COMMUNITY CLASSROOM

National Committee Webpage: http://www.dar.org/members/committees/special-committees/community-classroom/community-classroom-committee-home

National Committee Video (under Education): http://www.dar.org/members/national-committee-video-presentations


Objective:
The Community Classroom Committee’s purpose is two-fold:
1. It seeks to encourage Daughters to provide additional support to teachers and children in classrooms and schools in their own communities. Each Chapter is encouraged to appoint a Chair who will encourage and assist in adopting a school or a classroom. Support can be provided by volunteering time and/or resources.
2. It seeks to provide sound lesson plans rich in historical facts enabling teachers to relay the story of the development of the United States. Chapters are encouraged to ask teachers they know to create lesson plans to be reviewed and approved for submission. These lesson plans will be available to teachers in the U.S. and abroad.

As we, Rise and Shine to Squeeze the Day, it is important to remember that education makes the difference for all children in our local communities. DAR women can provide a positive force for children who have difficult circumstances at home. Students at risk of school failure at all levels, preschool through high school, need extra assistance to develop the skills and confidence required to become responsible and productive citizens. We can make a difference in the lives of these children and in our own local communities.

Our state goals are to have at least 50% of Chapters participating and 100 lesson plans approved and posted on the NSDAR educational resources site. Together we can do this!

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Suggestions for volunteers at all grade levels:
• Provide teacher with an example of the DAR Manual for Citizenship in order to distribute to parents who may want to become citizens. https://www.dar.org/national-society/education/dar-manual-citizenship
• Introduce the teacher to the NSDAR Educational Resources Committee to provide grade-appropriate electronic lesson plans focusing on America, its history, government, heritage, genealogy, as well as related language and/or math topics. https://www.dar.org/members/committees/goals-committee
Suggestions for volunteers for preschool through third grade:
• Assist the teacher with putting up bulletin boards and preparing supplies.
• Provide basic supplies for children who do not have pencils, pens, erasers, marking pens, clay, etc.
• Provide backpacks, flags, and flag codes.
• Assist a child with learning the ABCs, numbers, colors, Pledge of Allegiance, listen to the child read, or assist the child with a speaking, writing, art, history, or a science project.
• Assist students with activities such as jump rope, throwing and catching a ball, skipping, jumping, hula hoop, etc.
• Assist a child with learning technology. You may want to share the benefits of your phone, iPad, laptop, etc.
• Assist in the school library, computer lab, science lab, office, nurse’s station, homework club, and after-school activities.

Suggestions for volunteers for fourth through eighth grade:
• Assist the teacher in preparing learning material.
• Provide an extra hand in classroom projects.
• Become an art docent.
• Assist with history day, poetry day, school plays, play the piano for the choir, author day, career days, etc.
• Read with students, practice speaking English, write with students, assist with Student Council activities, assist with lunch-time activities, school dances, and after-school activities.
• Assist with math, science, or history lessons by letting students explain their projects to you.
• Be a judge for a school or classroom project.
• Provide a lesson during Presidents’ Week, Black History Month, or Woman’s History Month. Wear your period clothing to present the lesson.

Suggestions for volunteers for high school:
• A chapter may serve at the snack bar for athletic activities, along with parents and students.
• Act as a judge for school contests.
• Act as a mentor for college applications.
• Chapters may want to provide scholarships for low income students.
• Participate in Career Fairs, History Days, Science Olympiads, Mathletes, Mock Trials, etc.
• Volunteer in the library, computer labs, science labs, office, cafeteria, or nurse’s station.
• Join the Parent Teacher Association or Parent Club to support school activities and become acquainted with parents who may be learning English.
• Work with local businesses to provide financial support for the school through providing uniforms for band, choir, and athletics.

Forms: Community Classroom Success Story
https://www.dar.org/members/committees/special-committees/community-classroom/forms

Success Stories: Each chapter may submit one Success Story picture and article of no more than 130 words to their Community Classroom State Chair for approval on the NSDAR Community Classroom Committee page. This picture and article must depict the volunteer(s) providing a service to a classroom or school. The picture must be a digital 72dpi .jpg file. The file should not be over 1mb in size. When sending pictures with school children, be sure to check with the teacher or principal to see if the parent has given permission to allow their child’s picture to be taken. Please include the following:
• Chapter name and address.
• Regent’s name, address, phone number, and email address.
• Chapter Community Classroom Chair’s name, address, phone number and email address.

Resources: Tips for classroom and school volunteers
https://www.dar.org/members/committees/special-committees/community-classroom/tips-volunteers
**Educational Resources**

Education continues to be one of its main focus areas of the NSDAR. The Educational Resources Committee was established to electronically provide lesson plans focusing on America, its history, government, heritage, genealogy, as well as related language and/or math topics.

These lesson plans will be available for all teachers – both in the United States and abroad -- and will be readily accessible so that teachers will be able to easily select those that meet their needs. America’s various training areas (public/private schools, clubs, religious congregations, etc.) will be assisted as they provide the knowledge needed for children to succeed.

Lesson plans may be submitted by DAR members or by the public for use in schools, by clubs or other interested groups. As more are received, the “pool” of lesson plans will continue to grow. Revisit the NSDAR website on a regular basis, as additional lesson plans will become available.

The committee encourages sharing this flyer to promote additional lesson plans and community involvement.

Those submitting lesson plans will need to provide the following:

- A completed Cover Sheet
- A completed Original Lesson Plan

Please encourage the teachers you know to get involved, and submit a lesson plan to educationalresources@nsdar.org.

**Approved Lesson Plans**

As lesson plans are submitted, reviewed and approved by the committee, they will be posted on the DAR website. Please plan on visiting the site on a periodic basis to investigate the newly added lesson plans.