

# Lexington NHS Project List 2024-2025

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### One-Time Only Opportunities

**ALL NHS SPONSORED EVENTS CAN BE USED FOR NHS HOURS:  
NHS Peer Tutoring, NHS Bake Sales, NHS Talent Show, NHS Multicultural Festival,  
Asian Night**

#### **Lexington Parent Academy**

Contact: Ms. Demirev [kdemirev@lexingtonma.org](mailto:kdemirev@lexingtonma.org)

Dates: 3/22/2025

**Project Description:** We need student volunteers to assist with running the Lexington Parent Academy which is on SATURDAY MARCH 22nd from 9-3 at the Lexington Community Center (39 Marrett Road). You can sign up for the whole day or a morning or afternoon shift. Once the form is shut off or times have been removed it means that we are full for that period. Roles will include general support, guiding participants, set up/clean up, helping with food sales, orientation will be provided when you arrive. Volunteer sign up linked [here](#).

**Project Structure:** The event itself is a free community event for parents/guardians to attend. There are 3 sessions with 5 presentations running during each. The whole event is volunteer run, so we are looking for students to assist with checking in presenters and participants, showing people around, potential help with tech support, staffing the bake sale that will be running, set up/clean up, and any other general support needed. We will orient students when they arrive at the community center for the event (39 Marrett Rd)

#### **Writing cards for teachers**

LHS Class of 2026, Advisor: Ms. Martha Queenin

Student Contact: Keya Doshi [26stu310@lexingtonma.org](mailto:26stu310@lexingtonma.org)

Dates: 2/4/2025 – 5/10/2025

**Project Description:** Anyone is welcome to join the LHS Junior Class Council in writing appreciation cards for teachers. We will have supplies to write the cards. Class council members will deliver the cards.

**Project Structure:** We decided to write cards for teachers to show our appreciation for all that they do for us. We will plan for the writing of cards to be for 1 hour. Students should arrive before 8am to room 154 (counseling department in the main building), and we will provide supplies (cards, markers, stickers) for them to use to write their card(s). We have our first session on Tuesday, February 4th, 2025. We will also have more sessions coming up in May, ending on Friday, May 9th, 2025.

### **Key Club Book Drive**

Student Contact: Shriya Desai, [25stu501@lexingtonma.org](mailto:25stu501@lexingtonma.org)

Dates: 3/31/2025

**Project Description:** Sorting and approving books collected by genre, age, etc, then packing them into boxes. After sorting, we will decide on a charity to donate to!

**Project Structure:** Students should arrive at 4:30 at the location that is sent to them. The project will be on one day, for about 4-5 hours.

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## **Recurring Opportunities**

### **Peer Tutoring**

Contact: Kayla Brenner [25stu299@lexingtonma.org](mailto:25stu299@lexingtonma.org)

Volunteers needed for peer tutoring in the learning center in room 712. This is a great way to get your hours in during school hours or after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays and it can be for practically any subject! Peer tutoring needs people for the blocks listed below, but all availability is appreciated. To learn more, visit the [Peer Tutoring Website](#), and to sign up, use this link: [Sign-up Form](#).

We specifically need volunteers during:

B1, B3

C2, C3, C4

D1, D3, D4

E1, E2, E4

F1, F3, F4

H1, H2, H3, H4

Iblock (day 3, 5, and 6)

And after school on Thursdays. (3:15-4:15)

### **Never Fading Poppy Project**

Contact: Candice Lin and Lucy Wei [neverfadingpoppies@gmail.com](mailto:neverfadingpoppies@gmail.com)

Dates: 9/13/2024 – 6/19/2025

**Project Description:** The Never-Fading Poppy Project is a student-led, not-for-profit organization established in Lexington, MA, in 2020. Our aim is to connect generations through art, primarily through sending students' handmade cards to local veterans in the community. NFPP utilizes card kits which contain five cards, five envelopes, and instructions, for an easier volunteer experience.

**Project Structure:** If interested in participating, we encourage students to email us at neverfadingpoppies@gmail.com for more details regarding card kit pick-up locations. NFPP typically gives three community service/NHS hours for five completed cards (or one card kit), however, depending on presented effort and originality, the hours can differ.

### **Global Mentor Alliance**

Contact: Anagha Chakravarti [25stu052@lexingtonma.org](mailto:25stu052@lexingtonma.org)

Dates: 9/16/2024 – 5/9/2025

**Project Description:** Global Mentor Alliance partners with Loglogo, an at-risk school in rural Kenya, to send pen pals over email, as well as conduct peer to peer lessons. Students should respond to their pen pal email once a week. Each email is an hour of community service. During peer to peer lessons, Lexington students teach Loglogo students how to operate their computers over Google Meet from 7-8AM once a week on a day of their choosing (Monday-Friday). For lessons, the curriculum will be provided and they will have a partner helping them! All they have to do is join for an hour a week!

**Project Structure:** The pen pal program is completely asynchronous! Students will email their pen pal once a week, with each pen pal being officially due at Thursday, 10PM. For peer to peer lessons, we will assign a day from Monday-Friday based on your availability. From 7-8AM, students will join a Google Meet, and, along with a partner, teach Loglogo (an at-risk school in rural Kenya) students basic computer skills (such as using google docs and spreadsheets). Slideshows/curriculum will be provided! Peer to peer lessons and the pen pal program are provided year-round, but students are able to stop or start at any point.

### **Lex Music Connection**

Contact: Larine Ouyang, William Zhang [25stu319@lexingtonma.org](mailto:25stu319@lexingtonma.org)

Dates: 9/1/2022 – 6/1/2025

**Project Description:** Lex Music Connection program visits elementary schools in Lexington successively and provides students with music appreciation and enrichment classes after school to build meaningful connections between students and the musical arts. During the classes, we provide students with an actively engaging music environment by presenting them with different instruments, music styles, and distinct music ensemble formations. We seek to enhance students' music experience and their exploration of musical masterpieces throughout the program.

**Project Structure:** The students are required to attend their teaching session on Thursdays, and will be required to arrive at the space between the World Language building and the band room of the Lexington High School and ride to elementary school with other mentors for that day.

### **Companion Club**

Contact: Joshua Rifkin [25stu319@lexingtonma.org](mailto:25stu319@lexingtonma.org)

Dates: 10/6/2024 – 5/25/2025

**Project Description:** We visit Youville Place, a senior home in Lexington, and spend time with the residents.

**Project Structure:** We will have 1 block meetings throughout the year. Visits will happen about every other Sunday, usually in the early afternoon.

### **Transfer Peer Mentors**

Contact: Sophia Sha [25stu585@lexingtonma.org](mailto:25stu585@lexingtonma.org), Siya Setty [25stu507@lexingtonma.org](mailto:25stu507@lexingtonma.org)

**Project Description:** LHS Transfer Peer Mentors is a school organization led by three teachers and student leaders, dedicated to supporting transfer students as they adjust to life at LHS. On their first day, peer mentors act as guides, accompanying transfer students to their classes and lunch. Members also hold regular meetings to plan special events—such as “Cookies & Community Service” and “Transfer Around the World”—designed to welcome new students and help them feel more at home within the community. The organization is divided into four committees, including the Campus Visibility Committee, which handles event publicity, and the Fundraising Committee.

**Project Structure:** Special events are held on specific dates, while peer mentor guides assist whenever a new student arrives.

### **Computer Science Club**

Contact: Jason Deng and Nyasa Luharuka [26stu248@lexingtonma.org](mailto:26stu248@lexingtonma.org), [lhscscaptains@gmail.com](mailto:lhscscaptains@gmail.com), [ffrommer@lexingtonma.org](mailto:ffrommer@lexingtonma.org) (Advisor - Mrs. Pfrommer)

Dates: 11/1/2024 – 4/30/2025

**Project Description:** Computer Science Club creates projects and activity lessons to share with and teach middle schoolers at both Clarke and Diamond. Members work in groups to prepare interactive coding-related activities for students. You will have time to prepare your activity during club meetings and also at home if you would like. Specific dates that we are visiting Clarke will either be posted in our classroom or notified through email. Contact us at [lhscscaptains@gmail.com](mailto:lhscscaptains@gmail.com)

**Project Structure:** Collaborative project preparation takes place during club meetings (Tuesdays at 3:20 - 4:20 pm in room 824). You can also work on projects outside of club time. Specific dates for Clarke and Diamond are not yet determined. They will most likely be on Tuesdays. For both Clarke and Diamond, we will arrive by our own transportation or carpool around 3:30 pm and end by 4:30 pm.

### **Open Doors Foundation**

Contact: Devangi Rath [25stu157@lexingtonma.org](mailto:25stu157@lexingtonma.org)

Dates: 9/20/2024 – 5/30/2025

**Project Description:** Our mission is to address and combat inequalities in health and academic literacy in underprivileged communities, break down barriers to education, and provide a nurturing environment that fosters, growth, resilience and hope. We fundraise for different organizations such as CSS (Center for Social Service), a school for orphaned teenage girls in India. We also make healthcare packages for senior homes, post online on social media on different health issues to raise awareness.

**Project Structure:** Our project has a google classroom with all interested members. We meet Day 5 i-block every other cycle but we post on the google classroom when and where to sign up as well. Additionally, for extra meetings and time for fundraisers, we will post in our classroom and assign members to fundraisers during meetings.

## **Project Sunshine**

Contact: Sofia Green [25stu508@lexingtonma.org](mailto:25stu508@lexingtonma.org)

Dates: 10/12/2024 – 7/20/2024

**Project Description:** A club that will meet bi-weekly during Iblock to support Project Sunshine's mission through fundraisers and kit packing events. Project Sunshine is a nonprofit organization that works to deliver the healing power of play to children in hospitals.

**Project Structure:** The meetings will be day 3 I-blocks every two weeks. We may have occasional events outside of these meeting times, but those will be on a case-by-case basis.

## **Cancer Kids First**

Contact: Bianca Shen [25stu096@lexingtonma.org](mailto:25stu096@lexingtonma.org)

Dates: 10/14/2024 – 6/19/2025

**Project Description:** Cancer Kids First (CKF) is the world's largest youth-led pediatric cancer nonprofit. We strive to normalize the hospital environment and build a supportive community for patients through five service programs. We donate cards, crafts, toys & books, hospital resources, medical equipment, dream gifts, and host interactive virtual events. Our youth-led team is at the core of our mission and services; we intend to encourage young people to help others their age.

**Project Structure:** We hold a few events each month where students can volunteer when they can. These events can be outside of school hours on weekends, or after school hours on weekdays. We hold many gift/toy drives, bake sales, card making meetings, and collaborate with other Cancer Kids First chapters nearby.

## **Active Bystander Training - Facilitator**

Contact: Solea Millett [25stu512@lexingtonma.org](mailto:25stu512@lexingtonma.org)

Advisor: Mrs. Demirev, [kdemirev@lexingtonma.org](mailto:kdemirev@lexingtonma.org)

Dates: 10/17/2025 – 10/18/2025, The dates are subject to change and it's up to Mrs. Demirev and Mrs. Dyer to figure out that date.

**Project Description:** As a facilitator for the active bystander training, we help people at school gain confidence to stand up in more uncomfortable situations and show them that it takes just 1 person to make a difference and get others involved. As a facilitator, you run a small group with a co-facilitator through a series of activities and guidelines while helping with large group activities.

**Project Structure:** "IMPORTANT: the date changes each year. You have to ask Mrs.Demirev as it gets closer.

Active Bystander training happens during a school day and you go from around 8:30-2:30pm. There are transportation options like a bus from school or you can drive yourself. You will fill out a form for this. When you arrive around 8:30am, you can get breakfast, meet your facilitators and get settled. Then, facilitators begin speaking at the front of the room with Mrs. Demirev and Mrs.Dyer about the day. Facilitators follow a booklet they have with activities, large group activities, and speaking point. These activities are fun, a little silly, and help people become comfortable being uncomfortable because the situations can be tough. Throughout the day, the trainees are shown various methods to intervene and



when they should get help. We talk about situations that have happened before and recognize where we could've stepped in to help. Lunch is also provided. At the end of the day, you help clean up, get on the bus (or in your car), and go home. "

### **James Gang 5k run and walk fundraiser!**

Contact: Solea Millett [25stu512@lexingtonma.org](mailto:25stu512@lexingtonma.org)

Advisor: [thejamesgangrunners@gmail.com](mailto:thejamesgangrunners@gmail.com)

Dates: 9/29/2025, DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE - the date may change for the following years.

**Project Description:** The James Gang is an organization centered around a man named James who has a disability but has been a part of multiple marathons with his family. This race is for other people who want to run or walk a race and support him on his endeavor. As a volunteer, you cheer on the racers and hand out refreshments and snacks following the race. There is music and lots of people. It's a lot of fun!

**Project Structure:** Depending on the time of the race, you can arrive 30 minutes to 1 hour before hand. You will go to the volunteer desk to receive your T-shirt for the day and you ask where they would like you stationed. During the race, which lasts around 30 minutes, you can cheer, ring bells and help point people in the right direction. Then afterwards, you go to the finish to help with snacks, hear the winners announced and hand out refreshments.

### **Harvard Homeless Mission**

Contact: Joonsung Chyung [26stu278@lexingtonma.org](mailto:26stu278@lexingtonma.org)

Advisor: Sandy Han, [sandyhanm5@gmail.com](mailto:sandyhanm5@gmail.com)

Dates: 11/2/2024 – 7/1/2025

**Project Description:** Making care packages for the homeless community in the Cambridge area

**Project Structure:** Students can make care packages containing items such as snacks, drinks, toiletries, and meals on designated days throughout the school year. The first day will be November 2nd and the following dates are still to be determined but likely will be every 4-6 weeks.

### **Cradles to Crayons**

Contact: Medha Jayendran [25stu380@lexingtonma.org](mailto:25stu380@lexingtonma.org)

Dates: 10/30/2024 – 6/1/2025

**Project Description:** Cradles to Crayons is a nonprofit that aims to provide underprivileged children with clothes, books, and other necessities. We run bake sales to raise funds, as well as organize clothing, book, and toy drives to donate to the Giving Factory. Students can get involved by helping with bake sales and drives.

**Project Structure:** By joining the google classroom (code: 4avxi2q), students can find out when bake sales are, and help out by baking or running the stand. Students can also donate clothes, books, or toys when we are organizing drives. More information about when drives are hosted is on google classroom.

### **Eco Club**

Contact: Charmaine Cao [26stu447@lexingtonma.org](mailto:26stu447@lexingtonma.org)

Advisor: Joshua King, [jking@lexingtonma.org](mailto:jking@lexingtonma.org)

Dates: 10/02/2024 – 4/20/2025

**Project Description:** Plan educational seminars that will be held at elementary schools. The process will include brainstorming seminar ideas and creating games that will teach elementary students about the environment, as well as going to the elementary schools in order to teach younger students. Clean-ups will also be held. Students who sign up will be able to walk along a nature trail and pick up any litter they find.

**Project Structure:** Students should come to RM 319 in the science building every Wednesday 3:30 - 4:30. Seminar and clean up dates are still TBD.

### **Jonas Clarke Science Olympiad Coaching**

Contact: Stephanie Wan [lexingtonscioly@gmail.com](mailto:lexingtonscioly@gmail.com)

Advisor: Aurora Wang, [aurorawang23@gmail.com](mailto:aurorawang23@gmail.com)

Dates: 11/01/2024 – 5/24/2025

**Project Description:** High schoolers teach Jonas Clarke middle schoolers science through weekly coaching sessions on events (subject areas, such as epidemiology or ecology) in the Science Olympiad competition.

**Project Structure:** Contact [lexingtonscioly@gmail.com](mailto:lexingtonscioly@gmail.com) or fill out this form ([https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Yk1n79m12lwl\\_lfB6ryquvh\\_qnrSOdQo08M42EEkeQM/edit?gid=439264627#gid=439264627](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Yk1n79m12lwl_lfB6ryquvh_qnrSOdQo08M42EEkeQM/edit?gid=439264627#gid=439264627)) if interested. Students choose an event they have experience in and then it is up to their discretion how their coaching sessions are organized (virtually through Zoom, in-person, etc.) and we will email them more information. Students can choose the frequency and dates of their meetings, though general guidelines are around once a week.

### **Hastings STEM Club**

Contact: Olivia Bao, Matthew Chen, Daniel Borisevich, Maggie San Francisco, Sally Choi, Tristan Goodell [26stu421@lexingtonma.org](mailto:26stu421@lexingtonma.org)

Dates: 12/03/2024 – 6/27/2025

**Project Description:** Hastings STEM Club is a program dedicated to providing the 4th and 5th graders of Maria Hastings Elementary School with the opportunity to expand their knowledge of science and engineering outside of school. The STEM projects developed for elementary students by high-school students allow them to develop their skill in not just science and engineering, but also in team-building, problem-solving, and creative thinking. High-school students work in groups to create STEM projects and can volunteer regularly on Tuesdays to teach elementary school students in-person.

**Project Structure:** Our project is divided into seasons, and we are currently in the middle of our fall session. There are 6 in-person volunteer opportunities per session, and the other sessions are spent at LHS planning projects for Hastings students. Prior to each session, a Google Form will be sent out via our Google Classroom to collect high-school students' availability to volunteer for each session. Every in-person volunteer opportunity is on Tuesday, and transportation is available to and from the high-school

and Hastings school, but most people go home directly from the Hastings. LHS meetings are from 3:30 - 4:00, and Hastings meetings are 3:30 - 5:00 depending on the complexity of the project.

### **Field to Plate Club**

Contact: Madeline Majchrzak, Spencer Basta, Dilan Ongur [25stu349@lexingtonma.org](mailto:25stu349@lexingtonma.org)

Advisor: Heather Arrigo, [harrigo@lexingtonma.org](mailto:harrigo@lexingtonma.org)

Dates: 8/27/2024 – 6/22/2025

**Project Description:** We are a club that organizes and carries out canned food drives at sporting events at Lexington High and donates to local food banks and shelters.

**Project Structure:** We meet during I blocks to plan and organize our events and work on promoting them. Then, during the day of the event, we have members come to set up our table and run the booth, collecting donations, and then help clean up afterwards. Later, about once a quarter, with numerous members of the club, we bring the donation to the food banks and help stock the shelves with our donations.

### **Bee Club**

Contact: Ariana Gaebe [25stu075@lexingtonma.org](mailto:25stu075@lexingtonma.org)

Dates: 8/1/2024 – 6/20/2025

**Project Description:** We raise awareness about the threat on pollinators and take action to help. We volunteer to support the Lexington Bee Company, raising money to support community initiatives. Activities include making soaps, candles, and other products; jarring honey; and helping directly with the hives.

**Project Structure:** There are many events throughout the year, which are posted on the Bee Club Google Classroom. We also hold meetings during I Blocks.

### **Madhatter Knits**

Contact: Bruna Scussel [26stu102@lexingtonma.org](mailto:26stu102@lexingtonma.org)

Dates: 1/6/2025 – 6/4/2025

**Project Description:** Madhatter Knits is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization dedicated to supplying knit hats for premature babies in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). Their goal is that critically ill infants and their families in the NICU will receive love and support through their fragile beginnings. Students will crochet or knit hats for premature babies.

**Project Structure:** The project is relatively self paced, students can come to crochet club Wednesdays in room 180 from 3:15 to 4:15 so the leader can help them through the sign-up process. After that they can come to club to work on the hats to their liking. Not all hats have to be made at club but they must all be shown at the club to the advisor to receive hours. The project technically continues all year if students want to keep volunteering for the organization but NHS hours are not given for work done after the ending date.

### **Refugee Alliance**

Contact: Madeleine Chang, Margaret Urdan, Ramaiza Sohail [25stu348@lexingtonma.org](mailto:25stu348@lexingtonma.org)  
Dates: 12/21/2024 – 6/1/2025

**Project Description:** Several times throughout the year, the Refugee Alliance will team up with local organizations to spend time volunteering with and for refugees around the area. These events include collecting and sorting donations, volunteering at luncheons and fundraiser dinners, and spending time with refugee children after school.

**Project Structure:** The Refugee Alliance will host several opportunities to volunteer in the upcoming year. The first of such events is Saturday, December 20th from 11:00AM to 1:00PM where we will be sorting winter clothing donations for a clothing drive in partnership with the International Institute of New England. Details of further project days will become available as they are fully planned out.

### **Bowman Science Fair Student Mentoring**

Contact: Anna Costache, Ivy Chatterjee [25stu064@lexingtonma.org](mailto:25stu064@lexingtonma.org)  
Dates: 1/29/2025 – 2/19/2025

**Project Description:** Virtually mentor elementary students from Bowman on their science fair projects on Wednesdays from 5pm- 6pm from January 29th - February 19th. For the first 30 minutes the club leaders will lead the lessons and then the last 20-30 min we will split kids into breakout rooms with one or two volunteers and volunteers will help them through their projects and pre-planned activities!

**Project Structure:** Sessions will be held on Zoom on Wednesdays from January 29th - February 19th from 5:00pm - 6:00pm.

### **Economics/Finance Club**

Contact: Joanna Zhao [26stu266@lexingtonma.org](mailto:26stu266@lexingtonma.org)  
Dates: 10/17/2024 - 5/22/2025

**Project Description:** The LHS Economics Club runs a finance/economics club at Diamond. Each week, we introduce different economics and finance concepts to the middle schoolers through presentations, group activities, and games.

**Project Structure:** We hold meetings at Diamond on Thursdays from 3:30pm-4:30pm. We will carpool to Diamond together right after school.

### **Presents For Patients**

Contact: Arden Taylor, Omid Mohsenzadeh, [26stu067@lexingtonma.org](mailto:26stu067@lexingtonma.org),  
[26stu425@lexingtonma.org](mailto:26stu425@lexingtonma.org)  
Dates: 1/7/2025 - 6/19/2025

**Project Description:** Presents for Patients is a LHS club that does fundraisers, such as bake sales and toy drives to purchase presents for children at Wellesley hospital. Members help with the bake sales, other fundraisers, advertising, and delivering toys.

**Project Structure:** We meet on biweekly Day 5 I Blocks under the supervision of Mr. Durbin in room 177. We also do monthly fundraisers where students can volunteer to help us fundraise. Our volunteers can

also contribute by delivering the toys to the hospital and finding toys to purchase. People who are interested can join our google classroom: 7vozrgq.

### **Sources of Strength Valentines**

Contact: Maggie Shih [mshih@lexingtonma.org](mailto:mshih@lexingtonma.org)

Dates: 1/16/2025 – 2/14/2025

**Project Description:** In this project students cut out paper hearts for Valentines day. These Valentines will be distributed to the entire student body during advisory on valentines day.

**Project Structure:** There are multiple ways this project is structured. One way is through Sources of Strength meetings after school on January 30th and February 6th until 4:15 pm. Additionally students can sign up for I-blocks, under Dean Bartlett to cut hearts. Finally, students can meet Maggie Shih and can receive sheets of paper, and every 10 sheets completed amount to 1 hour.

### **Hearts and Heroes**

Contact: Natalie Han, Sophia Ding, Ian McWilliams [heartsandheroesproject@gmail.com](mailto:heartsandheroesproject@gmail.com),  
[26stu400@lexingtonma.org](mailto:26stu400@lexingtonma.org), [26stu508@lexingtonma.org](mailto:26stu508@lexingtonma.org)

Dates: 1/27/2025 – 6/18/2025

**Project Description:** This project is where we are giving back to our doctors, nurses, and patients. We create "thank you" cards for doctors and nurses, who we know have to face many difficulties and stressors. We hope to show them the community's appreciation and support through thank you cards for the workers and notes of encouragement for patients. We hope to do more hands-on activities and potentially take some visits.

**Project Structure:** Students may complete cards or crafts at any time, though we will have announced special events throughout the year, which will have stricter deadlines. Students may contact us at any time to pick up a pack of 3 cards or they can drop by room 246/247 after school on Thursdays.

### **DreamCrafters**

Contact: Hailey Kim [26stu620@lexingtonma.org](mailto:26stu620@lexingtonma.org)

Dates: 1/30/2025 – 6/19/2025

**Project Description:** DreamCrafters is a club focused on promoting healthy sleep habits and advocating for mental wellness among students. Our key activities include assembling and distributing sleep improvement kits, creating educational materials, and hosting awareness campaigns. We aim to help students understand the importance of rest and provide practical solutions for better sleep hygiene.

**Project Structure:** The club meets once of two weeks to plan activities and work on projects. Members participate in designing and assembling sleep kits, which include items like eye masks, herbal teas, and sleep guides. We also organize outreach events such as awareness posters or campaigns. Club members can choose to help with various tasks based on their availability and interests. Regular meetings are held from 3:15-4:00 on Tuesdays, with special events scheduled quarterly.

## **ADHD/Dyslexia Peer-to-Peer Mentoring**

Advisor: Jennifer Yaar, [jennifer.yaar@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.yaar@gmail.com)

Student Contact: Colin Smith [smithcolin959@gmail.com](mailto:smithcolin959@gmail.com)

Dates: 2/1/2025 – 11/29/2026

**Project Description:** Students with ADHD/Dyslexia mentor younger students who also have ADHD or Dyslexia. Older peers can help give them strategies on how to manage the challenges or just be someone to talk to about issues.

**Project Structure:** Meetings occur once a month on Saturday for 2 hours at a time. The times vary but often it is from 12:00pm-2:00pm at the Lexington Community Center.

## **Teen Library Leadership Council**

Advisor: Michelle Techler, [mtechler@minlib.net](mailto:mtechler@minlib.net)

Student Contact: Amanda Offsey [25stu045@lexingtonma.org](mailto:25stu045@lexingtonma.org)

Dates: 9/4/2024 – 5/14/2025

**Project Description:** "The Teen Library Leadership Council (LLC) is a group of 7-12th graders looking to improve the experience of teens at the library by advising on library policies, inspiring creative library enrichment events, and engaging in our shared values of community and personal growth.

The LLC strives to promote a close-knit community and a network of teens in both middle school and high school. We encourage inclusive collaboration within our council as well as through our outreach to library patrons outside of the LLC. As a group, we love to bring new activities and experiences to our community by holding various events for library patrons of all ages. We aim to foster growth and encourage responsibility among the young adults in our community, and through the library, help our fellow teens thrive! The LLC meets 1-2 times a month. Our meetings are on Wednesdays from 5-6 PM, and all meetings are in-person unless otherwise noted. Pizza and snacks are available at meetings, and members are not obligated to attend every meeting. "

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## **Waste Bin Survey**

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Dates: 4/7/2025 – 5/16/2025

**Project Description:** The town of Lexington is seeking volunteers to assist with a data collection project to better understand the number of bins and quantity of waste that is put out on trash collection days by Lexington households. This survey is part of the Waste Reduction Task Force's efforts to make recommendations about ways to both reduce waste and hauling costs. If you volunteer, you will be assigned a segment of a trash collection route to survey. You will be given a data collection sheet where

you will mark the number and size of trash and recycling bins out at each house along the route. You will also record the approximate fill level of the trash bins and whether or not there is a compost bin. This will not require touching the trash itself, just trash bins.

**Project Structure:** Weekdays between 6:00 am - 7:00 am. Trash collection begins at 7:00 am, and we can only get complete data if the survey is done after bins are put out, but before the waste is collected. We are looking for volunteers who can take shifts between Monday April 7th and Friday May 16th. All routes are in Lexington and you can sign up for street segments that are in a convenient location for you.

### **SADD Elementary Presentations (Bullying & Drug Prevention)**

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Dates: 3/27/2025 – 4/17/2025

**Project Description:** In this project, high school students called peer educators go to the elementary schools and help give presentations on bullying and drug prevention. These presentations are given to 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students and they cover a variety of topics including, how to prevent bullying, refusal skills, peer pressure, drugs (nicotine, marijuana, alcohol), and more.

**Project Structure:** The elementary presentations are run through the SADD club and people who are interested can sign up with the forms posted in the SADD club google classroom. The dates and times for each presentation will depend on which one you sign up for. There are multiple presentations running over the next month, and information for each of them will be posted on the google classroom as they approach.

### **Lexington Recreation Pickleball and Badminton Attendant**

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Dates: 2/2/2025 - 6/9/2025

**Project Description:** "Pickleball - I set up the nets at diamond middle school before the session before taking attendance and greeting players. I then stay for the session in case of any injuries or other issues before taking down the nets at the end of the session. Depending on the day I will sometimes stay for two sessions, so I am there anywhere from 2.5 to 4 hours.

Badminton - At Estabrook, I arrive before the session to set up the nets. I then let players into the school and check them in. I then oversee the 2 hour session before taking down the nets.

**Project Structure:** For the Winter session, I arrive Mondays at Estabrook for badminton. I arrive early at about 6:30 before the 7:00-9:00pm session. Then, on Tuesdays, I work 5:45-7:30 at Diamond for pickleball. For the spring session, I will work Mondays and Tuesday at diamond for just pickleball. Both days are from 5:45-8:30pm.

### **Massachusetts High School Chess League**

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Dates: 9/1/2024 - 7/1/2025



**Project Description:** Chess league with 20 Massachusetts High School teams. Roles include: advertising, setting up in advance, running the event (TD), contacting and getting sponsors, etc..

**Project Structure:** It's structured like a whole year long league; separated into many phases. The first phase is online scrims, and the second phase is a grand prix, and the final is in person matchups. It takes tons of hours to run all three, advertise, and find sponsors. The dates are continuous throughout the year.

### **Cards for Patients**

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Dates: 1/2/2025 – 5/23/2025

**Project Description:** Write get well soon cards for patients at Lahey Hospital and Medical Center.

**Project Structure:** Students can write cards on their own time and give them to me when they are done.

### **Clarke Middle School Mock Trial**

Student Contact: Victorie Sang [26stu552@lexingtonma.org](mailto:26stu552@lexingtonma.org)

Dates: 9/28/2024 - 6/15/2025

**Project Description:** "We meet every Friday at 3:30 (12:30 on half days) and teach 6-8 graders all about mock trial and the law. Middle schoolers will learn about different laws, objections, and public speaking. At the end of the year, they will have a real trial against the Diamond club where we will decide who wins! Students must have some knowledge about mock trial/the law and be able to communicate with middle schoolers. We will also host planning outside of meetings.

**Project Structure:** There is a sign up system for each week and up to 4 can come. If students sign up, they should arrive at Clarke every Friday at 3:30, or 12:30 on half days. We will often meet outside of Commons Two and walk as a group or carpool. Each meeting takes an hour.

### **NE RISE - New England Resilient Individuals for South Asian Empowerment**

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Dates: 12/21/2023 – 8/31/2026

**Project Description:** "NE RISE is to create a community of South Asian teenagers that fosters an environment where they actively hold their cultural identity with esteem.

Our South Asian non-profit organization (NE RISE) is committed to empowering South Asian teenagers, fostering their development, and strengthening their sense of cultural identity. We are dedicated to giving teens the tools they need to engage in education, community service, and start along a successful path. Through a variety of activities and events, we hope to deepen South Asian youth's connection to their roots and foster a greater understanding and respect for their cultural heritage. Our group aims to expand knowledge and understanding of the South Asian population by fostering cultural pride, academic success, and personal growth. Our motivation comes from an understanding that every South Asian teenager deserves the resources they need to thrive, contribute, and realize their aspirations."



**Project Structure:** The Executive Board meets once a month and the Board of the Directors should meet with the Executive Board bi-monthly. Members are welcome to apply to become a leader. Members will help in creating awareness of South Asian culture through different events throughout their communities. The Board will also host main events for our main aspects: culture awareness, community engagement (volunteering), and college prep. To be a part of this project people would typically meet at least bi-monthly to help with NE RISE's initiative and interact with each other to create a community across New England.

### **Diamond Middle School Science Olympiad**

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Dates: 12/1/2024 – 4/30/2025

**Project Description:** High schoolers can coach Diamond Science Olympiad team members on specific events in weekly meetings.

**Project Structure:** Sign up on this spreadsheet: [+](#) Coaching 24-25 Coaches meet weekly with the students in their respective events to help prepare them for upcoming competitions. We will email with more information.

### **Lexington High School Store**

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Dates: 3/20/2025 - 6/18/2025

**Project Description:** Students can sign up to volunteer to open and sell things during store hours (which are mostly during our frees). They will volunteer to spend their time working in the store to sell a variety of products to students. Google Classroom Code: mbxstrf

**Project Structure:** Students will inform us through the google classroom of frees that they have and shifts they would like to work, cycling through the 6 day cycle as it goes. There is also an opportunity to come in a little early or stay after to staff as well.

### **Red Cross Club**

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Dates: 12/1/2024 – 6/10/2025

**Project Description:** As a club we are a part of the Red Cross. We frequently sponsor blood drives and volunteer at them. We also host bake sales to donate money to the Red Cross and other charitable organizations.

**Project Structure:** We have club meetings every Wednesday from 3:15 to 4pm in room 809. If you are interested in learning more please email us! During our meetings we plan our upcoming blood drives, bake sales, and community service activities. Then after a few meetings we host our planned events. We typically plan our bake sales 2 weeks ahead of the planned date and our blood drives 2 months ahead of the planned date.

