

## **Volunteering**

Whether you are able to go to the school during the day or volunteer to do things at home, there are many ways to dedicate your time to help make your child's school a place where children and families learn how to improve academic success for all, as well as make it a fun and socially welcoming environment. The following list has many suggestions for how you can dedicate your time to make the school community a better place.

Respond to school surveys regarding your interests, talents, and skills.

Let school staff know your availability to volunteer (days, times, and how often).

Coordinate and participate in evening and weekend volunteer activities at school.

Assist your child's teacher in the classroom or on field trips when you are able.

Work with school staff and teachers to develop volunteer activities you can do from home.

Assist school staff and educators in creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere for parents.

Help provide child care and/or transportation for volunteering parents.

Collaborate to develop creative ways to use volunteers at school.

Work with others to develop volunteer job descriptions and evaluations.

Assist school staff in recruiting parents and community members as volunteers.

Attend training and orientation on how to be an effective volunteer.

Learn and uphold school discipline, confidentiality, and other policies as a volunteer.

Set a time to talk regularly with school staff and educators with whom you are working.

Participate in organizing and planning ways to recognize and appreciate volunteers.

Respond to school surveys/questionnaires on the effectiveness of volunteer programs.

Help develop and distribute a volunteer directory to parents, school staff, and teachers.

Volunteer your consulting services in your areas of expertise to school staff or educators.