



For the first time GIVE Day will be a single day, recognized across the entire School Division on January 31, as part of the asynchronous Approaches to Learning (ATL) Day. Students of all ages are called to engage in service as action.

GIVE Day stands for **Get Involved, Value Everyone**. Since its inception in 2016, with a small group of 5th graders (now in 11th grade) and the Falls Church Elementary PTA, GIVE Day has fostered a culture of caring in FCCPS. Over the years, ongoing enthusiasm for these programs expanded the program to middle school and high school GIVE Day programs.

January is turning into GIVE Month - as our student GIVE Day Ambassadors work together to raise awareness and funds for their service projects. The elementary GIVE Day Club (33 5th graders) is working to raise \$6000 to make 1500+ food packs with Food for Others, addressing local food insecurity. The Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School GIVE Day Club (98 Ambassadors strong) are working to raise \$10,000 to pack 30,000 meals together in partnership with Rise Against Hunger, addressing global hunger. The Meridian GIVE Day Club is putting together Ignite: Service as Action on the importance of service learning (five on executive board, 50 members). There will also be an INOVA Bloodmobile on the secondary campus that morning. Corporate sponsors include Patient First, Clark Construction, Parabalís, Focal Point Homes, Baroody Camps, Clare and Don's, Lazy Mike's, Zimmerman Homes, and Scramble.

Community members can support GIVE Day in the following ways:

- ~~Dine out/Take out with Clare and Don's on Tuesday, Jan 18 from 5-8pm (supporting middle school)~~
- ~~Bingo Night with Baroody Camps on Friday, Jan 21 @ 7:30 p.m. (supporting the elementary school)~~
- ~~Badd Pizza Restaurant Night on Wednesday, Jan 26 (supporting the elementary school)~~
- ~~Bake Sale @ the Community Center on Saturday, Jan 29th from 9am-12pm. (supporting the elementary school)~~
- ~~[Order](#) the GIVE Day "Empower Mint" Ice Cream flavor from Lazy Mikes by Jan 25, pick up by Jan 28 (supporting middle school)~~
- Donate to [FCEPTA GIVE Day](#)
- Donate to [MEHMS GIVE Day](#)

On January 31, all events will take place at Meridian High School.

- 10:00 a.m.-noon elementary students will be packing Power Packs in the Auxiliary gym at Meridian High School. Open House packing and service activities for all pre-k and elementary students. Students can come with a parent/guardian anytime between 10:00 - noon to complete a few service activities for our local community
- 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. middle and high school students will be packing meal packs in the Henderson and Meridian cafeterias
- 11 a.m. high school GIVE Day ambassadors will be hosting Ignite: Service as Action panel with guest speakers Michael Curtin of DC Central Kitchen, Maralee Gutiérrez of Comunidad, Max Levitt of Leveling the Playing Field, Mathias Pollock of CollaborateUp and Rebecca Tax of Food Justice DMV in the Innovation Commons. All 8-12 graders are welcome to attend, as well as all staff.

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