

# SCHOOL BUS

The Community Classroom  
"All Aboard!"

Children in Education in Reading is a state project of West Virginia State Regent, Jane Larke. A wonderful way for chapters to connect is through the Community Classroom.

School teachers and staff in West Virginia need our support now more than ever, and we can show them that the DAR has their back in many ways. Since Jane Larke holds education close to her heart, it would be very beneficial for each chapter to have a member as a Community Classroom chairman and be the contact between the chapter, state, and schools. Set a meeting with principals of local schools or a curriculum director at the board office to express a desire to help your county schools through the DAR.

Ways to support your schools may include, but not limited to:

- ✓ Becoming a Read Aloud WV volunteer to read to a classroom (my favorite)
- ✓ Providing school supplies which are already popping up in stores
- ✓ Welcome new & returning teachers with "goody bags/survival kits"
- ✓ Decorate bulletin boards for reading or with Constitution Week ideas
- ✓ Volunteer in the school library, become a PASS volunteer, or join a PTO/PTA
- ✓ Teacher Appreciation Week

Whether you choose to help the whole school or a specific classroom, the school will have many ways for you to make your volunteer hours count. Remember, children need us, and we, our state, and communities need them. You can be the one to make a difference in a child's life!

If I can be of any help in your making that difference, please contact me. I will get back to you as quickly as I can attain the information you seek. I look forward to hearing from your chapter. Please send me the contact information of your new Community Classroom chairman. Working together with The Community Classroom contact and chapter during the new school year 2022-2023 will be exciting. Together, we can support our schools, teachers, and students.

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