

Thornton Creek Volunteer Opportunities

2009-2010 School Year

There are countless ways to help out at school. In the classroom, on the playground or from home, there is a good fit volunteer post for everyone. Each one is a chance to strengthen our community, meet someone new, and show our kids that we all contribute in our own way.

Upcoming Events

School Pictures

October 2, 2009

Help Jenny and Lin keep things organized and kids looking good on this exciting day. If you can participate, please contact Jenny Evans jevans@seattleschools.org.

Walkathon

October 8, 2009

Kids set a goal for how many times they can walk around our giant field and collect monetary pledges in support of their goal and our school. Volunteers are needed to make posters, create and stamp lap cards, serve lemonade and encourage the walkers. Contact our fabulous event chairs to help with this kid favorite event. Cosette LeCiel (lecielc@comcast.net), Mim Turnbull (mimt@comcast.net) Charlotte Rasmussen (cgrasmuss5@earthlink.net)

Fall Book Fair

November 20-23, 2009

Librarians Ginny Allemann and Katharine Donnelly will spearhead on a marvelous book fair at the University Bookstore with a percentage of the store's sales going to Thornton Creek. Parents are needed to help kids prepare for storytelling and readings. Contact Ginny to see how you can help. vaallemann@seattleschools.org

Vision Screening

November 2009 (date TBA)

Volunteers are needed to help our nurse, Judy Underhill, conduct this very important testing. For more information contact Judy at jmunderhill@seattleschools.org.

Pies for Staff

November 2009 (date TBA)

Calling all bakers (and non-bakers who know where to find delicious pies) to bring in a Thanksgiving dessert so that each member of the Thornton Creek staff can take a pie home over the holiday weekend. This way they can rest instead of bake. Contact hospitality chairs Deb Voss deborahvoss@comcast.net and Holly De Maranville hollyfft@comcast.net for more information.

Winter Bazaar

December 11, 2009

Students, parents and outside vendors are invited to sell their handmade wares at our school bazaar. A portion of the proceeds are donated to Thornton Creek. Help is needed chairing the event as well as with set up and break down. Contact Julie Bisson if you are a great organizer, enjoy crafts and would like to head up this one of a kind event.

jbisson@comcast.net

School Tours

January 2010(date TBA)

Show off your school pride and share your Thornton Creek experience with potential Thornton Creek Parents. A great handbook along with tour training make this a fun and interesting activity. Contact Rae Keyes for more information.

seattlekeyes@comcast.net

Talents Night

February 2010 (date TBA)

Students perform on the Eckstein Middle School stage showing off their talents and wonderful personalities. Parents are needed to help with rehearsals as well as the performance. For more information contact Susie Bunker at Susie.bunker@comcast.net

New Family Orientation

May 2010 (date TBA)

Welcome new families to Thornton Creek, answer questions and tour them through the building. For more information contact Rae Keyes seattlekeyes@comcast.net

Thornton Creek Auction

May 1, 2010

Our biggest event of the year offers countless volunteer opportunities from publicity to bartending and everything in between. First things first though, we are looking for someone very special to chair the auction committee. For more information contact Julie Bisson at jbisson@comcast.net

Spring Book Fair

May 2010 (date TBA)

Ginny and Katharine will put on a second fundraiser right in our own Mary Cooper Library. Parents are needed to help sell books and help out with the event. For more information contact Ginny at vaallemann@seattleschools.org

Athletic Skills Night and Art Show

May 2010 (date TBA)

Rope swingers, unicycle riders, gymnasts and more come out to show their talents on this exciting night. The audience is also treated to a very special Thornton Creek Art Show throughout the halls. To help with Athletic Skills, contact our wonderful PE teacher Sue at lsdoty@seattleschools.org and super art teacher Maria @ mcallahan@seattleschools.org to help with the art show.

Field Day

June 2010 (date TBA)

Usually in the last week of school, Field Day is filled with fun activities, wacky hair, face paint and the famous dunk tank. To coordinate or help out with activities, contact Sue at

lsdoty@seattleschools.org

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Opportunities for Leadership

Classroom Reporters

This lunchtime writing program encourages students to express themselves through story writing, poetry and journalism. Our longtime leader moved on (with his middle-schooler) and a new mentor is needed to keep the program going. Contact Karen Fardal kardal@gmail.com for more information.

School Auction

Lead a group of dedicated parents in the production of this memorable and important evening. The auction chairperson(s) will work with team leaders to make the event (which funds numerous school activities and support positions) happen. Contact Julie Bisson for more information at jbisson@comcast.net

Field Day

Every student loves and participates in Field Day. Help Sue put organize activities and volunteers for this very happy day. lsdoty@seattleschools.org

Athletic Skills Night

Work with Sue to run rehearsals, organize music and hosts, and coordinate and supervise students. Contact sue at lsdoty@seattleschools.org

More great opportunities below.

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More great opportunities to get involved

Classroom

Your teacher will talk about ways parents can get involved in the classroom like helping with handwriting and math, leading a reading group, chaperoning a field trip, or general housekeeping. There are a million ways to help in class.

Lunchtime

The beginning of the year is a great time to help out at lunch. Many of the new or younger students could use help learning the ropes or with opening their applesauce

Recess

Jenny and Lin (the heart of operations in the office) would welcome any help they could get out at the playground at recess. This is a great way to get to know lots of kids and to help out if you have energetic little ones in tow. Contact Jenny for more information at jevans@seattleschools.org

Library

Katharine and Ginny will work with lots of parents throughout the year sorting books, helping with checkout and shelving keeping our library beautiful and well organized. Contact Ginny for more information. vaallemann@seattleschools.org

Bikes and Skates

Sue has patience like no other and helps our kids learn bike safety and how to roller skate. When it comes time for these activities, check with Sue lsdoty@seattleschools.org for how you can help out in the gym.

Art Room

Maria could use help in class cleaning brushes and helping with supplies, as well as outside of class hanging all the beautiful work in the halls. Contact Maria Callahan mlcallahan@seattleschools.org.

Fine Arts Space Finishing

Help finish our beautiful new fine arts space. The installation of track lighting and flooring, as well as painting, are needed to get this terrific resource ready. Contact Janet Kimball for more information jgkimball@comcast.net.

Landscaping

There is always work to be done to keep our very large school grounds looking great. Contact Janet Kimball if you are interested in joining a work party or lending your landscaping expertise. jgkimball@comcast.net.

Earthquake Preparedness

Help identify and anchor large furniture pieces that could be dangerous in the event of an earthquake. Contact Janet Kimball for more information. jgkimball@comcast.net

New Ideas

Have an idea of how you can help but don't see it listed? Contact Susie Bunker at Susie.bunker@comcast.net to help get you started.