

Do you a few hours to help with

- painting
- cleaning
- landscape work

or one of the other numerous projects that need to be done to keep our school in good condition?

## Yes! I'd like to Volunteer!

Please contact me about current and upcoming projects...

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Best time of Day to call: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Forms can be dropped off at the office of any of the Monson Public Schools or mailed to:

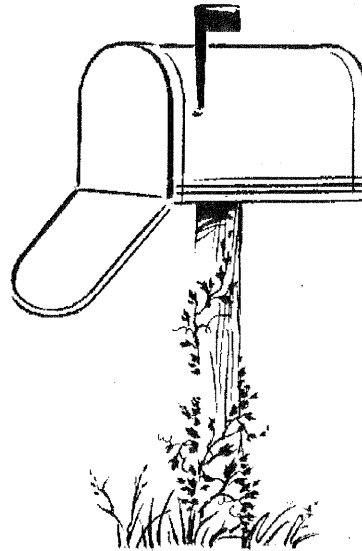
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Donations are always welcomed, too. Please make checks payable to the "Town of Monson" and write "AARC" in the memo line.

*AARC is a subcommittee of the Monson school committee consisting of members of the school committee, PTSA board, parents, teachers, and community leaders.*

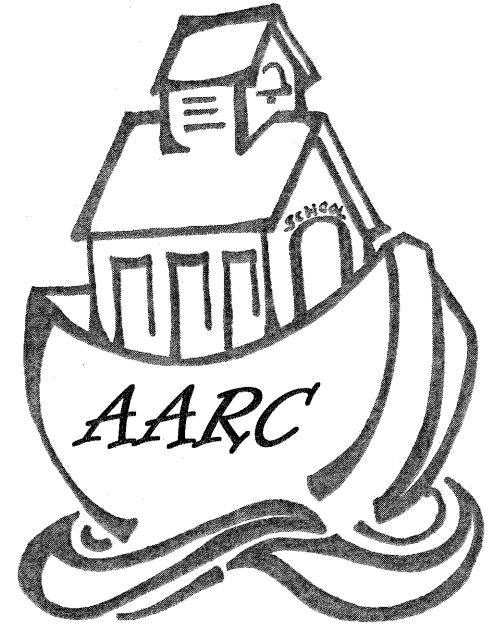
*The board serves to recruit and organize volunteers to complete improvement and maintenance projects on the Monson public school buildings and grounds.*

**Is there a maintenance project you think AARC should tackle? Questions? Suggestions?**



### Contact us...

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*Alternative Action and Resolution Committee*

Using  
volunteer and  
community  
involvement  
to keep our  
schools afloat

*A Sub-Committee of the Monson School  
Committee Partnered with the Monson PTSA*

# Community Making a Difference

What do you get when you combine members of the school committee, the school business manager, Monson PTSA, students, and concerned citizens? You get AARC (Alternative Action and Resolution Committee).

AARC was established to help keep our school buildings in good shape without spending money from the school budget. Through organizing and recruiting labor and supplies for our school buildings and classrooms AARC also serves as a vehicle for developing a positive relationship with community members and businesses and increasing interest, enthusiasm and a sense of ownership in our schools.

AARC is currently seeking volunteers to give 2-3 hours of their time to help complete just one of our current or future projects. AARC is also looking for both residents and local businesses who are willing to pitch in financially to get these projects done.



## Can you help?

Fill out and return the attached volunteer form or contact us!

*"During these very difficult fiscal times, our focus is on funding teacher and text books first. Everything is else is a luxury. Our school buildings belong to the town and are both our investment and our responsibility to keep up. But the fact is, we don't have the money to devote to maintaining our buildings".*  
~Jeffrey Lord (AARC Chairperson)

### Excerpt from AARC's Mission Statement:

#### Purpose of the committee

1. Maintenance to School Buildings & Grounds
  - To identify facility needs which have been neglected due to budgetary constraints
  - To seek out volunteer members of the community to make repairs or give donations of either cash or items needed to perform volunteer projects
  - To coordinate the performance of such maintenance and accept such donations as deemed necessary for such projects.
2. Establish Wish List for Schools
  - A. To ask teachers and administrators to make suggestions for needed supply items which are used in the classrooms and that the budgetary constraints are preventing the purchase of.
  - B. To find local individual and businesses that will make donations of specifically requested items and or cash donation to purchase items on the Wish List.
  - C. To disburse and or coordinate the disbursement of wish list items

### I would be interested in helping on the following Action Items...

Check off any projects you would like to work on. Complete the form on the back. Detach and return to any Monson School.

Clearing of the hill between Quarry Hill and the High School

Scraping and Painting the art room walls at GVMS

Painting and scrapping Quarry Hill trim

Painting and scrapping Hillside on the exterior windows and doors on the lower level

Cleaning the parking lots of residual sand

Weeding and landscaping all schools

"Adopting" a particular area, similar to the Quarry Hill Mrs. Scott memorial, to plant flowers and landscape

Pruning the trees in the parking lots of all schools.

Pool Cleaning Committee (A group that will clean the pool and lockers on a regular schedule, coordinating with Park and Rec, and the Schools)

Cleaning the playgrounds

Buying playground mulch, (Special Mulch that's approved for schools is required, We'll get the vendor's name for you)

Installing a basketball hoop at GVMS, (Tools required, but we have the hardware)

High School Graduation Maintenance (A team similar to the Pool Cleaning Committee to paint the props, set-up, and dismantle the graduation material in the Spring)

Volunteer support (food, bev., etc.)

Other: \_\_\_\_\_