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Academy of Arts and Academics students are kicking off the school year by volunteering to do a downtown cleanup.

The A3 all-student cleanup is a great example of how the school shows it's a good downtown community partner.

When: Friday, September 13th at 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

What: A3 Students are supporting the downtown community through a volunteer all-school cleanup event.

Where: Academy of Arts and Academics, 615 Main Street, Springfield, OR

Visuals: All A3 students will be walking in groups of around 12 with gloves and trash bags picking up trash. Students will take the trash to a waiting City of Springfield truck.

Central Characters: Students who are performing the cleanup are available for interviews. A3 staff will also be available for interviews.

Background: A3 held a downtown Springfield cleanup on Earth Day last spring. This year, they decided to hold a fall event also to announce their return to the downtown community.

"One of the principals of A3 is being a good community partner," said A3 teacher Scott Crowell. The students are not receiving credit for their efforts. "The students are doing this out of kindness," Crowell said.

As a way of supporting the school's efforts, the city of Springfield will be donating trash bags, tools to pick up garbage, reflective vests and a garbage truck to place all of the trash inside of. The city will then haul the trash away and dispose of it when the students are done.

"It's a great way to show appreciation for our public spaces," said Vahana Keene, an economic development officer for the city.