

DESCRIPTION OF VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Please note, most of these volunteer activities require help from several parents. You may participate in several activities. Please do not hesitate to sign up!

This list gives a *brief* description of the primary volunteer activities at the school. More information is available from the various PTA committee chairs, website and grade level coffees. There may be additional classroom and school-wide activities during the year. Notices are usually provided via the Tuesday eBlast, emails from homeroom parents, and information on the PTA website.

CLASSROOM OPPORTUNITIES

These are volunteer opportunities where you will be assisting in your child's classroom activities or performing tasks specified for your child's class/grade level.

Homeroom Parent - Coordinate volunteers for the classroom, manage class dues and act as a general liaison for parents and teachers for the class. Time required varies, some done by telephone or e-mail & some at school, depending on event. If more than two parents volunteer, names will be drawn to determine the homeroom parents. Homeroom parent training coffee is August 30th.

Winter Party Chairman - Coordinate with other grade level party chairmen to decide party activities and refreshments. Coordinate help of those volunteering to attend, assist with activities during the party, and supply refreshments for your child's class. Time required generally entails an advance planning meeting, phone calls or emails to class party volunteers & refreshment suppliers, and attendance at the party. Homeroom Parents will notify you of your budget – part of classroom dues pay for the party. Winter party is Friday, December 16th.

Winter Party Attend & Assist - Attend the Winter party and help chairman with party activities. Winter parties will be held Friday, December 15th.

Winter Party Supply Refreshments - Purchase and deliver refreshments for the Winter party. Specific items to be supplied will be communicated by the Winter Party Chairman. Winter parties will be held Friday, December 15th.

Valentine Party Chairman - Coordinate with other grade level party chairman to decide party activities and refreshments. Coordinate help of those volunteering to attend & assist, and supply refreshments for your child's class. Time required includes an advance planning meeting, phone calls or emails to class party volunteers & refreshments suppliers, and attendance at the party. Homeroom Parents will notify you of your budget – part of classroom dues pay for the party. Valentine party is Wednesday, February 14th.

Valentine Party Attend & Assist - Attend the Valentine party and help chairman with party activities. Valentine parties will be held Wednesday, February 14th, during the last hour of school.

Valentine Party Supply Refreshments - Purchase and deliver refreshments for the Valentine party. Specific items to be supplied will be communicated by the Valentine Party Chairman. Valentine parties will be held Wednesday, February 14th.

Carnival Room Parent - Coordinate class carnival booth including sign up of volunteers, set up and clean up. Booth and general assistance is provided by the Carnival Chairmen. Requires minimal preparation time in the Spring (self-scheduled), coordination with volunteers, and some time is required day of and during the carnival. The Carnival will be held on Friday, March 23rd.

Yearbook Photographer - Help our Wilchester yearbook team make this year's yearbook the best! We need photographers to help capture photos from all the events at WCE.

McGruff (K-2nd) - Present McGruff Safety program to the class. Materials and instructions are provided. The schedule is coordinated with the teacher and McGruff Chairman. Each McGruff session is about 30 minutes long to teach.

Science Fair Parent (1st – 3rd) - Develop and coordinate the class science fair project. Assistance and guidance provided by the PTA Chairman. Requires some in-class time, scheduled with the teacher.

Science Fair Parent (4th – 5th) – Serves as a liaison with teachers and assist the Science Fair Chairs with judging session and award ceremony.

Paw Print Express (1st – 5th) - Each class is responsible for one delivery day of the school mail. This volunteer will help the class pick up, sort and deliver the mail. The volunteer time is about 30 minutes on that delivery day. The Paw Print Express Chairmen will contact you regarding your specific date.

Little Sprouts Garden Volunteer (PK, Kinder, and 1st only) - Coordinate with teacher and Little Sprouts Chair to present simple garden educational material provided once a month to the classroom and make a visit to the garden for observations and investigations.

Class Musical Assistant (Kinder, 1st and 3rd only) - For class musical performances, you will assist Miss Heberd by getting classes ready in costumes before and after the program.

International Day Escort – Volunteers will serve as guides for the classroom and help students rotate to various exhibits. International Day will be held on Thursday, January 25th.

50 Day Volunteer (PreK only) – Help the 50 Day Coordinator by assisting with activities planned for 50th day of school.

Rodeo Day Parent (PK only) - Parent will work along side teachers to plan the Rodeo Day celebration to be held in February.

100 Day Volunteer (K only) – Help the 100 Day Coordinators by assisting students during in planned activities.

5th Grade End of Year Party Class Rep - Work with each classroom rep and 5th grade PTA Liaisons to put together the end of year party for the 5th graders. This is traditionally held at the Wilchester Pool on the last day of school.

5th Grade Video Rep - Work on a team to collect photos of each child from your class and create a fun and memorable DVD of their 5th grade year. Each class will need 1 “boy” and 1 “girl” parent representative per class.

ONGOING SCHOOL-RELATED VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

These are volunteer opportunities to help with school-wide events and programs. You may or may not see your child while assisting in these roles. These are recurring programs that happen weekly or monthly at the school.

Sister School – Spring Shadows Elementary School is our SBISD Sister School. Wilchester helps SSE in various ways throughout the year. As a volunteer, you can:

- help bag up foods donated to the Blessings in a Backpack program
- assist in the delivery of the Blessings in a Backpacks to the students at SSE
- help with PTA events at SSE
- help with the collection of different items needed throughout the year at SSE

Makerspace Lab (2nd - 5th Grades) – Assist students in the STEM lab by setting out various pre-planned materials for students to work with, monitoring behavior, and helping children as needed. This is an optional program that students can participate in once a week during recess time (Day of week TBD). Volunteers can stay for one 30-minute recess block or stay through several grade level rotations. You may not necessarily see your own child, but you can help others in the school during this brain-stimulating block of time.

ALL students will be exposed to the Makerspace Lab throughout the year with the assistance of Mrs. Dolan, the librarian.

Recycling – The Recycling Chairs need help throughout the year with the recycling bins in classrooms and hallways. Volunteers are also needed during Earth Week activities.

Garden Volunteer (2nd – 5th) - Help set up for Garden Educator days by putting out gloves, tools, umbrellas and wiping tables in garden and putting materials away at the end of the day. Water plants or other light job, as necessary.

Library - Assist librarian with various activities such as book repair, barcoding, and shelving books. Volunteers will also help with special events like book fair, Hour of Code, Bluebonnet Book Party, Poetry Month, and more.

OTHER SCHOOL-RELATED VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

These are volunteer opportunities that happen once or twice during the school year.

Scholastic Book Fair – We have two scheduled Scholastic Books Fairs throughout the year – September 18-22, 2017 and May 21-25, 2018. Volunteers can assist with the set up and take down of Book Fair. Volunteers can also work a shift as the cashier.

Used Book Fair – The used book fair will take place January 16-19, 2018. Parents can volunteer to work a 30-minute shift during the day while children come in to browse and buy donated books.

Family Fun Night – Family Fun Night is an event for the whole family to help kick off the new school year. The event will be held during the evening of Friday, September 22, 2017. You can assist the Family Fun Night Chairmen by:

- helping with set up before the event
- working a shift during the event
- helping with take down after the event

Field Day – Volunteers can assist the Field Day Chairs by manning activity stations that have been organized by the Health/Fitness teachers. Field Day will be Friday, November 17th.

International Day – You can assist the International Day Chairmen by:

- helping coordinate exhibits and/or demonstrations
- helping with set up before the event and breakdown after the event

International Day will be on January 25, 2018.

Carnival – The Wilchester Carnival is held every spring. This year it will be held on Friday, March 23, 2018 from 4pm-8pm. The Carnival Chairmen will send out information on ways to volunteer and support the school event. One parent from each family is required to work a 30min booth shift for each child's homeroom class.