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West-MEC Students Give Back to Their Communities with Service Events Through November

Glendale, Ariz. (Nov. 10, 2022) – [Western Maricopa Education Center](http://www.west-mec.edu) (West-MEC), a career and technical education public school district focused on preparing students today for tomorrow's careers, is giving back to the community this month with multiple student-led volunteer opportunities.

Inspired by World Kindness Day on Nov. 13, West-MEC is eager to continue to spread compassion in its communities through the remainder of the month. World Kindness Day recognizes the positive potential of both large and small acts of kindness to build a kinder and more compassionate world.

On Saturday, Nov. 19 West-MEC's Northwest Campus Veterinary Science program is offering a community-wide vaccine clinic from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students will perform Bordetella, Rabies (dog) and FVRCP (cat) vaccines and even offer heartworm testing.

Vaccines will be administered, on a first come first serve basis while supplies last. The Bordetella vaccine will cost \$10, Rabies \$5 and FVRCP is \$10. Or, you can get both the Bordetella and Rabies for \$10 for dogs only. Heartworm testing will cost \$25.

"Our program has noticed great need for preventive care and by offering low cost vaccines we are able to help ensure the health and safety of the animals in our community," said Veterinary Science Instructor Danielle Eberhart.

Students in West-MEC'S Central Campus Law and Public Safety program will help the Salvation Army with Thanksgiving meal prep on Tuesday, Nov. 22. Students will pack food, organize trays and more and will see the value of public safety and wellness programs in our communities.

“This is the second year that West-MEC's Law & Public Safety program is volunteering for the Salvation Army's Thanksgiving Day event. Last year, our students literally helped serve their community. We got to spend time and share stories with the community that came to share Thanksgiving with the Salvation Army,” said Law and Public Safety Instructor Crystal Roe. “This year, the students wanted to get behind the scenes and actually help prepare the meals. This is a way that the students feel like they are making a difference in their community.”

Every year, the Salvation Army provides thousands of Thanksgiving meals across the country and West-MEC is happy its students get a chance to aid in making sure people have full bellies and warm hearts on Thanksgiving.

The [Salvation Army's annual Thanksgiving Dinner](#) is open to the public and on average distributes more than 6,000 meals during the Thanksgiving holiday.

In addition to offering students a highly-technical industry-driven education, all while teaching leadership and professional skills, West-MEC also understands the importance of providing opportunities for its students to volunteer and give back to their communities.

About West-MEC:

West-MEC is a career technical education public school district focusing solely on innovative career and technical education (CTE) programs that prepare students to enter the workforce and pursue continuing education. West-MEC CTE programs provide students opportunities to earn college credit and industry credentials. West-MEC serves more than 37,000 students from 48 high schools across 3,800 square miles in the northern and western cities of the Phoenix Metropolitan area. West-MEC now also offers adult education programs. Visit www.west-mec.edu for more information about West-MEC's career-driven education opportunities, or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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