

September 12, 2013

Dear Clinton Families:

The Clinton School PTA is responsible for many important programs, projects and events at Clinton School. We ALWAYS need volunteers and encourage you to become involved in a way that suits your family and your schedule. Choosing to volunteer in our school community is a powerful way to show our children that we value their education and support our public schools.

Please take some time to read this letter and get a better idea of how you might become involved in our community. Whether you have a lot or a little time, artistic skills or not, if you are handy with a shovel or a hammer, know how to make a great chocolate chip cookie or vegetable soup, or are simply willing to help where you are needed, we will find a way for you to share your time and energy with Clinton School.

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN THE LAST PAGE OF THIS PACKET TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER BY SEPTEMBER 20TH. We will follow up with you by phone or email to confirm your availability as events happen at Clinton.

Thank you!

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Outdoor Beautification: Arrange your own schedule and work before, during, after school or on weekends! Help with gardening, outdoor cleanup and small fix-it activities.

Recess Volunteers: If you have some time to spare during your child's recess times, we welcome you to come play board games, read books, help with arts and crafts, sports and more. Whether indoors or outdoors, our great Clinton cafeteria staff can always use another pair of hands! (or two or three...) This is a great way to help out our school and sharpen your four-square skills!

Clinton Courier Newsletter: Editor Anne Harding would love help writing, editing, researching and with distribution.

Public Relations: Help spread the good news about Clinton School online, in the paper in our towns...

Technology: We are looking for some tech-savvy parents to update, improve and enlarge our web presence and assist with our overall communication strategies.

Translation: We are committed to distributing information about and from Clinton School in as many languages as possible for our international students and their families. While the internet does make this possible (and often free!) we still need the expertise of world language speakers to make phone calls and help out with one-to-one contact. Let us know what language(s) you speak!

Cultural Heritage: We need your ideas, artifacts, pictures, stories and creativity for the displays our coordinator puts together for the front hall showcase. Especially for Native American, African American, Women's History, Asian, Caribbean and Latino heritage months.

Library: Our librarian always has books that need shelving and extra hands to help students find that "just right" book. Our younger ones especially need help when it's their time to select books to take home. You can select a regular day or time slot, and choose to be in the library while your child's class has its visit.

The Art Room: Clintons' art teacher, Ms. Tischio appreciates parents who are willing to get their hands dirty (literally) in her art room. You can arrange to do this on a regular basis during your child's time each week in art class or help out with special projects such as the holiday art fundraiser or the spring art show.

Yearbook: We need volunteers to help gather photos and information for our annual yearbook.

Events:

Locomania: (9/27/13) Help the PTA support Clinton's efforts to be healthy and fit! Locomania is a couple of hours of fun when our students and their teachers come out to the track and do running, skipping and some crazy dance moves courtesy of our physical education teachers and our own Clinton DJ who spins some tunes to keep the party going. Help the little ones stay on track (literally) and help out at the water table.

Fall and Spring Book Fair: (10/3 -8 and 5/14-20) Choose one or two hour time slots to work at our school book fair. Help set up or take down, during the school day or after. During the school day we need lots of helpers while younger Clinton students visit the book fair and make their wish lists.

Pumpkin Patch: (10/19/13) Our wonderful Pumpkin Patch takes place in early fall and help is needed setting up, breaking down, selling pumpkins, taking tickets, helping with arts and crafts and running the bake sale.

School Picture Day: (10/21/13) It's no small task making all our little ones look as calm and cute as they do when the flash goes off! We need help lining up children, getting classes into the auditorium and smoothing down those fly-aways to make this day go smoothly. Sign up for a one or two hour time slot.

Winter Craft Fair: (12/7/13) Help plan and run our Winter Craft Fair, a great event that helps us get ahead on that holiday gift making. Help organize, set up and supervise our children as they make great crafts.

Holiday Cookie Distribution: (12/16/13) Each year the PTA organizes the baking (by parent volunteers) and distribution of a festive package of baked goods for the holidays for every member of our staff. A note will be sent home asking you to bake for this event, and we will need help that morning putting the packages together and distributing them.

Tricky Tray Auction: (2/8/14) This committee works very hard for weeks to organize our biggest fundraiser of the year! Funds raised have helped purchase our new playground equipment and auditorium sound system. Help is needed with soliciting prizes and donations, arranging desserts and beverages, setting up and cleaning up, selling tickets and helping run the evening on February 8th.

The Sixth Annual All-School Musical Revue: (3/28 and 3/29/14) We need the Clinton community to come out in force for this school-wide theatrical extravaganza! No talent? No problem! In addition to directors and assistant directors, we need help with sets, program ad sales, tickets, t-shirt design and sales, rehearsal supervision, kid wrangling and MUCH MORE...

International Dinner: (4/10/14) In addition to providing a dish to share at this event, help is needed with planning, set-up/clean-up and serving.

Teacher Appreciation Lunch: (5/7/14) We need help organizing and staffing our annual spring teacher appreciation lunch as well as providing healthy and delicious food for our teachers.

Clinton School Fair: (5/17/14) The magic only happens when lots of hands help out! Join us to turn our field into a Renaissance Kingdom. We need help with purchasing supplies, selling tickets, staffing the Confection Cauldron, running the prize table, selling food, helping with crafts, face-painting, running games and more. This fun day happens only because so many families help out.

Art and Music Festival: (6/4/14) We need help matting and hanging our students work for display for the wonderful night in June. All supplies are provided and you can do this work at home or in school.

Clinton Field Day: (6/6/14) Our energetic physical education teachers run this day for our students and they need lots of help with the races and field events.

Fifth Grade Moving Up: (6/24/14) If you can spare a couple of hours at the end of the school year, let us know. We ask 4th grade parents in particular to staff this event so that teachers and fifth-grade parents can relax and enjoy this important day for our fifth graders as they mark the end of their days at Clinton School.

Do you have a skill or talent to share with Clinton School but can't quite find a spot for it here? Be sure to let us know what you might be able to help us do this year at school.

Please return the sign-up part of this form to your child's teacher by September 20th.

Questions?

Please call or email Holly Pappas (PTA Vice-President) holly.s.pappas@gmail.com 973-327-4827

Please circle the event(s)/committee you are interested in.

Locomania	Recess	<i>Clinton Courier</i> Newsletter
Public Relations	Technology	Tricky Tray Auction
Translation Committee	Cultural Heritage	Library
Art Room	Yearbook	Book Fairs
Pumpkin Patch	Bake Sale	Teacher Appreciation
School Picture Day	Winter Craft Fair	Holiday Cookies
International Dinner	School Fair	Outdoor Beautification
Art and Music Festival	Clinton Field Day	Moving Up Ceremony
All-School Musical Revue		

I would like to help out at Clinton School this year. Please contact me!

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

CHILD/CHILDREN'S NAMES/ GRADES/TEACHERS:

Please let us know if you have any other skills/talent/areas of expertise you would like to share with the Clinton community.

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