

Volunteer Activities: Descriptions 2011-2012

Volunteer Activity	Chair	Description	Commitment Period
Art Class Volunteer	<i>Kate Mahanes, Shannon Horridge</i>	Assist in the classroom or with special projects as needed.	1 x week
Art Print Presenter	<i>Maggie Thompson</i>	Volunteer in your child's classroom once a month. Choose an artist from a list, do a simple "show & tell" about one of the paintings and lead an art project if time allows. All information and supplies provided.	1 x month
Arts & Crafts Fair	<i>OPEN</i>	We would love to host this event in the Spring. If you are interested in organizing, please consider signing up!	Plan and work day of event
Attractions Fundraiser	<i>Cady Garey</i>	Discount book of coupons for local restaurants and stores sold to Brownsville families. Help prepare envelopes, tally returns and fill orders.	Early fall commitment; few hours/week
Bee Bop	<i>Danica Plantz</i>	A fun walk/run for students and family members held during the school day. Help needed serving refreshments and assisting the PE teachers.	"Day of" volunteer
BEE Program	<i>Katherine Merhige, Sally Cushing</i>	Help with Brownsville's Elective Education ("BEE") Program, our after-school program organized by parents. There are many jobs including coordinating curriculum to helping with administrative tasks.	Annual commitment/can work from home
Book Fair	<i>Lisa Koolman, Marianne Russell</i>	Help set up, cashier and clean up during this annual event.	Volunteer week of event
Brownsville Bakers	<i>Terri Lynn Petty</i>	Provide baked goods for bake sales and other fundraising activities, as well as for various PTO-sponsored events throughout the year	Sporadic during school year
Brownsville Directory	<i>Brandy Copeland, Matt Shadel</i>	Online and hardcopy list of students and parents' contact information. Help gather information, input and check directory for accuracy. Inclusion in directory is voluntary.	Beginning of school year commitment/can work from home
Brownsville Gardeners' Group	<i>Tamara Sole</i>	Volunteers gather at the school grounds to weed flowerbeds, plant flowers and shrubs, mulch, and perform general grounds maintenance. We meet collectively one Sunday in the Fall and another in the Spring.	2 x year

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Brownsville Publishing House (K-2)	<i>Wendi Foster</i>	Stories authored by students are published as hardcover books. Most of the work can be done at home. We'll show you how!	End of year commitment/can work from home
Cans of Caring Food Drive	<i>Lois Laclef</i>	Help the local food bank stock its pantry for the summer, one of the highest-need times of the year! Help organize and promote the canned good collection. Help students load the food bank truck with our donations.	"Day of" Volunteer
Classroom Volunteer	<i>Individual teachers</i>	A weekly, biweekly or monthly commitment to assist in your child's classroom. Duties vary according to teacher and grade level.	Weekly or Monthly
EaSiEE as Pi	<i>Susan Skalak</i>	Are you a scientist or engineer or just have a love of science? "EaSiEE (Engineering and Science in Elementary Education) as Pi" is a hands-on engineering and science program that brings design projects and science experiments 6 times a year to grades K-4. We spend 45 - 60 minutes with each class working on fun activities. All information is provided ahead of time.	6 x a year for 2-5 hours
Evening Event	<i>Wendi Foster, Heidi Brown, Gigi Elliott, Kristen Hardy</i>	A fun, adult-only fundraiser with live music. May also include 3 rd annual "Brownsville Idol" competition and silent auction.	"Day of" volunteer and some work ahead duties
Family Dinner & Game Night	<i>Susan Gehring, Megan Sullivan</i>	A fun opportunity to enjoy dinner and a variety of games with other Brownsville families. Help set-up, decorate, prep and serve dinner, host games, or clean-up.	"Day of:" volunteer
Family Fitness Day	<i>Melissa Miller</i>	A fun afternoon of family fitness held at Brownsville. Help with preparation before, during, or after the event, advertise the event, and create a safe and wonderful fitness experience for our school community.	"Day of" volunteer and some work ahead duties
Field Day	<i>PE Teachers</i>	Help set up, facilitate an activity, serve refreshments, escort children and clean up during a day of outdoor fun and games. Held one day during the last two weeks of school.	"Day of" volunteer
Fifth Grade Sendoff	<i>Cady Garey, Suzette Mata</i>	Help us plan, prepare and host the various fifth grade send off events including a field trip, ceremony, school gift purchase, etc.	"Day of" volunteer, some work ahead duties, or baking.
Fall Fun Fest	<i>Kelly Gobble</i>	One of the most anticipated school events at Brownsville and we are moving it to the fall! Help set up, staff game booths and prize tables, clean up, and more. Many, many hands needed!	"Day of" volunteer

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Golf Tournament	<i>Tom Sherman, Seth Van Hall</i>	Held at beautiful Old Trail Golf Course. Help encourage participation, organize raffle prizes, drive the beverage cart, register golfers the day of event, and help the event run smoothly.	“Day of.” volunteer with some work ahead duties
Kid Pan Alley	<i>Terri Allard, Sally Cushing</i>	Come be a part of a wonderful songwriting program! Kid Pan Alley needs volunteers in the classroom throughout the week to help take photos and type lyrics. We also need help during concerts with video, photos, lyric scrolling and CD sales.	Intermittent needs throughout year
Lost & Found	<i>Lois Laclef</i>	Monitor and maintain the lost and found items that accumulate. Provide opportunities for children and families to claim items and donate any unclaimed items during the school year.	Intermittent needs throughout year
Music Class Volunteer	<i>Blair Jones</i>	Assist in the music classroom. No experience necessary.	1 x week
Newcomer’s Network and Picnic	<i>Nancy Bond</i>	Be part of our Newcomer’s network. Our role is to connect a family new to Brownsville with one that has been around awhile. Your role is to help the new family get settled and feel welcome at Brownsville.	Intermittent needs throughout year and summer planning as well
Outdoor Dance & Movie Night	<i>Joan Stalzer, Megan Sullivan</i>	Come picnic, dance & stay for a child-friendly movie outside! Help organize, decorate, sell snacks and clean-up for this great family event.	“Day of” volunteer
Performing Arts	<i>Blair Jones and grade level teachers</i>	Help with grade level productions. Sew costumes, paint/build sets, provide stage help or assist with rehearsals.	“Day of” volunteer and some work ahead
Redemption Programs	<i>Mary Quiqley, Cassandra Rigglin</i>	Brownsville earns cash and school supplies from a variety of redemption programs. Help count and clip General Mills Box Tops and promote the programs.	1 x month, work from home
Room Parent	<i>Nancy Bond</i>	Help teacher organize and/or coordinate classroom celebrations, field trips and school-wide activities by involving the parents of your child’s class. Assist in coordinating volunteers for PTO events and fundraisers.	Intermittent throughout year
Spirit Wares	<i>Wendi Foster</i>	Help design, order and sell Brownsville merchandise (t-shirts, sweatshirts, stickers). We’ll need your great ideas and help filling orders, too.	Intermittent throughout year, sell items at various events

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Sponsorship	<i>Kay Slater</i>	We have created a committee to solicit donations for the school. If you are interested in contacting local businesses to give money to Brownsville, please sign up.	September and then intermittent throughout year
Square One Art	<i>Christina Sandridge, Lori Benedict</i>	Square One Art is a great fundraiser! Parents are able to purchase various gifts and collectables with their children's artwork printed on them. Help the art teachers organize, promote and process orders.	Late fall
Teacher/Staff Appreciation	<i>Heather Marcel, Tracey Roberts, Kelly Gobble</i>	Provide food for teacher/staff luncheons, coffees, and monthly birthday celebrations. Supply various items such as simple notes or supplies throughout the year to show the school staff how grateful we are for all of their hard work	Intermittent throughout the year, work/bake from home
Used Book Sale	<i>Lisa Koolman, Maryann Russell</i>	Help gather, sort and sell gently used books that are donated from Brownsville families. Proceeds from this event sponsor scholarships for the fall book fair. Usually held as part of Family Literacy Night	"Day of" volunteer and some work ahead