

COAL CREEK ELEMENTARY

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES 2010/2011

Parent volunteers are essential to Coal Creek! The success of our school depends on the hands-on involvement of our parents. There is something to fit everyone's interests and schedule - before, during or after school, at home, on-going, short-term, or one-time commitments. Take a look at all the wonderful opportunities and get involved!

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Fundraisers

Jogathon. Our biggest Fundraiser of the year during which students collect pledges from friends and family and on the day of the event run as many laps as they can in the allotted time. Volunteers are needed to set-up, clean-up, serve water, punch tally cards, etc.

Wrapping Paper/Cookie Dough Sales. Another Fall fundraiser coordinated by parent volunteers who help distribute paperwork, help tally and collect completed forms and distribute completed orders.

Great Works of Art Fundraiser. Student-produced artwork is reproduced on t-shirts, mugs, etc. Volunteers assist with distributing order forms, collecting completed orders, and distributing ordered items.

Corporate Sponsors. Includes Box tops, recycling ink cartridges, restaurant fundraisers and Target card. Volunteers assist Chairperson with various duties, including collecting and remitting box tops and other items.

Great American Bake Sale. This is a National fundraiser. Share our Strength raises money for hungry children across America with a portion of the funds going to local charities. Volunteers needed to bake goods, set-up the day of the sale and help students sell baked goods.

Extra-Curricular Enrichment Activities

Science Fair. Volunteers serve on planning committee, recruit mentors, distribute registration materials to students and track their progress. Volunteers also needed for set-up and clean-up on Science Fair night.

Geography Bee. Volunteers needed to officiate on day of event, typically held in January.

Anthology Club. A publication of children's writing for any student interested in participating. Volunteers help students edit and type their work. Volunteers also needed to help with publication release party.

Coal Creek Running/Fitness Club. An after school club encouraging students to be active by walking, jogging or running. Volunteers help with organization and attendance at meetings, accompany a walking/jogging/running group and record mileage at the end of each meeting.

Student Newspaper. Volunteers work with students to create and publish a school newspaper containing articles written by students. *This Club needs a Chairperson.*

Destination Imagination. This is an after school club in which students work in teams to solve mind-bending challenges and present their solutions in Tournaments. Volunteers are needed to 'Coach' teams. *This Club needs a Chairperson.*

Chess Club. This Spring after school club teaches children the basics of Chess, or helps more advanced players be more competitive in the game. *This Club needs a Chairperson.*

Educate! A powerful club for 3-5th graders. Partners with Educate! in Uganda, empowering children to be socially responsible leaders who will develop creative solutions to the challenges facing their community. *This Club needs a Chairperson.*

Health and Safety

Vision and Hearing Screenings. Volunteers assist district staff with annual hearing and vision screenings, typically one day in October.

Crossing Guards. Volunteers assist before and after school at crosswalks. On-going weekly commitment for only 20 minutes.

Health Room. Volunteers provide basic first aid and TLC.

Staff Appreciation

Staff Appreciation. A year-long campaign to remind the staff we appreciate and celebrate the contributions they make in our children's lives! Volunteers provide food and drink, set-up and clean-up for various activities.

Teacher's Assistants in the Workroom. Volunteers make copies, posters, cut and paste, various other tasks to assist our busy teachers. As little as one hour per week. Training on all equipment provided.

Community Events

Walk to School Day. Annual event encouraging students to find alternative modes of transportation to school. Volunteers publicize and coordinate event, solicit donations for give-aways for participants. *This Event needs a Chairperson.*

Scholastic Book Fair. Fall and Spring events providing an opportunity for families to expand their home libraries. Volunteers help the librarian promote, set-up, staff, cashier, and pack-up the fair.

Evening of Sharing. A Fall event which showcases local non-profits and opportunities for alternative gift-giving. Volunteers plan event, invite non-profit agencies to participate, publicize event, set-up and clean-up.

Spring Fling. A Springtime event that celebrates our strong community of families. Volunteers help with planning, publicity, soliciting vendors for concessions, set-up and clean-up. *This Event needs a Chairperson.*

Publications and Public Relations

School Directory. Maintain database to publish annual Coal Creek directory in September. Volunteers help with data entry.

Yearbook. Take candid photos, help compile database, process order forms and distribute yearbooks.

Grant Writer. Research available grants for which Coal Creek would qualify. Communicate with Principal on school needs and submit grant paperwork which ties in with school goals.

Miscellaneous, but still very important!

Puma Parents. Budget cuts have decreased our ParaEducator headcount, so parent volunteers are needed to assist on the playground during lunch recess or in the lunchroom. Shift is 11-12:30, once weekly. This is a 'shared' responsibility with a staff member. Training is provided. *This committee needs a Chairperson.*

Individual/Class Photos. Assist professional photographer on picture days (Sept & April).

Child Safety Committee. Volunteers work on programs to educate students and parents about our children's safety. *This Committee needs a Chairperson.*

Parent Partners. Coal Creek Mentors partner with incoming Newcomers to support their transition to our Coal Creek Community.

PEN (Parent Engagement Network). A Boulder Valley district-wide collaboration to engage parents in fostering healthy choices among all youth and increase awareness of available resources for parents.

Coal Creek Crew. Be on an email list to receive an email when staff is in need of help on a project. You are not obligated unless you are available for that certain task. A wonderful variety of opportunities available!