



Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are the life blood and pillars of every Waldorf School, but especially a growing school like ours. Your required service hours help make Waldorf education available to our children and give you a chance to participate in a community where your skills are needed and appreciated. Please use the below information to help guide you as you fill out your Volunteer Intent Form and plan your volunteer hours throughout the year.

School Events

Beautification Weekend: This event usually takes place the third weekend in August annually. The community is asked to volunteer to give things a thorough cleaning and prepare classrooms and common areas for a new school year. Teachers, staff, and volunteers will work in shifts throughout the day from 8-6 each day. Families and children are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Winter Fair: The annual Winter Fair is the biggest events the school holds. Working a volunteer shift helps ensure the success and everyone's enjoyment of Winter Fair. It takes many hands to decorate, oversee crafts, serve the food, monitor the silent auction and clean-up afterward.

May Fair: Like the Winter Fair, May Fair is the schools way of welcoming in spring. Volunteers will serve in many capacities including decorating, overseeing crafts, serving the food, monitoring the raffle and cleaning-up afterward.

School Committee Hours Opportunities

Development Committee: This committee strategizes ways to obtain new funding for the school. Volunteers research foundations and potential grants, write grant proposals, and assist with the school's annual report, annual fund drive, and additional fundraising efforts and events.

Enrollment Committee: This committee works to spread the word about the school in the community and increase enrollment. Volunteers assist with informational events such as open houses and guest speakers as well as with public outreach events such as Earth Day.

Finance Committee: This committee prepares the school's budget, oversees expenditures and makes long-term capital plans.

Building & Grounds Committee: This committee guides maintenance, safety and policy priorities for the school's physical plant and grounds.

Grounds Committee: Work includes raking, grass cutting, planting and pruning, regular upkeep and repairs, as well as larger improvement projects.

Facilities "Doings": A once a month event held in the evening to get bigger facilities projects completed while the school is empty. Past projects have included painting, laying carpet, winterizing windows and fixing broken classroom furniture.

Parent Association Hours Opportunities

The WSP Parent Association is an integral part of the school's function and community. All parents should consider participating in **at least one** of the following committees/groups lead by the school's Parent Association.

Festivals Committee: Parent Volunteers run two fairs—Winter Fair and May Fair—which also are fundraisers for the school. Activities include decorating the school, preparing food, managing a bake sale or craft activities, and preparing information about the events.

Hospitality Committee: This committee will run four appreciation brunches in the course of the year and support other events, such as the Enrollment Committee Discover Waldorf/Open Houses, by supplying baked goods, beverages, and setting up/cleaning up of the refreshments.

Parent Council: This group will focus more on school policy issues. The Parent Council will be a subset of the Parent Assoc. and will meet seasonally or as needed. Ideally there will be a parent representative from each grade level (including Early Childhood).

Room Parent: At least one parent from each class to support the teacher and classroom in coordination with that teacher. This role has no obligations to the Parent Association as such although it is recommended that Room Parents attempt to attend Parent Association meetings when possible.

Friday Lunches: This group plans, prepares and serves the popular Friday Hot Lunches on specified Fridays throughout the school year.

Various project-based opportunities (rather than on-going): these include the Bloomfield Halloween Parade, Martinmas Coat Drive, Small Hands catalog promotion, and other once-a-year events.

Other Volunteer Hours Opportunities

Administrative Work: Volunteers assist with administrative duties as needed, such as answering phones, filling in at the front desk, filing, and mailings.

Expansion Working Group: This group works to prepare for expansion of existing programs and future programs and needs volunteers with experience in construction, architecture, finance, and communications.

Legal Work: A pool of attorneys works on legal tasks that arise from time to time at the school.

*The healthy social life is found when, in the mirror of each individual,
The whole community is reflected, and when, in the community,
The virtue of each individual is living.*
—Rudolf Steiner