



Dear Parents:

At BMS Station Campus, we are turning service learning in a new direction! PALS is a joint partnership between the Station administration, the Station teachers and the PTO. It also presents a unique opportunity for parents to be involved in a school activity with minimal time commitment. The PALS Committee is looking for parent volunteers to assist with the PALS service-learning activities.

Parents may volunteer to help with the kick-off event, one advisory period or several advisory periods. Please take a moment to read the information below to find out how you can become a parent volunteer. The PALS Committee appreciates your support. The program would not be able to operate without help from parents.

Overview:

The PALS program at BMS Station Campus is a program designed to enhance students' social-emotional learning through meaningful, hands-on, community service projects. The PALS Program begins with a PALS Kick-Off on September 12, 2012. The entire school will participate in an afternoon of PALS service-learning activities. Continuing with the PALS spirit, students will participate in at least one service-learning activity during their advisory period during the year. There are 62+ advisories and three advisory time periods, daily, at Station: sixth grade 10:25-10:55 AM, seventh grade 11:15-11:45 AM, and eighth grade 12:00-12:35, **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday**. Advisory periods for **Wednesday** are: sixth grade 10:13-10:45 AM, seventh grade 10:59-11:29 AM, and eighth grade 11:45 AM -12:15 PM.

How can I become a Parent Volunteer? There are a few simple steps you must complete in order to participate as a volunteer. **1.)** Complete a PALS Parent Volunteer Sign-Up Form (attached) and drop it off at the Station front office or PALS table at Back to School Night. If you have not already done so, you must also complete and return a district volunteer form. These forms are available online and are also located on the table in the foyer of Station Campus. **2.)** Once you have signed-up, you will be asked to speak with a PALS PTO committee member for an introduction to the PALS program. **3.)** An Organization Expert will contact you to assign you a service-learning activity with an advisory teacher. It will be necessary for you to secure the appropriate visitor's identification badge every time you enter the building. The badge is issued upon scanning of the volunteer's Illinois Driver's License. This protocol has been established by the district buildings for security purposes.

Parent volunteers are needed for the PALS kick-off and the advisory activities throughout the year! Your time is greatly appreciated!

If you cannot volunteer this school year, donations for activities are also needed. Please visit the PALS website for information on how to help. Further information and questions, please contact Shefali Bhuva at bhuva5@comcast.net, Laura Horak at laurahorak@sbcglobal.net or Pam Lucas at pamlucas@sbcglobal.net. Please also stop by the PALS table at Back to School Night on Thursday, September 6, 2012 and look for updates on our PALS informational page on the Station website at www.barrington220.org/station.

Sincerely,

The PALS Committee

PALS Parent Volunteer Sign-Up Form

2012-2013

Parent's Name: _____, _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

e-mail address: _____

Child's Name: _____ Grade: ____ Advisory Teacher: _____

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Do you have any particular service-learning interests? Please explain:

Please identify which days/times are you available to volunteer:

Grade	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6th	10:25-10:55	10:25-10:55	10:13-10:43	10:25-10:55	10:25-10:55
7th	11:15-11:45	11:15-11:45	10:59-11:29	11:15-11:45	11:15-11:45
8th	12:05-12:35	12:05-12:35	11:45-12:15	12:05-12:35	12:05-12:35

Although we cannot guarantee placement with your child's advisory teacher, are you interested in volunteering in your child's classroom? Please circle: Yes No

I would like to volunteer for the PALS Kick-Off on September 12, 2012:	YES	NO
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Thank you for your interest in the PALS program! Please drop the completed form off at the front office at Station.

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For more information, please visit www.barrington220.org/station

Click on Parent Resources, PALS Parent Information