



Teachers Need Many Hands

There are many non-teaching jobs in Little Harbour, which can be done effectively by someone other than the teacher. Teachers need many hands and some of these belong to volunteers. Volunteers allow the teacher the time to do the specialized job they were trained to do. The additional help and encouragement that volunteers offer makes a difference in every child's life at Little Harbour. Tasks that our in-classroom volunteers perform include photocopying, binding booklets, putting up bulletin boards, preparing folders for the kids, hanging artwork, helping with specials, etc.

The feedback since this program has been instituted has been overwhelmingly positive. Here is a statistical summary of just how effective the program was during the 2014-2015 school year:

- Over 300 parents signed up to help out
- Average number of volunteers signed in per week: 22 volunteers/day
- Volunteers provided LHS with the equivalent of over 4 full time employees/day

We want to extend an invitation for any parent who may wish to sign up for the new school year. Along with this note is a sign up form to be filled out and returned to your child's teacher. * If you were a volunteer last year and want to continue this year, please send in an updated form as changes have been made to the sign-up sheet. **Forms should be returned to school no later than *Friday, September 25th*.** You may alternatively email the form directly to me at lisahturner@gmail.com

There is a mandatory Volunteer Kick-Off meeting for EVERYONE who would like to volunteer on **Tuesday September 22nd** right after drop off in the school cafeteria help by Principal Grossman. If you are unable to attend, please email me at lisahturner@gmail.com and I will arrange another time to meet with you. At this meeting we will also be handing out finger printing paperwork. If you plan to spend 1-2 days/week at school on a regular basis fingerprints are mandatory. We are working with the school department and are hoping they can come to the school as they did last year to take fingerprints. We will keep you posted on that date.

Because this program is a pool system, we have great flexibility for those of you who would like to help, but may have limited availability. Simply put—the more volunteers we have, the more we will be able to accomplish. As many of you know the PTA is a critical part of the school and the funds generated are used for all field trips and so much more. Please remember that their activities, fundraisers and events are separate from this volunteer program and they are always in need of volunteers.

Little Harbour School will likely be the school in your child's educational career with which you have the longest relationship—six full years from K-5. This is a critical time in your child's development. So even if you have limited availability, please sign up and take advantage of whatever volunteer opportunities you can. Whether it is this program, PTA volunteer opportunities, or chaperoning field trips—every minute you give helps every child at LHS.

Thank you,

Lisa Turner
LHS Volunteer Coordinator

LHS Grade Level Signup Sheet – 2015-2016

Name: _____

E-mail: _____ Cell #: _____

Grade level(s) you would like to volunteer in: _____ & _____

Please Check All that Apply:

_____ I would like to do grade level copy work

_____ I can do work at Home

_____ I would like to work in the Library

_____ I would like to help in Music

_____ I would like to help with Computers

_____ I would like to help with Gym

_____ I would like to help in Art

_____ I would like to help kids at Lunch

_____ I would like to help the Nurse

_____ I would like to work in the Garden

_____ I would like to facilitate games on the playground (K-3 only)

_____ I would like to help in the Reading Specialist Library

I have a special talent or skill I would like to volunteer (please note):

2015 – 2016 Grade Level Coordinators:

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