

September 3, 2015

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, 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 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 FORM IN YOUR CHILD'S BACKPACK IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED "VOLUNTEER FORMS". Event chairs will follow up with you to confirm your availability as events happen.

Thank you!

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Ongoing Projects

Box Tops: All those tiny Box Tops add up to big bucks for Clinton School. We need volunteers to sort, count and submit the Box Tops for our school. This is a great opportunity to help out as your schedule permits - you can sort and count from the comfort of your own home.

Clinton Garden & 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.

Clinton Green Team: The Green Team plans and implements a variety of projects to promote environmental stewardship and sustainability, and is working toward earning Clinton the Sustainable NJ School certification. This is a great way to get involved at school and help the environment.

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: 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 to help Clinton students explore the diversity of cultures represented in our school.

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 1st 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:

Ice Cream Social: (9/10/15) I scream, you scream... we all need some ice cream! We kick off each school year with an old-fashioned ice cream social on the front lawn of Clinton School. The teachers do the scooping, but we need help setting up, selling tickets, and cleaning up afterwards.

Clinton Farmers Market: (9/18/15) The 2nd annual Clinton Farmers Market is scheduled for Friday September 18th! During this "Living Assembly" children will learn to be savvy shoppers and pick their own apple and veggies. Volunteers are needed to unload the truck (a job for early risers!), cut up samples of fruits and vegetables for the students to try, and breakdown the market at the end of the day - all fun stuff!

Locomania: (October 2015) 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.

Display My Art: (Fall 2015) Our kids create works of art that can be transformed into a variety of keepsakes for purchase... from t-shirts, to coffee mugs, to framed prints... and a portion of each sale benefits Clinton School. We need help in September collecting the art and orders, and later in the Fall to distribute the products.

Kid Stuff Coupon Books: (October 2015) Do you have a knack for organization? Then this is the project for you! Each Fall, Clinton families have the opportunity to purchase a coupon book with hundreds of discounts on local restaurants, activities and retail stores, with half the proceeds going to the school. We need help distributing the books and tracking sales.

Fall and Spring Book Fair: (September 2015 and May 2016) 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.

Trivia Night: (October 2015) New this Fall, Trivia Night is sure to be a fabulous night out for parents, and a great way to raise funds for our school. Help is needed to plan and run the event - and it is sure to be a good time!

Pumpkin Patch: (10/17/15) 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: (October 2015 – Retake Day December 2015) 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: (12/5/15) 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 and Cookies for Teachers: (12/18/15) The PTA organizes a holiday luncheon for our staff, and volunteers are needed to organize the event, prepare food, set up and serve lunch. We also give each teacher a box of homemade cookies for the holidays, and need bakers to donate their favorite cookies, and helpers to pack the boxes.

Tricky Tray Auction: (February 2016 – Date TBD) This committee works hard for months 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: (Spring 2016) 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: (4/28/16) 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: (May 2016) We need help organizing and staffing our annual spring teacher appreciation lunch as well as providing delicious food for our teachers.

Memorial Day Float: (May 2016) Help design and build the Memorial Day float and lead Clinton in the Maplewood Memorial Day Parade.

Art and Music Festival: (June 2016) 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: (June 2016) 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: (June 2016) 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: (June 2016) 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 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 how you might be able to help!

Questions?

Please email Liz Gordon (2015-2016 PTA Vice President)
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CLINTON SCHOOL VOLUNTEER INTEREST FORM

Please return this form to Andrea Beck, Clinton School, 27 Berkshire Road, Maplewood, NJ.

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

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| Clinton Garden | Yearbook | Holiday Teacher Lunch/
Cookies |
| Clinton Courier Newsletter | Ice Cream Social | Tricky Tray |
| Green Team | Clinton Farmers Market | All School Musical Review |
| Technology | Locomania | International Dinner |
| Translation – please list
languages spoken: | Display My Art | Teacher Appreciation Lunch |
| | Book Fair | Art and Music Festival |
| Box Tops | Trivia Night | Field Day |
| Fundraising | Kid Stuff Coupon Books | Clinton Picnic / Spring Fair |
| Cultural Heritage | Pumpkin Patch | Moving Up Ceremony |
| Library | School Picture Day | Memorial Day Parade |
| Art Room | Winter Craft Fair | |

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

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