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Parent and Caregiver Club (P.A.C.C.) Participation August 2008-July 2009

The goal of The Red River Valley Academy (Elementary) is to create a holistic learning environment for the children and families involved in our school and its programs. In order to achieve this goal, TRRVA(E) is creating opportunities where the whole family can become involved. We know that the families enrolled at TRRVA(E) have many great things to offer whether it is their time and/or talents. Now it is up to all of us to find the right fit.

One way you might choose to become involved is by attending the Parent and Caregiver Club (P.A.C.C.) meetings held the first Tuesday of each month (unless otherwise informed) from 5:30pm-6:30pm. We do meet throughout the summer and look forward to our wonderful meetings continuing. Ground rules for the P.A.C.C. are outlined in your Parent Handbook.

If once a month seems like too much of a commitment, also outlined below is a list of wonderful events that TRRVA(E) offers throughout the year. These events add so much to our school, which makes it a truly unique educational facility. However, these events would not be possible without hard work and dedication from our families and staff. But now it is our goal to get EVERY family involved in these events whether it is in planning, setting up, taking down, or donating. It is our hope that every child enrolled at TRRVA(E) is able to have their parents or caregivers share their time and/or talents in one way or another. When you choose to sign up for one of our amazing events you will need to attend one to two P.A.C.C. meetings before the event so that you can offer input and become familiar with what you will be assisting with.

Please sign up to be a chairperson or volunteer for one of our wonderful events. We understand that chairing or volunteering at one of the events, especially if you are new to our school, may seem a bit daunting. In order to make your volunteering as comfortable as possible, we have a *P.A.C.C. Handbook* available to you. This handbook outlines in detail all pertinent information for each event. You are welcome to browse through it at any time. Or, if you have an idea that you would like to bring to our school, such as knowledge of your vocation, hobby/interests, etc. please speak with Terrijann, Rachel, or your child(ren)'s teacher. Our goal is 100% participation and we can not do it without you! If you have questions, please speak with one of the Home School Liaisons, Mandy and Rachel, or speak with your child(ren)'s classroom teacher.

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Family Volunteer Opportunities

There are several ways in which volunteers are welcome in our school throughout the calendar year. The following is a list of opportunities in which we are in need of volunteers. If you have questions regarding any of the following, please ask to see the P.A.C.C. Handbook or speak with your child(ren)'s teacher or the director.

An Evening of Creative Writing/Parent Night

Five volunteers are needed to help set up the potluck food line, watch the line throughout the evening, and assist with clean-up.

Back to School Night

One volunteer is needed to purchase refreshments (to be reimbursed), set up the refreshments, refresh the items as needed, and clean-up.

Clothing Sales at Various Functions

Two volunteers are needed at each function at which we host a clothing sale. Volunteers are needed to set up the sale, take in money, and clean up at the end of the evening.

Construction Assistance

Volunteers are needed on a random basis to assist with construction projects the school may need (examples may include shelving, repairs, etc.).

End of Year Picnic

Twelve volunteers are needed to purchase pizza and breadsticks (to be reimbursed), purchase ice cream making supplies (to be reimbursed), transport items to Gooseberry Park, set up items, and clean up at the end of the evening.

End of Year Program

Eight volunteers are needed to purchase refreshments (to be reimbursed), set up, serve the refreshments, and clean up.

End of Summer Program

Seven volunteers are needed to purchase refreshments (to be reimbursed), set up, decorate, and clean up.

Fall Garden

Four volunteers are needed to prepare the beds for winter, make natural mulch, and lay down the leaves.

Family Fun Night

Twelve volunteers are needed to set up the potluck food line, watch the line throughout the evening, set up materials, supervise the functions, and clean up.

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Field Day

Five volunteers are need to oversee various track and field events.

Field Trips

Several volunteers are needed on a random basis to assist as chaperons on field trips.

Garden Help

Several volunteers are needed at their convenience during the late spring and summer months to plant, weed, and harvest our garden.

Garden Preparation

Ten volunteers are needed in late spring to assist with preparing the beds for planting, bringing in new sand for the two sandboxes, raising beds, and bringing in compost.

Gingerbread Houses

One volunteer is needed to contact a local grocery store and request a donation of frosting. Several other volunteers are needed to assist all three classrooms with building the gingerbread houses.

Luau

Twelve volunteers are needed to set up the food line, watch the line throughout the evening, decorate, serve the food, oversee the volcanoes, oversee the hula dancing, and clean up.

Parent Orientation Night

One volunteer is needed to purchase refreshments (to be reimbursed), set up the refreshments, and clean up.

P.A.C.C. Childcare Assistance

One volunteer is needed each month the P.A.C.C. meetings to supervise the children in a guided activity.

Various Classroom Assistance

Several volunteers are needed on a random basis to assist with various classroom needs. Such needs may include cleaning, organizing the library, making books, etc.

Winter Program

Fourteen volunteers are needed to purchase refreshments (to be reimbursed), set up refreshments, serve refreshments, and clean up, transport equipment to the gym, set up chairs at the gym, and take down chairs at the gym.

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