

University Hill Elementary
2011/2012 University Hill Volunteer Opportunities

Email us unihillsitpta@gmail.com if you're interested in any of these opportunities or have questions! You can also call 303.956.9070. We will forward your email to the proper person to respond to you! THANK YOU.

ORGANIZATIONS

PTA: Attend monthly meetings to learn the inner workings of the school and to offer your ideas and opinions. PTA enriches the educational experience of University Hill Elementary students by raising funds, building community and providing services for the school. PTA meets the second Thursday of each month in the library from 6pm-8pm. (Pizza and a movie for the kids are provided!)

Time Commitment: 2 hours/month

President: Meena Keuer, Vice President: Heather Bonewitz, Secretary: Jen Lewon, Treasurer: Ryn Kreidl

Open Enrollment Committee: This group meets periodically to update open enrollment materials for prospective new families and plan open enrollment open house events and tours at the school between November and January. You could also simply volunteer to run tours: walk prospective parents through a 30-60 minute tour of the school.

Time Commitment: variable, as little as 1 hour to run a tour!

Chair: Jim Freeman

DAC: A District Accountability Committee volunteer represents our school at monthly meetings attended by reps of all BVSD schools. DAC meets the first Tuesday evening of each month. DAC members are involved in the accreditation process for all district schools by reviewing school improvement plans (SIP's).

Time Commitment: 2 hours/month, more in October to review the SIP's.

Representative: Michelle Young

DPC: The District Parent Council is a parent advisory group to the BVSD Superintendent, administration and school board. Learn more about all the district schools when DPC meets monthly with Chris King, BVSD Superintendent. Each school rep has the opportunity to bring up issues concerning their school. The DPC rep then reports back the meeting outcomes to Uni Hill. The council meets the fourth Wednesday of each month from 6:30pm-9:30 pm at the BVSD Education Center at 6500 Arapahoe Road.

Time Commitment: 2 hours/month

Representative: Jennika Wildau

External Volunteer Coordinator: Works with CU, New Vista, CU Greek system, and other organizations outside of Uni Hill to provide them with volunteer opportunities at our school. Contact: Julie Seaman

Classroom Representative: Works with Parent Volunteer Coordinator to communicate volunteer opportunities to *parents in your child's class only*. Individual classroom reps are vital to interschool communication.

Contact: NEEDED FOR EACH CLASS

Staff Appreciation Committee: Help come up with creative ideas to show our staff how much they're appreciated. In the past, this has consisted of a "Treats for Teachers" day in the winter and special acknowledgements in May including "bring a flower to your teacher day", providing a coffee cart, or catering lunch. You decide! Committee chair coordinates the events and communicates needs to the parent community. Bakers and cooks are needed to make goodies for the University Hill staff.

Time Commitment: variable

Chair: Ryn Kreidl

UHNA: The University Hill Neighborhood Association liaison communicates regularly with the neighborhood association. This is an ideal volunteer position for someone living in the neighborhood.

Time Commitment: 1-2 hours/month

Representative: Valerie Yavoz

FUNDRAISING

CU Football Parking: This is our largest fundraiser, making up over 60% of revenues. Uni Hill opens its fields to CU fans that pay \$15/car to park during the CU home football games. CU plays six home games on Saturdays in the fall. For two hours prior to game time, volunteers direct parking traffic and collect money. Meet fellow parents and join in the festive atmosphere prior to a Buff's game!

Time Commitment: 2 hours on a Saturday in the fall. Come to any/all of the games!

2011 GAME DATES: 9/10, 9/17, 10/01, 10/22, 11/04, 11/12

Chairs: Dennis Lewon, John Fox

Book Fair: Our four-day book fair, held the 2nd week in December, raises needed funds for our library. Volunteers help set up and dismantle the fair and sell Scholastic books. The parent chair creates a schedule of volunteers and coordinates the event with Steve Kless, Uni Hill's librarian.

Time Commitment: 1-2 hours, a bit more for the co-chair to help organize

Chairs: Steve Kless, Uni Hill librarian and PARENT VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Chili Pepper Direct Fundraising Campaign: To help offset District budget cuts, Uni Hill has begun an annual fundraising campaign to its community, asking families to donate

to our school. Families are asked to donate what they can, with the goal of 100% participation. Funds pay for field trips, outdoor education for 4th & 5th graders, and help supplement the cost of the school's many office expenditures such as maintenance, copier, etc. Help is needed to coordinate the letter writing campaign and to think of creative ways to encourage parents to donate.

Chair: REALLY NEEDED

Bake Sales: by grade, for fun and community building. Make something to sell and consider working a shift at the table. This can be a grade-specific event, with funds going to that grade's classroom teachers. You decide!

Time Commitment: minimal for baking, 2 hours for chairing

Chair: NEEDED

Box Tops for Education: Clip the "Box Top \$ for Education" from the tops of your favorite General Mills products (cereals, granola bars, etc.). Each box top you drop off in the collection box at the front desk generates ten cents for our school. A volunteer is needed to promote the program via the newsletter and submit the box tops for cash.

Time Commitment: 3 hours/year max

Chair: Jana Krutsinger

SHOP AT LOCAL STORES THAT SUPPORT UNI HILL!

Target "Take Charge of Education" Program: When members use their Target Guest Card or Target VISA at Target stores, one percent of their purchase goes to the school of their choice. To enroll, call 1-888-755-5856.

Kelly's Coffee's: Buy locally roasted Organic Sumatra, Organic Colombian, or Organic Kona coffee beans at www.getbeansonline.com and get a 10% discount. In addition, for every pound of coffee, \$.75 is donated to Uni Hill. Refer your friends, as the discount and donation applies to anyone who at checkout enters the code "unihill".

Chair: Kelly Vargas (owner and Uni Hill parent)

Grand Rabbit's Toy Shoppe "Bunny Bucks" Program: When you purchase toys at Grand Rabbit's, tell them you want to support University Hill. Our school receives a credit equaling ten percent of your pre-tax purchase amount.

Safeway Card Program: Please provide Uni Hill treasurer your Safeway card number, or just your name and address for her to enroll you. Then, whenever you shop at Safeway and use your Safeway discount card, a percentage of your purchase automatically gets allocated to Uni Hill. This is a very easy way to get funds to our school! Please contact Ryn Kreidl at ryn1994@yahoo.com or unihillsitpta@gmail.com with your information.

COMMUNITY BUILDING EVENTS

Run for the Arts: This one-day event is held by the "Specials" teachers each spring. Students ask for donations for the number of laps they run around the school field, and the proceeds go to the art, music, p.e. and library departments. Volunteers help pass out drinks and snacks to the kids after their run.

Chairs: art, music, p.e. and library teachers

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Fiesta de Mayo: It's our biggest party of the year! The Spring Fiesta is a fun-filled, family event held on a Sunday afternoon in May. Volunteers help promote and set up the event, plan games, make food and cakes, man booths, and provide entertainment. Pick what you want to help with, and sign up!

Chair: NEEDED

Fiesta de Mayo Silent Auction: Volunteers solicit donations from local businesses and/or help set up the auction, create bid sheets, promote the event. Goal: each volunteer solicits 5-10 businesses with a total of over 100 businesses represented.

Time Commitment: 2-10 hours, depending on duties chosen

Silent auction chairs: Jenny Fox, Meighan Elder

Garden-to-Table Program: Volunteers help staff and the helpers from The Grow Foundation to plant edible gardens, maintain the garden, and harvest with the children as well as participate in special curriculum-based projects involving the garden. You can choose how much or little you're able to contribute and will be contacted throughout the year by the coordinator as opportunities arise.

Time Commitment: variable

Chair: Meena Keuer

Grounds Beautification-big building: Volunteers maintain the flowers and bushes on the big building's grounds, in particular one day in the spring and the fall for cleanup. Participate in new plantings when contacted by the committee chair.

Time Commitment: 6 hours/year or less

Chair: Michelle Rincon

Grounds Beautification-little building: Volunteers maintain the flowers and bushes on little building grounds, in particular one day in the spring and the fall for cleanup. Participate in new plantings and projects when contacted by the committee chair.

Time Commitment: 6 hours/year or less

Chair: NEEDED

"Intercambio In the Schools": Intercambio de Comunidades is a local nonprofit that partners with our school, using volunteers to teach English to non-native speakers. Volunteers are paired with Spanish speaking UH parents to teach them English. No Spanish language or prior teaching experience required. Build friendships with Spanish speaking parents, just as the kids do with one another!

Time Commitment: 2 hours/week after completing a free training course

Chair: Erika Blum

SPECIAL SERVICES

Web Site: Access to an updated web page for our school is vital in communicating with our school's community. Help is needed to keep the website current and useful. We need help updating our website! Contact Elke Adler or Jen Lewon at unihillsitpta@gmail.com if you can offer your services.

Chair: Jen Lewon

Friday Front Office Support: Help our secretaries at either building with some of their many tasks. Contact the offices if you'd like to offer your time to help out.

Time Commitment: whatever you can offer!

Contact: Veronica Murillo, Uni Hill Secretary veronica.murillo@bvsd.org

Vision and Hearing Screening: One day this fall, volunteers are needed to assist the screening team of nurses who assess the vision and hearing of all students.

Contact: Veronica Murillo, Uni Hill Secretary veronica.murillo@bvsd.org

Library Support: Come and shelve books anytime! Even shelving for 15 minutes after drop off or before pick up is a great help.

Time Commitment: variable, as much or little as you like.

Contact: Steve Kless, librarian/media steve.kless@bvsd.org

Art Support: Student artwork is displayed all around our school. A volunteer is needed to help put up new displays in the hallways. Even 30 minutes would do!

Time Commitment: variable, as much or little as you like.

Contact: Mary Powell, art teacher mary.powell@bvsd.org