

Hopewell Elementary School



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Dear Parents,

Hopewell Elementary School PTA invites you to join us in our efforts to make 2014-2015 another successful year for our children. If we can get every Hopewell parent to commit to helping out, we can do amazing things for our kids and our school.

There are tremendous benefits to becoming involved:

- ✓ *It's good for your child* – Research shows that children whose parents are involved do better in school and have less disciplinary problems.
- ✓ *You'll get connected* – there's no better way to know what's going on in your school than to be involved in the PTA.
- ✓ *You'll be part of a network* – You'll be involved with a group of parents who share a common goal of improving the school for the children.
- ✓ *It's FUN* – especially when you bring a friend!!

As you'll see from the enclosed forms, we'd love to help you get involved in any way that works for your schedule and interests. What would you like to do? When would you like to do it? We'd like to work with you to make sure all parents can pitch in. Involvement is for everyone.

We are always looking for parents to step up and run committees. It's a great way to make your voice heard. A few of the committees chair positions have already been filled. However, we still have some vacancies and some committee chairs are looking for a co-chair to help out. And don't worry about not knowing the ropes. Last year's committee chairs created "Committee Chair Starter Packets." These packets will give you all the details that you need to run the committee. Drop me a line if you need more information.

For returning parents, you will notice that a portion of the sign-up sheet looks a little different. That's because we are changing the way we ask for parent volunteers. The groups listed on the #2 section are for committees that either needs volunteers at the start of the year, like the Directory Committee, or for groups that are a year-long commitment, like the Year Book Committee. Requests for volunteers for special events, like the Family Socials and the Book Fair, will come out closer to the event dates.

Please fill out the form and return it to school with your child by **Friday, September 26th**. Please make sure you include your email address on the form. Together, we can make a huge difference at our school! As always, please feel free to email if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks in advance,
Jennifer Philipp
Hopewell PTA President
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Contact Information

Please fill out one pledge form for each parent/guardian in your family.

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME RELATIONSHIP

ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER EMAIL

CHILD'S NAME CLASS / GRADE CHILD'S NAME
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Volunteer Interests & Availability

1. I'd be interested in chairing/co-chairing _____ Committee.
(See reverse side for description of committees)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Book Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Copy Room | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Socials | <input type="checkbox"/> Yearbook |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hopewell Festival | <input type="checkbox"/> Directory | <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Open House | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Miler Club | <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Appreciation | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hopewell Habitat | <input type="checkbox"/> BoxTops/Campbells Labels | | |

2. I'd be interested in Helping With the following activities and/or committees already scheduled for the current school year. (Please check all that apply). (See reverse side for description of committee)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Copy Room | <input type="checkbox"/> Yearbook |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Directory | <input type="checkbox"/> Library Helper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Appreciation | <input type="checkbox"/> Miler Club |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hopewell Habitat | <input type="checkbox"/> BoxTops/Campbells Labels |

Have Questions?

Please call or email if we can be of any help or if you have any of your own ideas for getting involved. Contact Jennifer Philipp at jenniferphilipp06@gmail.com.

Volunteer Opportunities

BOX TOPS/CAMPBELLS LABELS- Help is needed to collect and count Box Tops and Campbell's Labels. Great opportunity for working parents since this can be done at home.

COPY ROOM- This group will be responsible for photocopying papers for all grade levels. Training will be provided and only those trained for copying will be allowed to use the copy machine. Work is done during the school day.

DIRECTORY –Help needed to proofread the directory. Great opportunity to help from home.

LIBRARY HELPER – Help assist the librarian with various tasks at times coordinated with librarian.

TEACHER APPRECIATION – Like to cook or bake? We need volunteers to assist the chairpersons with those special events when we honor our teachers. Also, help with the donation of food for these events as well as set up and clean up.

MILER CLUB- Helps track our walkers' progress across the U.S.! Tuesdays and Thursdays during recess times.

YEARBOOK STAFF – Help in the preparation for publication and distribution of the yearbook. Volunteers can take pictures during the year, if available, but most of the work is needed behind the scenes.

HOPEWELL HABITAT- Help to maintain Hopewell's outdoor learning center. Garden gloves needed!!

Special Events

(Sign-Up Sheets for volunteers will come home closer to event date)

BOOK FAIR – Lots of volunteers are needed here to assist during fall conference week. Your help is needed to set-up and take down the book fair and work the book fair.

FAMILY SOCIALS- Assist planning, organizing, setting up and cleaning up. One Social is scheduled for October. The Committee Chair will plan another fun Social event or family outing for the spring.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE/MARKETPLACE/BREAKFAST WITH SANTA – This is a great annual event. Help is needed to set-up night before event and day of event – set-up and clean-up, working in little shopper's shop, collecting tickets at breakfast, etc.

HOPEWELL FESTIVAL – plan and organize food, decorations and games, solicit donations for raffle baskets, assemble raffle baskets, pre-sell tickets, work a shirt during the event. Plenty of opportunities to help from home and day of event.