



Hickory PTA Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteering is a wonderful way to share the school experience with your child. Please take a look at the opportunities below, complete the attached sign-up sheet(s), and return to your child's teacher by **Friday, September 16th**.

ADVENTURES IN ART (AIA)

Come and join the wonderful group of parent volunteers who run the Adventures in Art program at Hickory. As an AIA docent, you attend 5 fun Wednesday AM workshops through the school year. You learn a new original art project directly from the artist who created it. You then bring it back to the classroom and teach our children the project. You don't have to be an artist because the workshop artist provides step-by-step instructions and PTA provides all supplies and materials. It's also a lot of fun learning the projects and getting to know other Hickory parents. Docents also attend two celebration brunches and help set up Student Showcase in April.

BIKE RODEO – MARCH 28, 2012

The Bike Rodeo is open to all 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders with parent permission. It provides a great opportunity for Hickory students to improve their bike skills and safety knowledge while competing with their peers. Volunteers are needed to assist with the various bike riding skill stations. This is a good volunteer opportunity for all parents, especially those who work and could take off a few hours early for a **one-time event**.

BOOK FAIR – October 17-21, 2011

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held from October 17-21. Every class will visit the Book Fair. With over 800 students, we will have many shifts open for much needed volunteers to work at the Book Fair as cashiers and to help our younger children make their book selections.

COPY CENTER

This team of volunteers will photocopy, collate and staple homework packets and other materials needed by teachers, staff, and PTA. The goal of copy center is to free up our educators' time to be better spent in the classroom.

The Copy Center is located in room 31 and is open from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM each school day. Training will be provided.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – OCTOBER 14, 2011

Family Movie Night is our welcome back to school event for the entire family on the evening of Friday, October 14th. Hickory families can enjoy watching a film under the stars together and will also be the opening of the Book Fair. We need a few good folks to help set up tables, decorate and work the evening of the movie. If you plan on joining in the fun, consider coming an hour or two early to help prepare.

K.I.T.S. – KIDS IN TO SCIENCE

The purpose of this program is to stimulate curiosity about our world and how it works, to make science relevant to our children's lives, to introduce new science concepts and reinforce science concepts already introduced in school, and to provide on-going hands on experimentation. The Science Kits are taken home for 10 days for students to perform the experiments. Each grade level will have the opportunity to check these kits out twice this year.

Volunteer hours and duties are flexible. Responsibilities include delivering the kits to classrooms, restocking kits as necessary, computer work, preparing and distributing notices, picking up the kits from classrooms, purchasing supplies, coordinating and participating in science events. Computer work may be done at home. Volunteers do not need to speak English for this position.

LIBRARY/COMPUTER LAB

Run entirely by volunteers, the Hickory PTA Library/Computer Lab is a wonderful resource for our students. The library/computer lab is in Room 25 located across from the cafeteria. Volunteering here is a great way to stay in touch with your child's class and meet other parents. All we need is at least one hour from our volunteers on a weekly basis to help with librarian duties as well as helping in the computer lab so that kids can float back and forth from the library to the computer lab.

Librarian duties include helping students locate books, organizing shelves, checking books in and out, and mending damaged books. If you can't come in every week, we also have a special "Guest Reader Program" you can participate in. For the computer lab, duties are supervising students while on the computers (no computer experience needed). They are self guided programs the students use.

There will be an Orientation/ Training Meeting in early October. If you have any questions, please contact hickorylibrary@hotmail.com

PART-TIME/ON-CALL VOLUNTEER

Throughout the school year, the PTA requires extra help with various special activities and events. Volunteers are needed to help with one-time jobs such as spirit wear and year book distribution, setting up for events, or collating and stapling PTA mailings. We are looking for people who are willing to help out occasionally when they are available. For your convenience, part-time volunteers will be emailed on coming events where help is needed. This is a great opportunity for new volunteers to get to know various PTA programs and meet other parents in a way that fits their schedule.

ROOM REPRESENTATIVE ("Room Parent")

Becoming a Room Representative is a wonderful way to get involved in you child's classroom.

A Room Representative has the following responsibilities:

- planning two celebrations (one before winter break, and one before the end of the school year)
- coordinating something simple and thoughtful during Teacher Appreciation Week
- helping the teacher organize class celebrations/activities as needed

Training will be provided, and there will be "Room Rep Rap" sessions before the two celebrations. **Each class needs at least one room representative. Two or more people can share this position, but one must volunteer to be the 'contact person'.** *If you simply wish to help in the classroom, you may discuss this with your Teacher at Back To School Night*

CLASSROOM VOLUNTEER

Floater volunteers are needed to help in classrooms that may be different than your child's class. As kids get older, teachers don't want/need day to day parent help and in addition, some classrooms, still need parents but there aren't enough that volunteer to help. This would be a classroom volunteer who is willing to commit on a regular time basis each week/month.

SCHOOL BEAUTIFICATION DAY – OCTOBER 22, 2011

We need your help to make our wonderful school as beautiful on the outside as we know it is on the inside! Come help us sand, paint, garden, clean windows and bathrooms, pressure wash, etc. on Saturday, October 22nd.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK – April 30-May 4, 2012

We look forward to spoiling our teachers during the week of **April 30th – May 4th**. In addition to the thoughtful efforts of the Room Reps and the students, we like to provide goodies for the teachers to enjoy while they gather in the teachers' lounge.

VALET SUPPORT

Our valet system is designed to assist parents and students arrive and leave school safely. Moving 800+ students in and out of school is a big job. Your help is needed daily 8:30am-9:00am and 3:12pm-3:40pm to help ensure the valet line moves smoothly. You would be assisting students into cars, and supervising while they wait for their parents to pick them up.