

About Family Volunteer Days

Volunteer Days are held several times a year at various sites. Benefits of Volunteer Days for staff include an opportunity to strengthen our relationship with parents, having extra hands to help with activity preparation, and the accumulation of In-Kind. Benefits to families include opportunities for adult conversation, building a support system of peers in their community, learning new skills and building self-confidence, learning about our program and supports that are available to them, giving back and building a connection to our program. **This is where we lay the groundwork for a positive volunteer experience in hopes that our families will continue to play an active role in their child's learning in public school.**

Tips for a Successful Family Volunteer Day

While posting and distributing flyers is a tool to support attendance at Volunteer Days, the most successful way to encourage families to participate is by having a conversation with them about the volunteer opportunity. Flyers will be available on Weebly in English and Spanish at the beginning of the month. Volunteer Days will typically be held at the end of the month (October, January, March and May).

- Print signs in English and Spanish and mount on colorful construction paper. They both fit nicely on 12x18 paper.
- At least 2 weeks in advance, post the flyers in your classroom. Larger sites should post the flyers in a central location i.e. on the door or on a parent board, as well as post in or outside of each classroom.
- Print and distribute the flyer 1 ½ to 2 weeks prior to the Volunteer Day.
- Remind parents about the Volunteer Day 1-2 days before.
- Introduce the information about volunteer days at your parent meetings and encourage participation.
- I will submit the food request, but please check with the kitchen the week prior to the Volunteer Day to ensure they are all set.