

LOVE GOD
LOVE PEOPLE

LOVE IN *Action*
BACK TO SCHOOL 2023

Join us as we put love in action within our community by loving and supporting our partner schools (Kookan Education Center, Thornton Elementary, & Carter Jr. High) during August. There is no set schedule, we just encourage you to participate as you're able to. Bob Goff says, "Love is never stationary. Love doesn't just keep thinking about it or keep planning for it. Simply put: love does!"

As you show love during the week, we want to see your pictures and videos!
Tag us on social media and email photos to Mary Gibson
at mgibson@arlingtonmethodist.org.

Let all that you do be done in **love**.
1 CORINTHIANS 16:14

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Provide Encouragement

It is a stressful time for educators and administrators. Here are some things you can do at home and drop off at the church to help provide encouragement & love!

1 LETTERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Make handmade cards or purchase cards and write special notes to these workers letting them know that you are thinking of them and that FUMCA is praying for them.

3 GIFT CARDS

Donate \$5 gift cards for teachers, especially for Sonic & Starbucks. We can also use monetary donations to purchase gift cards.

2 WALL POSTERS

Leave an encouraging note for students and school staff as they begin the school year! Posters will be available in the main hallway of the church from August 6 to August 13.

4 PRAYER HEARTS & WORRY WORMS

Crocheted prayer hearts and worry worms are distributed to teachers and students at our partner schools and throughout AISD. Contact us for more info on patterns or if you'd like to learn how to create them!



DROP OFF: FUMCA Church Office

Drop off donations to the First UMC Arlington church office on Sunday mornings or during weekly office hours, Monday–Thursday from 9 am–3 pm.

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Supply Donations

These are items teachers at our partner schools have requested to help fill supply gaps.

- School uniforms
- Prizes/trinkets/stickers for classroom teachers at younger grade levels
- Electric pencil sharpeners
- School Supplies from the approved AISD lists by grade-level for Kooken & Thornton (scan QR codes below for full lists)



Kooken School
Supply List



Thornton School
Supply List

New Day

New Day is a non-profit organization that provides food for AISD students on the weekends. Below is a list of food items needed. If you're interested in helping pack and deliver food bags, contact Lori Nolen at lori.nolen12@gmail.com

- Beef sticks
- Mac and cheese cups
- Applesauce
- Ramen noodles
- Oatmeal
- Vienna sausage
- Individual cereal boxes
- Goldfish
- Juice boxes (100% juice only)
- Chef Boyardee cups

Note: No products may contain nuts or be made in a facility where cross contamination might occur.



Learn more
about New Day at
newdayarlington.org

DROP OFF: Church Office or Love in Action Bins

Drop off donations to the church office or the metal bins in the main hallway on Sunday mornings or during weekly office hours, Monday–Thursday from 9 am–3 pm.

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Volunteer Opportunities

There are several ways you can support our partner schools in the coming weeks, both at school sponsored events, and teacher appreciation events led by our church*. Volunteers must be an AISD approved volunteer. See next page for more details on becoming an approved volunteer.

**We have opportunities to serve all year long.*

For more information on volunteering at any of the events on this page, please contact Pastor Molly or our First UMC Arlington school liaisons.

SCHOOL PARTNER LIAISONS

KOOKEN EDUCATION CENTER

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THORNTON ELEMENTARY

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CARTER JR. HIGH

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Bob Fancher

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Scan the QR code to sign up online for any of these volunteer opportunities or contact our school partner liaisons.

1 CARTER JR. HIGH

Back-to-School Registration

July 31–August 3 | 8:30 am–3:00 pm
Wednesday, August 16

Bilingual translators are needed to help register students at back-to-school registration and on the first day of school. Volunteers aren't required to stay for the entire day, but any help is greatly appreciated. (Non-bilingual volunteers are also welcome, translating is just one of their many needs!) If you plan on attending, please let us know so we can give their administration a volunteer count.

2 KOOKEN EDUCATION CENTER

Upcoming Opportunities

- Clean library books
- Sneak-A-Peek
- Meet the Teacher
- PreK Playground Playdate
- Math-o-Ween

3 THORNTON, CARTER

Classroom Set-up

Help teachers set up bulletin boards, rooms, etc. at any of our partner schools. If you plan on attending, please let us know so we can give their administration a volunteer count.

Thornton Elementary Dates

8/4 8:30 am–5:30 pm
8/5 8:00 am–12:00 pm
8/7 8:30 am–5:30 pm
8/9 1:00 pm–5:30 pm

Carter Jr. High Dates

8/9 Afternoon
8/11 8:00 am–3:30 pm
8/14 8:00 am–3:30 pm
8/15 8:00 am–3:30 pm

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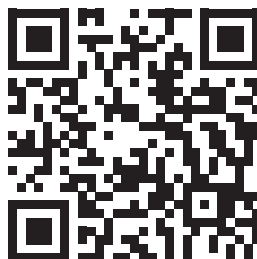
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Become an Approved Volunteer

School Partnership volunteers must be AISD approved volunteers. Below are instructions for becoming an AISD approved volunteer.

All volunteers must submit an online application every year and upload a copy of your unexpired government-issued photo ID to the volunteer application. If you are an AISD teacher, staff member, or substitute, please still fill out the volunteer approval form to make sure we are in compliance with the volunteer process.

1. Log onto the AISD website at www.aisd.net/volunteer
 - Click on "Volunteer Application"
 - Complete the volunteer application. When selecting schools, please include Kooken Ed Center, Thornton Elem, and Carter JH.
2. Submit a copy of your unexpired government issued ID to crc@aisd.net Please place your name in the "subject line" of the e-mail.
3. The PACE Department will match your application and ID copy, then submit the criminal background check to the Texas Department of Public Safety.
 - Upon completion/approval of the criminal background check, the PACE Department will update approved volunteer list in Raptor Technologies.
4. You will receive an e-mail from donotreply@raptortech.com indicating your volunteer application approval.



Scan the QR code to register online
or visit www.aisd.net/volunteer

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31 Days of Prayer

There are so many ways we can be in prayer for our schools, teachers, staff, and students. To the right is a guide to prayer throughout the month of August, with specific ways you can pray each day.

- 1 Custodial and maintenance staff
- 2 Administrative support staff
- 3 School nurses
- 4 Counselors and social workers
- 5 Cafeteria workers
- 6 Bus drivers and transportation crew
- 7 Librarians
- 8 First year teachers
- 9 Seasoned teachers
- 10 Homeschool teachers
- 11 Classroom aides
- 12 Substitute teachers
- 13 Administration: superintendents, principals, HR, IT
- 14 Kindergartners and those at new schools
- 15 Seniors
- 16 Students of all age levels: Pre-K, Elementary, Jr. High, High School
- 17 Students transitioning to new campuses
- 18 Students that are homeless and the Families in Transition team
- 19 Students with differing abilities
- 20 Parents and Guardians
- 21 Student athletes
- 22 Students pursuing trades and crafts
- 23 Creativity among our fine arts students
- 24 Safety of students and protection from violence
- 25 School resource officers
- 26 Kindness among everyone
- 27 Businesses that feed high school students at lunch
- 28 Communities building support
- 29 For professionals preparing for retirement after this year
- 30 For mutual respect between adults, students, and families
- 31 That God be present in all the schools in a powerful way