

# Columbus School Volunteer Opportunities

## Special Events

Book Fairs. November 6-14 and March 1-5. Volunteers are needed to help set up, take down, straighten, keep inventory, and cashier. The Book Fair is open daily 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, special evening hours coincide with evening conference nights, Thursday November 6 and March 4, 5:30-8:30 pm.

*Gala Joubert 853- 7862*

Family Picnic. Saturday, June 5. Volunteers are needed to organize, shop, take reservations, solicit donations, cook, set up, plan activities, clean up, etc., etc.

Festival of Lights. Friday, December 12. A sharing of the many holidays and celebrations that use light as the central theme. Stations representing the celebrations will be set up in front of All School Meeting and volunteers will make brief presentations sharing the history, traditions, and artifacts. Terry Lakin 899-2840.

Gift Wrap Distribution. Volunteers are needed to help sort and deliver giftwrap orders to classrooms. We expect delivery in late October. Must be available during the school day.

*Susan Mathews 853-1129 and Cathy Power-Mulford 846-2013.*

Holiday Fair. Saturday, November 22. A family day including a children's carnival, bake sale, cake walk, lunch, and other fun activities.

Movie Nights. Columbus' own version of the drive-in We project movies on the large screen in the auditorium using the LCD projector. Families bring chairs and blankets and enjoy the show. Committee needed to choose movies, prepare flyers, and plan refreshments. Dates to be determined.

Torch Run. Thursday, June 3. Tom Kretsch plans this memorable event every four years to coincide with the Olympic Torch Run. Columbus fourth and fifth graders will proudly carry an Olympic torch as they run along the sidewalks of Norwalk. Mr. Kretsch plots a 25-mile course taking our runners past every school in Norwalk. Volunteers needed to assist with planning, coordinate runners, and help the day run smoothly.

Poinsettia Sale. Volunteers are needed to take advance orders, pick up plants, and distribute the evening of our Holiday Concert, Thursday, December 18. All proceeds from this sale are used to purchase used stringed instruments for needy students.

Silent Auction. Saturday, May 15. Committee needed to organize this profitable and fun adult-only evening.

Volunteers will solicit prizes, prepare program booklet, plan refreshments, and tabulate sales.

*Shelly Sodaro 849-1989.*

## Long-Term Activities

Adventures in Art. A new and exciting art appreciation program created by Columbus parents. This program is for all students in grades K-5. It is taught by volunteers during regularly scheduled art class, four per year, starting in November. Each class will spotlight the work of a famous artist and include a related art activity.

*Suzy Aubrey 852-0388.*

Art Room Volunteer. Mrs. Garber is always looking for volunteers to assist in the art room by distributing materials, helping students, clean up, and hang bulletin boards.

Classroom Volunteer. Volunteers are needed to work in the classrooms with individual students or small groups; and helping with special class projects either on a weekly basis or when requested by classroom teacher.

Computers. Volunteers work with small groups of students on computers in the classroom and/or in the computer lab on teacher-assigned materials. Classrooms have scheduled computer time each week. Commitment: one hour per week.

Drill Team. The mission of the Drill Team is to establish unity, cooperation, self-esteem, sportsmanship, and coordination through songs and marching drills. Volunteers needed to assist with this student program and evening practices twice a month.

ECHOES. (Enhanced Curricular Hours of Enrichment Study). Specialty clubs for students in grades 3-5 that meet, during the school day for one hour, every other Wednesday, for a total of six weeks. Two sessions: October-December, February-April. Volunteers needed to either lead a group or assist.

Environment Committee. This committee works to maintain and improve the area in and around our school. Committee will meet to establish goals and objectives for the year. *Kristin Carpino 847-6600.*

Field Trips. Volunteers are needed to drive or escort students on walking trips. Once at the destination, volunteers chaperone small groups of students. Request for drivers is included on field trip permission forms. The school must have copies of volunteer's current driver's license and insurance information on file before volunteer is permitted to drive.

Fifth Grade Committee. Volunteers are needed to research, assist, and carry out fundraisers to subsidize fifth grade field trips and activities. Many plans are already underway, suggestions are welcome.

Grant Committee. Volunteers needed to research educational grants that match our needs and would enhance and benefit our school.

Hospitality. Volunteers are needed to assist with refreshments for school activities. *Donna Meier 853-4607.*

Library. Volunteers are needed to assist Mrs. Pearce in the day-to-day operations of the library: filing, shelving, repairing books, and reading to classes. Volunteers may come in regularly or a drop-in basis.

Room/Calling Parent. Volunteers are needed to relay important classroom and school information to parents as well as to organize and solicit donations for classroom parties and events.

Spirit Committee. This committee serves to strengthen our sense of school community through special activities and school/community outreach programs. Volunteers are needed to share ideas and help organize events. *Barbara Garelick-Casa 855-9835.*

Technology Committee. Parent volunteers are needed to share their computer expertise and resources to enhance our computer technology program. The Technology Committee usually meets the third Wednesday evening of each month. *Dave Lindsay 866-2112*

Yearbook. Volunteers are needed to gather photographs of class and school events, assemble photo collages, set type, and layout pages. The yearbook must be completed by early April.

Young Astronauts. Volunteers are needed to assist in this exciting after school space program for students in grades 1-5. Activities include science experiments, field trips, and rocket construction. Grades 1 and 2 and Grades 3-4 will meet on alternate Thursday afternoons from 3:30-4:30 pm. Grade 5 will meet on Fridays, 3:30-5: 00 pm. *Monica Arcario 849-9804 and Colleen Hains 846-1 751*