

September 7, 2011

Dear Clinton Families:

The Clinton School PTA is responsible for many important programs, projects, and events at Clinton School. We ALWAYS need volunteers, and we encourage you to become involved in a way that suits your family and your schedule. Choosing to volunteer in our school community is a powerful way to show our children that we value their education and support our public schools.

Please take some time to read this letter and get a better idea of how you might become involved in our school community. Whether you have a lot or a little free time, artistic skills or not, if you're handy with a shovel or a hammer, know how to make a great chocolate-chip cookie or vegetable soup, or are simply willing to help where you are needed, we will find a way for you to share your time and energy with Clinton School.

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN THE LAST PAGE OF THIS PACKET TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER BY SEPTEMBER 23rd. We will follow up with you by phone or email to confirm your availability as events happen at Clinton. Thank you!

-Keli Anthony-Tianga, PTA Vice-President and Volunteers Coordinator,
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Outdoor Beautification: Arrange your own schedule: work before, during, or after school or on weekends! Help with gardening, outdoor cleanup, and small fix-it activities...and we would love to have some help enlarging our Butterfly Garden this year and get some fruits and vegetables in the ground!

Recess Volunteers: If you have some time to spare during your child's recess times, we welcome you to come to play board games, read books, help with arts and crafts, sports, and more! Whether indoors or outdoors, our great Clinton cafeteria staff can always use another pair of hands! (or two, or three...) This is a great way to help out our school and sharpen your four-square skills!

Clinton Courier Newsletter: Editor Anne Harding would love help writing, editing, researching, and with distribution.

Public Relations: Help spread the good news about Clinton School online, in the paper, in our towns...

Technology: We are looking for some tech-savvy parents to update, improve, and enlarge our web presence and assist with our overall communication strategies.

Translation: We are committed to distributing information about and from Clinton School in as many languages as possible for our international students and their families. While the internet does make this possible (and often free!) we still need the expertise of world language speakers to make phone calls and help out with one-to-one contact. Let us know what language(s) you speak!

Cultural Heritage: We need your ideas, artifacts, pictures, stories, and creativity for the displays our coordinator puts together for the front hall showcase, especially for Native American, African American, Women's History, Asian, Caribbean, and Latino Heritage months.

Library: Our librarian always has books that need shelving and extra hands to help students find that 'just right' book. Our younger ones especially need help when it's their time to select books to take home. You can select a regular day or time slot, and choose to be in the library while your child's class has its visit.

The Art Room: Ms. Tischio appreciates parents who are willing to get their hands dirty (literally!) in her art room. You can arrange to do this on a regular basis during your child's time each week in art class or help out with special projects such as the holiday art fundraiser or the spring art show.

Yearbook: We need volunteers to help gather photos and information for our annual yearbook.

EVENTS:

Fall and Spring Book Fair (late September and mid-May): Choose one- or two-hour time slots to work at our school book fair, help set up or take down, during the school day or after. During the school day, we need lots of helpers while younger Clinton students visit the book fair and make their wish lists.

Pumpkin Patch: (10/15/2011) Our wonderful Pumpkin Patch takes place in early fall and we need help setting up, breaking down, selling pumpkins, taking tickets, helping with arts and crafts, and running our bake sale.

School Picture Day: (10/14/11) It's no small task making all our little ones look as calm and cute as they do when that flash goes off! We need help lining up children, getting classes into the auditorium and smoothing down those flyaways to make this day go smoothly. One- or two-hour time slots work great on this day.

Election Day Bake Sale: (11/8/11) Bake, bake, bake, and then bake some more! We need baked goods, breads, savory dishes, and soups that day for the voters who come to Clinton and would love to take home dinner. We also need help setting up and selling that day, in one- or two-hour shifts.

Winter Craft Fair: (12/3/10) Help plan and run our Winter Craft Fair, a great event that helps us get ahead on that holiday gift-making...help organize, set up, and supervise our children as they make great crafts.

Holiday Cookie Distribution: (12/19/10) Each year the PTA organizes the baking (by parent volunteers) and distribution of a festive package of baked goods for the holidays for every member of our staff. A note will be sent home asking you to bake for this event, and we will need help that morning putting the packages together and distributing them.

Storytelling Night: (1/26/12) Our kids come to school one winter night in their pajamas to hear parents, teachers (and maybe a surprise guest or two!) read stories. We need readers as well as some help scanning books and coordinating the event.

Tricky Tray Auction: (2/11/12) This committee works hard for weeks to organize our biggest fundraiser of the year, where funds raised have helped purchase our new playground equipment and auditorium sound system. Help is needed with soliciting prizes and donations, arranging desserts and beverages, setting up and cleaning up, selling tickets, and helping run the evening in February.

The Fourth Annual All-School Musical Revue (3/30 and 3/31/12): We need the Clinton community out in force for this school-wide theatrical extravaganza! No talent? No problem! In addition to directors and assistant directors, we need help with sets, program ad sales, tickets, T-shirt design and sales, rehearsal supervision and kid-wrangling, and more...

International Dinner: (4/26/12) In addition to asking parents to provide a dish to share at this event, we need help with planning, set-up, helping serve up the dishes, and (of course) cleaning up!

Teacher Appreciation Lunch: (5/2/12) We need help organizing and staffing our annual spring teacher appreciation lunch as well as providing healthy and delicious food for our teachers.

Clinton School Fair: (5/19/12) The magic only happens when lots of hands help out...join us to turn our field into a Renaissance kingdom. We need help with purchasing supplies, selling tickets, staffing the Confection Cauldron, running the prize table, selling food, helping with crafts and face-painting, running games, and more. This fun day happens only because so many families help out.

Locomania: (5/25/12) Help the PTA support Clinton's efforts to be healthy and fit! Locomania is a couple hours of fun when our students and their teachers come out to the track and do running, skipping, and some crazy dance moves, courtesy of our physical education teachers and our own Clinton DJ, who spins some tunes to keep the party going. Help the little ones stay on track (literally) and help out at the water table.

Art and Music Festival: (6/6/12) We need help matting and hanging our students' work for display for this wonderful night in June. All supplies are provided, and you can do this work at home or in school.

Clinton Field Day: (6/1/12) In early June, our energetic physical education teachers run a this day for our students and they need lots of help with the races and field events.

Fifth Grade Moving Up: (6/19/12) If you can spare a couple of hours at the end of the school year, let us know. We ask 4th grade parents in particular to staff this event so that teachers and fifth-grade parents can relax and enjoy this important day for our fifth graders as they mark the end of their days at Clinton School.

Have a skill or talent to share with Clinton School but can't quite find a spot for it here? Be sure to let us know what you might be able to help us do this year at school.

Please return the sign-up part of this form to your child's teacher BY SEPTEMBER 23rd, 2011.

Questions? Please call or email Keli Anthony-Tianga, thetiangas@comcast.net, 973-763-1942

Please circle the event(s)/committee you are interested in.

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| Outdoor Beautification | Recess | Clinton Courier Newsletter |
| Public Relations | Technology | Tricky Tray Auction |
| Translation Committee | Cultural Heritage | Library |
| Art Room | Yearbook | Book Fairs |
| Pumpkin Patch | Bake Sale | Teacher Appreciation |
| School Picture Day | Winter Craft Fair | Holiday Cookies |
| Storytelling Night | International Dinner | School Fair |
| Art and Music Festival | Clinton Field Day | Moving Up Ceremony |
| Locomania | All-School Musical Revue | |

I would like to help out at Clinton School this year. Please contact me!

NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

CHILD/CHILDREN'S NAMES/ GRADES/TEACHERS:

Please let us know if you have any other skills/talent/areas of expertise you would like to share with the Clinton community.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2011