

## Volunteer Activities: Descriptions

Wondering what to volunteering for? Read the descriptions below.

Where possible, we've included a date for the event.

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| <b>Art Class Volunteer</b>                               | Assist in the classroom, prepare materials or participate in special projects, and help create and construct displays. Special need in Kindergarten and 1st grade classes, but helpers in all grades are appreciated. No experience necessary.   |
| <b>Art Print Presenter</b>                               | Volunteer in your child's classroom once a month. Choose an artist from a list and do a simple "show & tell" about one of their paintings, and possibly a small art project (supplies are provided). All of the information and art prints are available for you. No art history experience is necessary, and training is provided. Position requires 6 hours of time per school year. |
| <b>Arts &amp; Crafts Fair</b><br>(Oct. 16)               | A popular event with over 20 vendors. We need help planning and organizing prior to event. Volunteers are needed day of the fair to work bake sale and raffle tables. Also need volunteers to help plan and run the children's area.   |
| <b>Attractions Fundraiser</b><br>(August/September)      | Book of coupons for local restaurants and stores. Help prepare envelopes, tally returns and fill orders.   |
| <b>BEE Program</b>                                       | Help with Brownsville's Elective Education "BEE" Program, our afterschool program organized by parents. There are many jobs from curriculum coordination to helping with administrative tasks.   |
| <b>Bee Bop</b><br>(October)                              | A fun mile-long walk/run for students and family members held during PE class. Help needed serving refreshments and assisting the PE teachers.   |
| <b>Book Fair</b><br>(Nov. 15–20)                         | Help plan, organize, set up, cashier and clean up during this annual, festive theme-oriented event.  |
| <b>Box Tops and Grocery Store Programs (VIC Cards)</b>   | Brownsville earns cash and school supplies from a variety of redemption programs. Great opportunity to help support the school from home! Help count and clip General Mills Box Tops and promote grocery store redemption programs.  |
| <b>Brownsville Bakers</b>                                | Provide baked goods for bake sales and other fundraising activities, as well as for various PTO-sponsored events throughout the year. Occasionally asked to help sell the baked goods. Requests are intermittent throughout the year. Great volunteer opportunity for parents who are unable to donate a lot of hands-on time at school.   |
| <b>Brownsville Publishing House (K-2)</b>                | Stories authored by students are published as hardcover books. Most of the work can be done at home. We'll show you how!   |
| <b>Cans of Caring</b><br>(May/June)                      | Help the local food bank stock its pantry for the summer, one of the highest-need times of the year. Help organize and promote a canned good collection; help students load the food bank truck with our donations.  |
| <b>Classroom Volunteer</b>                               | A weekly, biweekly or monthly commitment to assist in your child's classroom.  |
| <b>Evening Event</b><br>(March)                          | A fun, adult-only fundraiser. With live music. May also include second annual "Brownsville Idol" competition.  |
| <b>Family Dance &amp; Ice Cream Social</b><br>(Sept. 24) | Help organize, decorate and clean up for this family event. We're always looking for people to scoop ice cream, serve toppings and lead the dancing.   |
| <b>Family Dinner &amp; Game Night</b><br>(Jan. 21)       | A fun evening to come to Brownsville, have dinner together and play games. We need help preparing the meal, setting up the games, and cleaning up after the event.   |
| <b>Family Fitness Day</b><br>(Nov. 7)                    | A fun afternoon of family fitness held at Brownsville. Organize small groups, advertise the event, and create a safe and fitness-oriented afternoon for our school community.  |
| <b>Field Day</b><br>(June)                               | 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.   |
| <b>Fifth Grade Sendoff</b><br>(June)                     | Help us plan the very special graduation ceremony for our rising sixth graders.  |

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| <b>Food Drive</b><br>(December)   | Grade levels donate food for 25+ families in our school community. Help sort food and prepare packages for delivery.  |
| <b>Fun Fair</b><br>(May)  | One of the most child-anticipated school events. Help set up, staff game booths and prize tables, solicit donations and/or sponsors, clean up, and more. Many, many hands needed to run this event.   |
| <b>Golf Tournament</b><br>(Oct. 8)  | Held at the beautiful Old Trail Golf Course. Help solicit sponsors and players, organize raffle prizes, drive the beverage cart, register golfers day of event, help the event run as smoothly as possible.   |
| <b>Grounds Beautification &amp; Butterfly Garden</b><br>(Sept. 26, Mar. 27) | Volunteers gather at the Brownsville school grounds to spread mulch, weed flowerbeds, plant flowers and shrubs, and provide general yard work. Happens one fall and one spring weekend day.   |
| <b>Kid Pan Alley</b><br>(Sept. 27 – Oct. 1)                                 | 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.       |
| <b>Library Volunteer</b>  | Help librarian shelve and check in/out books, file and conduct inventory.   |
| <b>Lost &amp; Found</b>   | Monitor and maintain the lost and found items that accumulate. Provide opportunities for children/families to claim items and donate any unclaimed items at the end of the school year.   |
| <b>Music Class Volunteer</b>  | Assist in the music classroom. No experience necessary. Special need in Kindergarten and 1st grade classes.   |
| <b>Newcomer's Network</b>   | Offer to be a part of our Newcomer's Network. We buddy up 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.  |
| <b>Performing Arts</b>  | Help with grade level productions. Sew costumes, paint/build sets, provide stage help or assist with rehearsals. Organize small "reception" following evening performance.  |
| <b>Room Parent</b>  | 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. Attend monthly PTO meetings. |
| <b>School Directory</b>   | Online and hardcopy list of students and their parents' contact information. We'll need your help developing, organizing and distributing the directory.  |
| <b>School Spirit Merchandise</b>  | Help manage the orders as we sell Brownsville merchandise (t-shirts, sweatshirts, stickers).  |
| <b>Science Day</b><br>(spring)  | Assist with the Brownsville Science Day. No experience necessary, but if you have expertise in the sciences, please let us know!  |
| <b>Square One Art</b><br>(Nov.)   | Square One Art is a fundraiser that uses a child's own artwork in a variety of keepsakes and gifts. Support Kate Mahanes, Brownsville's art teacher, in organizing, promoting, and processing orders from parents.                                    |
| <b>Tasty Tastings</b>   | Help introduce Brownsville kids to healthy food choices through tastings provided during lunch period.  |
| <b>Teacher/Staff Appreciation</b>   | Provide food for teacher/staff luncheons and monthly birthday treats. And/or provide goodies such as a simple note or a needed supply throughout the year to show the school staff how grateful we are for all their hard work.                       |
| <b>Technology Class Volunteer</b>   | Assist in the technology classroom. No experience necessary. Special need in Kindergarten and first-grade classrooms.   |
| <b>Used Book Sale</b><br>(March)  | Help gather, sort and sell gently used books that are donated from families within our community. Proceeds from this event sponsor scholarships for the fall book fair. Usually held as part of Family Literacy Night.                                |
| <b>Yearbook</b>   | Help the chairpersons and students design, edit and publish the school yearbook. Photographers are also needed to take candid photos of classrooms throughout the year.   |