

Ongoing Projects

Class Parent: Want to provide direct support for your child's teacher? Being a class parent is a great way to be directly involved with your teachers and classrooms. While the workload is light to moderate, the impact is huge! *Please note that more information, as well as how to sign up, comes with your class assignment letters just before school starts.*

Box Tops: We need volunteers to collect the box tops from the 5th grade class that collects and sorts them, and then submit them to the Box Tops program.

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

Clinton Courier Newsletter: Our editor would love help writing, editing researching and distributing our newsletter.

Clinton Green Team: The Green Team works on a number of projects each year in an effort to help Clinton gain a Sustainable NJ School certification.

Technology: We're always looking for tech-savvy parents who can help us update, improve and expand our web presence and assist with our overall communications strategies.

Translation: We are committed to communicating with Clinton families in as many languages as possible to support our international students and their families. We are looking for the expertise of world speakers to make phone calls and help with one-to-one contact. Let us know what languages you speak!

Fundraising: We run many fundraising events and programs throughout the year and our Fundraising Chairs could use your help!

Library: Our librarian always has books that need shelving and extra hands to help students find that "just right" book. Our younger students 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: Clinton's 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.

The Music Room: Mrs. Jacobsen likes to have parent volunteers assist with the younger grades.

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

Read-A-Thon: New this year, we plan to run a six-week online read-a-thon. We'll need volunteers to help set it up and make it run smoothly!

Elementors: Elementors are Columbia High School students who spend once recess per week playing sports with our fifth grade students. Volunteers are needed to help the CHS students coordinate the program and facilitate their recess activities. The program runs for 6-8 weeks each Fall and Spring, and volunteers will need to be available to meet the CHS students at Clinton each week.

EVENTS

Ice Cream Social: We kick off the school year with an old-fashioned ice cream social on the front lawn of Clinton School. We need help setting up, selling tickets, and cleaning afterwards.

Locomania: Help the PTA support Clinton's efforts to be healthy and fit! Locomania is a couple of hours of fun when the kids run, skip, dance and play courtesy of our physical education teachers. Help the literal ones stay on track (literally) and help out at the water table.

Display My Art: Our kids create amazing works of art that can be transformed into a variety of keepsakes for purchase. We need help in September collecting the art and orders.

Fall and Spring 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 their orders. Help is needed during and after school.

Trivia Night: Q: Do you know what we need from volunteers? A: We need help planning the event, getting donors and running the games between trivia rounds.

Pumpkin Patch: Our wonderful Pumpkin Patch takes place in early fall and we need help setting up, breaking down, selling pumpkins, taking tickets, helping with arts and crafts and running the bake sale.

School Picture Day: It's no small task making our little ones look calm and cute in their pictures! We need help lining up the 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: 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: The PTA caters a holiday luncheon for our staff, and volunteers are needed to help set up and clean up 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 up the boxes.

Tricky Tray Auction: 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 Seventh Annual All-School Musical Revue: 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: In addition to providing a dish to share at this event, help is needed with planning, set-up/clean-up and serving.

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

Art and Music Festival: 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: 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: 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: 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.

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 the PTA know with an e-mail!