drive.

Once again, we have set a price range between \$10 and \$15 per toy. By keeping within this price range, we can guarantee that each child will receive an appropriate, new toy. Please do not wrap your toys. We will have an after school wrapping party on December 7th. Last year, close to 100 students, staff, and parents wrapped over 750 toys in less than an hour - amazing! On December 16th, we will take one bus of students to deliver toys to the boys and girls at Fairview Elementary School in Denver. If you would like to participate in the delivery day, please let us know.

If you have any questions or ideas, please call or come by the Attendance Office. Thank you so much for helping us spread a little ARAPAHOE holiday cheer!

Happy Holidays!

Linda, Karen, Cindy & Mary