

Lafayette Elementary Volunteer Opportunities

There are three main ways to become involved in the Lafayette Community. You can provide your **time, skills/services, and money**. At the beginning of the school year a volunteer information form is sent out to all families. Please take a few minutes to complete this form and identify your volunteering interests. There are many ways to contribute to the school:

	<i>Classroom</i>	<i>School</i>
<i>Donate Time</i>	<i>Regular class time help Field trip chaperone Classroom events/parties</i>	<i>Annual events Ongoing committees Translation</i>
<i>Donate Money</i>	<i>Teacher supplies Field trip support</i>	<i>FACT Fund-raisers</i>
<i>Donate Skills/Services</i>	<i>To save costs For enrichment (workshops based on an area of expertise)</i>	<i>For fund-raising (silent auction, raffles, etc.) To save costs (baking, printing, etc.)</i>

Ways to Volunteer Time

There are so many ways to volunteer time, and volunteers are at the heart of all the extra programs and activities that make Lafayette the special place that it is. Volunteers are needed both in the classroom assisting teachers and with the PTA supporting the school as a whole. Not everyone can be an “uber-volunteer”, but by volunteering at some point, even for a minimal amount of time, it all adds up. If every parent of a Lafayette student gave just 2 hours per year, that totals over 800 hours and almost 100 hours a month! We encourage everyone to volunteer where it makes sense for you – there are opportunities for all, regardless of schedule and skills.

Examples of how you can make volunteering work for you:

- Available on weekends – take a shift at the School Carnival, participate in a gardening day, sew costumes, write thank you notes for the silent auction or prepare art projects at home
- Available 15 minutes in the morning (7:35 to 7:50) before school starts – through Stop, Drop and Go, escort children from their cars through auditorium door to school yard
- Available an hour in the morning – through the CORE committee, make copies and collate flyers for the Wednesday envelope, volunteer in a classroom, help at the Halloween Carnival or pass out water at the walkathon/end of year picnic
- Available 2 hours during the school day, 2-4 times a month – through Art in Action, teach the works of famous artists to a classroom full of excited students
- Available in the afternoons – help with the school musical rehearsals or work at the Scholastic Book Fair
- Available during an evening event – take a 30 minute shift serving drinks during Multicultural Night or sell popcorn during the talent show

Your child's teacher will communicate any needs they have in the classroom. Below are the school-wide events and committees that require many volunteers in order to be successful:

One-Time Events	Ongoing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Silent Auction* • Spring Carnival* • Halloween Carnival* • Spell-a-thon • Book Fair* • Multicultural Night • Math Night • School Musical* • Read Aloud Day • Talent Show • Teacher Appreciation Luncheon • Spring Picnic* • Reflections contest 	<p>Volunteers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CORE • Stop Drop and Go* • Art in Action* • Room Parents* <p>Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication Committee (website & newsletter) • Library Automation Committee • Gardening and School Beautification Committee • Yearbook Committee

*Require the most volunteers

Many of these programs/events have a one-page detailed overview which gives specifics on timeframes, types of shifts or roles, etc. Please access these through the PTA website at www.lafayettedolphins.net. The Volunteer Information Form contains a checklist where you can indicate those events you are interested in. The committee chair will then contact you to provide more information and to get your availability and specific interests.