

Franconia “Hands Across the District” Volunteer Information 2016-2017

To All Franconia Parents:

Franconia’s Home and School Association (H&S) is made up of parents who give their time, skills and effort to help make the school a better community for our children. Please review the descriptions below to see if there is anything of interest that fits your schedule. Some items have very flexible time commitments, while others can be more involved. We encourage you to get involved in whatever way possible! **Please consider signing up for any and all events that may appeal to you. The chairperson will contact you closer to the event but you can always decline if your schedule or availability has changed.**

If you are interested in volunteering at Franconia Elementary in the 2016-2017 school year, you must fill out the attached Volunteer Sign Up Sheet. Please return the attached form to school by Friday, September 9th. In accordance with Souderton Area School District’s policy, ALL volunteers must be screened through the Raptor System (driver’s license check) at the Franconia School office and complete the SASD Community Volunteer Registration and Disclosure Statement (form available at website below) when arriving at school for first volunteering event.

In addition, to ensure the safety and security of all students, the Board of School Directors adopted Board Policy #916, “Community Volunteers,” in June 2014. There are several safety measures that apply to volunteers. All forms are available at <http://www.soudertonsd.org/community/volunteers>

1. Act 34 Criminal History Report used to gather criminal history information
2. Act 151 Child Abuse Clearance Statement used to gather child abuse history information
3. PPD skin test for tuberculosis used to determine if an individual has developed immune response to bacterium that causes tuberculosis

Please review the policy for testing and clearance on the Souderton School District website - (<http://www.soudertonsd.org/community/relations>)

Information on the sign up form will be shared with the appropriate teachers and Home & School committee chairpersons, who will then contact you for volunteer needs.

Field trip chaperone opportunities will be sent home separately by teachers during the school year. Clearances are mandatory for chaperones and time should be allotted to receive clearance confirmations before the field trip.

VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTIONS 2016-2017

One Day Opportunities

Book Fair - Book Fair will be held Wednesday, May 3rd during Franconia’s Open House. Families can buy discounted books while helping our library earn credit towards books. Volunteers are needed to help set up, help with purchases and clean up.

Field Day - Assist students with a fun filled day of activities that promote athletics, teamwork, and sportsmanship on May 11th and 12th.

Fundraising Opportunities

Box Tops – Volunteers needed to bundle and count Box Tops we receive and send to General Mills. In return, our school receives money which is used to fund Home and School programs.

Pretzel Day – Help is needed for a couple hours on the 1st Friday of select month starting October 2nd to bag pretzels and organize them per class for pick up. We also need a volunteer to come in, count the money and confirm the pretzel order during the school day on Thursday, the day before the pretzels are distributed.

Fundraising Sales – Help needed with fundraising sales and promotions. More info will be provided. Some administrative work can be done from home.

Spirit Wear – Franconia Falcon apparel is sold several times throughout the school year. Volunteers are needed to prepare and organize orders and to sell items at H&S events.

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Events

Holiday Family Event – Held on Friday evening, December 2th from 6-8PM. We are planning a visit from Santa, Holiday Gift Shoppe for kids, crafts, snacks, and a bake sale. Volunteers are needed to provide home made goods for the bake sale, work at stations during the event, and help with set up/clean up.

Staff Appreciation Week –A week-long celebration during the school day to show appreciation for Franconia staff featuring luncheon on Wednesday, January 18th, and other assorted events like: snacks, breakfast, desserts, special displays and organized projects. Help is needed with preparing lunch items, donating food and non-food items, setup and cleanup.

Bingo Night – This popular and fun event will be held Friday evening, January 27th. Volunteers will be needed in different areas including set up, card checking, and clean up.

Dad's Night – Volunteers needed to help Friday evening, February 24th, at a special event for children and their dads with set-up, serving, and clean-up.

5th Grade Celebration – Parent volunteers work with 5th grade teachers in planning, organizing and preparing a meaningful, festive and memorable event for the graduation celebration on June 6th.

4th Grade Parents' Service - Parents are needed to assist the night of the 5th grade celebration (June 6th) with set up/clean up.

On-Going Opportunities

Classroom Volunteers - Needs are determined by each teacher. May include copying, preparing materials for instruction, filing, setting up displays, and working with the children.

Homeroom Parent Volunteers (Class Socials) - Assist the classroom teacher with arrangements for class socials (Fall/Halloween, Winter/Holiday, Valentine's Day, End of Year Socials). Additional role of a homeroom parent may vary.

Lead Homeroom Parent Volunteer - Will contact other parents for volunteer opportunities in the class and act as a liaison with H&S and other class parents.

Library Assistants – Assist librarian in tasks such as cataloging and shelving books, helping students select and check-out books and help in setting up/taking down displays.

Recorder Assistant – Volunteers are needed to come to third grade music classes and help with recorder instruction. Recorder instruction occurs in January through May.

Sundae Bar – Several times per year, students create their own sundaes during lunchtime. On Sundae Bar days, volunteers are needed from 10:45AM to 1:00 PM to help set up, serve and clean up.

Yearbook Pictures – Volunteers take pictures throughout the school year at classroom socials and school events uploading them to yearbook website.

On Call Volunteer – Willing to be contacted if any event is in need of additional volunteers. Please note you can always decline if your schedule does not allow.

At Home Opportunities

Hospitality - Volunteers provide baked goods, foods, and refreshments for H&S events including the Holiday Fair and Staff Appreciation Lunch. Volunteers may also be needed to set up, attend to a refreshment table, or clean up after an event.

Yearbook Layout – Volunteers design yearbook page layouts similar to digital scrapbooking. Most of the work can be done at home and volunteers will be trained.