

September 8, 2014

Dear Clinton Families:

The Clinton School PTA is responsible for many important programs, projects and events at our school. We ALWAYS need volunteers and encourage you to become involved in a way that suits your family and schedule. Choosing to volunteer in our 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. Whether you have a lot or a little time, artistic skills or not, are handy with a shovel or 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, talent and energy with Clinton School.

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN THE LAST PAGE OF THIS PACKET TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER BY SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>. We will follow up with you to confirm your availability as events happen.

Thank you!

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### **Ongoing Projects**

**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.

**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, and in our towns.

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

**Translation:** We are committed to communicating with Clinton families in as many languages as possible to support 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!

**Fundraising:** No Frills, Display My Art, Coupon Books and more. Our Fundraising Chairs are hard at work raising much-needed funds for our school, and could use your help!

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

**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, especially for Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade classes. You can arrange to do this on a regular basis during your child's art class each week or help out with special projects.

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

### **Events:**

**Locomania: (9/24/14)** 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. Our own Clinton DJ spins 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: (9/16-23 and 5/13-20)** Choose one or two hour time slots to work at our Book Fair. Cook a dish for the Teacher Preview Lunch, help set up or break down the fair, help students fill out wish lists, and fill orders. Help is needed during and after school.

**Pumpkin Patch: (10/18/14)** 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: (10/20/14 – Retake Day 12/2)** 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: (12/6/14)** Help plan and run our Winter Craft Fair, a great event that helps us get ahead on holiday gift making. Help organize, set up and supervise our children as they make great crafts.

**Holiday Luncheon for Teachers: (12/19/14)** The PTA organizes a holiday luncheon for our staff, and volunteers are needed to organize the event, prepare food, set up and serve lunch.

**Tricky Tray Auction: (February 2015 – Date TBD)** This committee works hard for weeks to organize the biggest fundraiser of the year! Help is needed to solicit prizes and donations, arrange desserts and beverages, set up and clean up, sell tickets and help run the evening.

**The Sixth Annual All-School Musical Revue: (4/10 and 4/11 2015)** 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: (4/30/15)** 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: (5/6/15)** We need help organizing and staffing our annual spring teacher appreciation lunch as well as providing delicious food for our teachers.

**Art and Music Festival: (6/3/15)** Ms. Tischio needs 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. Lots of hands make this job go quickly!!

**Clinton Field Day: (6/5/15 – Rain Date 6/12)** Our energetic physical education teachers run this day for our students and they need lots of help with the races and field events.

**Clinton Outdoor Picnic/Spring Fair: (6/18/15)** The magic only happens when lots of hands help out! We need help purchasing supplies, selling tickets, running the prize table, selling food, helping with crafts, face-painting, running games and more. This fun event happens only because so many families help out.

**Fifth Grade Moving Up: (6/23/15)** If you can spare a couple of hours at the end of the school year, let us know. We ask 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents in particular to staff this event so that teachers and fifth-grade parents can relax and enjoy this important day as the fifth graders 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 on the form below what you might be able to help us do this year at school.**

Questions?

Please call or email Andrea Beck (PTA Vice-President)

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**CLINTON SCHOOL VOLUNTEER INTEREST FORM**

Please return this form to your child's teacher by September 19<sup>th</sup>.

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

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| Outdoor Beautification                   | Art Room                 | Tricky Tray                  |
| Clinton Courier Newsletter               | Yearbook                 | All School Musical Review    |
| Public Relations                         | Locomania                | International Dinner         |
| Technology                               | Book Fair                | Teacher Appreciation Lunch   |
| Translation – languages spoken:<br>_____ | Pumpkin Patch            | Art and Music Festival       |
|  | School Picture Day       | Field Day                    |
| Fundraising                              | Winter Craft Fair        | Clinton Picnic / Spring Fair |
| Cultural Heritage                        | Holiday Teacher Luncheon | Moving Up Ceremony           |
| Library                                  |                          |                              |

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

Name:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Child/Children's Name(s)/Grade(s)/Teacher(s):	
Please let us know if you have any other skills/talent/areas of expertise you would like to share with the Clinton community.	

