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## SILVER SOLUTIONS – BRIDGING THE GENERATIONS

**North Creek Elementary School Readers** – What began in April, 2016 as an experiment encouraging seniors to assist students with reading in six First Grade classrooms, has doubled in 2018. For 45-50 fun-filled minutes each week, our volunteers work (or is it play?) with students in twelve classrooms: six First-Grade, four Second-Grade and two Kindergarten.

As a “Readers Program,” the students delight their volunteers while developing their reading, thinking, and verbal skills by reading out loud and talking about what they’ve read. The timeframe allows the volunteers to listen to three to four students on a one-on-one basis, each week—making each visit a much-anticipated event for both children and volunteers.

While all time slots are currently filled, and we have “subs” lined up, we can always use more—especially as the program grows. “Listening” requires no teaching experience in this truly rewarding and valuable cross-generational exercise. *Contact Dick or Maurine at Silver Solutions.*

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**Walk to School WEDNESDAYS**—Research shows that students who walk to school have fewer discipline issues, higher test scores, and healthier bodies. 5 Healthy Towns Foundation, Silver Solutions, Chelsea District Library and School District are helping students start their day on the right “foot” by providing “Walk to School Wednesdays” for students at South Meadows and North Creek schools.

The walks include out-of-town students by hosting two convenient drop-off locations: **South Meadows** students, parents and volunteers meet at 7:30 am at the Chelsea District Library. Those going to **North Creek** meet at the Clocktower Commons. The groups depart for school together with walkers around 7:35 am.

Activities have included walking with Chelsea firefighters, Michigan DNR staff, and searches for turkey feathers and ghosts. Since “time flies when you’re having fun” students and volunteers are encouraged to make walking to school a fun and healthy experience. Walks take place every Wednesday unless the Chelsea School District is closed. For more information, please contact Matt Pegouskie at [matt@5healthytowns.org](mailto:matt@5healthytowns.org) or Ashley at [Ashley@5healthytowns.org](mailto:Ashley@5healthytowns.org).



2018 Readers Program



DNR employee walk & Turkey walk



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