

BFCCPS Parent Community Organization, Inc.

Description of Volunteer Opportunities

After School Activities. Volunteers needed to organize and run a 1 hour after school activity from 3:15 – 4:15 pm. It could be a one-time class or it could run once a week for several weeks. Past activities have included arts and crafts, American Sign Language, Chinese, Scrapbooking and Chess. If you have an idea for an activity, please contact Jean Clark at jlark@lojack.com with your suggestions. Time commitment – 1 ½ hours or more (if you chose)

Arts Enrichment. Plan and implement PCO-sponsored cultural enrichment programs that come to the school throughout the year. Volunteers are also needed on performance days to assist as necessary. Most programs happen on Fridays. Time commitment – ½ hour or more (if you chose)

BFCCPS Banking. This is part of Save for America, a nationwide program run locally through Dean Bank. Its purpose is to help students develop an appreciation for the importance of saving. The program runs from October through May. Volunteers are needed on banking day Tuesday from 8:45-9:45 am to assist with deposit slips, collect money and provide receipts for money collected. You may volunteer for one or more days a month depending on your interest and availability. Training is provided to all volunteers. Time commitment – 1 hour

Book Fairs. PCO sponsors book fairs during the school year to encourage the love of reading among our students and to raise additional funds for our organization. Our **Fall** Book Fair is held at Barnes & Noble in Bellingham and involves working closely with our Fine Arts department to coordinate instrumental & chorale concerts and an on-going art show to be held during our Fair dates. Our **Spring** Book Fair is held at BFCCPS as summer vacation approaches and the fair includes many titles from the summer reading lists. Volunteers needed to help set up displays and man the check out during our shopping hours. Time commitment – ½ hour or more (if you chose)

Destination Imagination. DI is a program that provides open-ended challenges for children in Grades K-12 to solve while promoting creative thinking and teamwork. **Team Managers** needed to oversee each BFCCPS team that is formed. **Appraisers** needed for Regional Tournament in March. Training provided for all team managers and appraisers. This program generally starts up in October and runs through mid-March. Time commitment varies.

Fall Fundraiser. Help us kick-off the new school year with a big bang by getting involved with our largest, most important fundraiser of the school year. This year we are bringing back **Meadow Farms**. Volunteers needed to tally orders and to organize items on distribution day. Time commitment – 1 hour or more (if you chose)

Family Nights. This once a month event brings families together to have lots of fun! We are looking for volunteers to organize and run 1 event or to help out the night of the event. Past events have included Book Bingo, Game Night, Bowling, Sports at the YMCA and many more. Each of these events also has a tie in with a community service project. This is a great way to volunteer as a family! Time commitment – 1 hour or more (if you chose)

Family Social. This is our largest family social bash of the year. This year, we have a Halloween themed event that will be held in late October. Volunteers are needed to help with the planning and also the during the event. Time commitment - ½ hour or more (if you chose)

Family to Family. Help those within our community who are in need. You could be asked to cook a meal, to assist with carpooling, errands, or another matter for a BFCCPS family in need. The needs of our families are strictly confidential. If you are in need or know someone who is please contact Karen Dexter at blake1022@verizon.net

Lego League. This program provides students an opportunity to work with Science and Technology in the form of Robotics. Students work together on a project and then compete with other students from around our area. Time commitment varies.

Mingle/Jingle. This fun event is a way to raise funds for our group and also to open our school up to the community. This is a vendor fair held in Late November/Early December that allows people to shop for creative gifts. Co-chairs are needed to organize the event. We also need many volunteers to help set up, assist in running the event and clean up that evening. This is a great way for a group of friends to volunteer together! Time commitment – 1 hour or more (if you chose)

Restaurant Nights. Publicize and promote this on-going monthly fundraiser. Also, we need volunteers available during our monthly BFCCPS Nights to greet our families. Time commitment – ½ - 1 hour shift

Room Parent. Volunteers are needed for each classroom to assist teachers in organizing special events and other needs they may have, to help with organizing needs during Teacher Appreciation week and to help schedule Library volunteers. Time commitment varies.

Meeting Hospitality. Coordinate refreshments for Fall Curriculum Evenings or as needed for PCO Meetings or other family/school events. Do you like to bake or bring refreshments? Sign up to be on our refreshments “call list”. Time commitment varies.

Picture Day. Scheduled for Friday, October 9, 2009. Volunteers needed to help organize the children and make sure they look great for the camera. Time commitment – 1 hour or more (if you chose)

Teacher Appreciation. Teacher Appreciation activities happen during the first week of May when we recognize and acknowledge the dedication of our teachers. **Co-Chairs** needed to plan these activities; many volunteers needed to implement and support the planned activities. Time commitment – 1 hour or more (if you chose)

Teacher Grants. The PCO plans to award teacher grants during the upcoming school year. Members of this committee are responsible for reviewing submitted grants and choosing the finalist(s). Time commitment – 4 hours or more

Yearbook. This committee is a yearlong project that culminates into a very nice keepsake for our students. Many volunteers are needed to take pictures throughout the year, compile class and other school pages, and to publicize and collect yearbook & patrons' page orders. Calling all scrap bookers and photographers – this is the committee for you! Time commitment varies