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Eisenhower Middle School students and [Panera Bread](#) help feed the hungry *Leadership students coordinate delivery to local schools and food banks*

Every Friday morning at Eisenhower Middle School, [Amy Ruotsala's](#) leadership students come early to school to sort and bag bread donated by Panera and get it ready to help others.

Karen Pauley, a para-educator at Eisenhower, coordinates the delivery with parents. Then [Matt Johnson](#), eighth-grade block teacher, greets parent volunteers with several huge plastic containers of Panera's bread ready for delivery.

Some of this bread is given to Eisenhower students who come from families that need extra support. Some of the bread is taken over to Jackson Elementary and Everett High School for families there.

At Jackson Elementary, parents Debbie Cresanti and Jenny Overstreet, along with Jackson counselor Sherry Landis work with [Volunteers of America](#) to provide a bag of food for families in need – the donated Panera bread is part of that bag. At Everett High School, counselor Gretchen Stiger and Office Manager Amy Burton handle the bread distribution.

"The lessons that the leadership students are learning about being part of our greater community is one that is invaluable helping them become better citizens of Everett. I value your hard work in making this an opportunity for our staff/students to be part of such a giving activity," applauds Cheyenne Beck, Co-Leadership Advisor at Eisenhower Middle School.

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