

EGR Middle School PTO Volunteer Information

2015-2016

Getting involved in PTO activities is one of the best ways to stay connected and informed during your student's middle school years. This is an exciting time of change and growth for your child. Parental involvement has always been important, especially in this tough time of budget restraints. The school community needs your support more than ever to continue providing diverse and enriching opportunities for all of our children. Please consider becoming involved in one of the following opportunities.

Simply complete the volunteer form and return it to the middle school office or email your information including what committees you might like to help with to: mspto@egrps.org. You will be contacted as soon as each committee is getting organized.

** If you are able, please volunteer to chair or co-chair a committee. It's not necessarily a larger time commitment, and we always need people to take the lead. **

The PTO Executive Board looks forward to working with each of you, and we welcome your suggestions and input. Thank you in advance for sharing your time in support of our children. Please feel free to call me at 616-245-5189, if you have any questions. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

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PTO Executive Board:

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Mary Gorsline	Recording Secretary
Amy Rockwell	Corresponding Secretary
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EGRMS PTO Volunteer Opportunities 2015-16

All School Directory: This committee would work to assemble, organize orders, and distribute the directory copies.

Career Lunches: Groups of up to 40 students are brought together over lunch to experience new careers and diversity through guest speakers in a business like atmosphere. Offered up to six times a year, this wonderful student opportunity needs a lot of volunteers. Help is needed for table decorations/ set-up, obtaining and tallying student food choices and ordering from food services, publicity and clean up, etc.

Copy Center: This committee would assist the teachers in copying.

Day of Caring: Held annually in May, the entire MS student body learns the importance of community service through a "Day of Caring". A large number of volunteers are needed to help coordinate work sites, provide transportation and help supervise groups of students. Time commitment is roughly 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Gardening/ Grounds Club: This committee helps to maintain the beauty of the middle school by planting, weeding and general "sprucing up" of the area around the school. Most activity would take place in the fall and spring.

General Volunteer: A list of parents is needed to assist with various one-time activities during the school year. These include office assistance, special events, spelling bee, hearing tests, clubs, etc.

Hospitality Committee: This committee supplies snacks and beverages and prepares coffee on an as needed basis during the school year.

Legislation: This committee of the PTO council is comprised of representatives of each PTO/School, the School Board, and the administration. Its goal is to understand pending state and national legislation on educational issues. Meetings are held on a monthly basis. Representatives are asked to report back to their own PTO units to keep us updated on pertinent information.

Magazine Sales: This annual event in September is the MS PTO's one and only fundraiser. The sale kicks off the first week of school and runs 3 weeks. Volunteers are needed to hand out flyers at registration, tally orders, and hand out prizes during lunch hour on one day. Co-Chairs needed.

Media Center Aides: Volunteers are needed to work 1-3 times a month depending on availability. Possible jobs are re-shelving books, helping with displays, book / internet searches, and other requests of the media center.

Neighborhood Needs: Volunteers provide meals or assistance to families during the year as needs arise.

Newcomers: Help to welcome new to the district middle school parents by being a host parent. This includes making an initial contact before school starts and following up with support during the school year as needed. New families may have questions about school routines, athletic activities, homework, etc. What a great way to make new friends! Sign up for this one if you were new to the district yourself within the last few years.

PTO Membership: This committee encourages parents to join the PTO, collects dues on registration days in August and parent information nights in September, and records memberships.

Registration Day Helpers: A fun way to get you back in the swing of the new school year! Students and parents are invited to the middle school to obtain class schedules, establish lunch accounts, get school pictures taken, order gym uniforms, etc... Registration takes place from 9am to 1pm for three days in the 3rd or 4th week of August (dates TBD). We need approx. 15 volunteers for each day to help hand out and collect information. If we get enough volunteers, the shifts can be split.

Staff Appreciation: This committee shows our middle school staff how greatly they are appreciated by our middle school families. The chairperson schedules parents to bring in treats, which can be any kind of snack, either homemade or purchased. Treats or luncheons are currently provided once a month. Each parent will be reimbursed for their contribution.

6th Grade Fall Party: A chance for all 6th grade students to get together for fun and games with new friends in the gym. This generally occurs after school on an October afternoon.

6th Grade Parent / Student Night: In February, 6th grade students have the opportunity to introduce their parents to "new" middle school friends at this evening of fun activities and treats.

6th Grade Year End Lunch / Rocket Launch: Provide help with the 6th grade class rocket launches, yearbook distribution, and hot dog celebration held during the last week of school.

7th Grade Year End Lunch / Field Day: Provide help with the 7th grade class yearbook distribution, field activities, and hot dog celebration held during the last week of school.

8th Grade Class Night: A special event to honor the 8th grade class. This is typically an evening event held at the end of the school year

8th Grade Reception / Honors Assembly: After the Honors Assembly in late May, 8th graders and their parents are invited to a reception in the cafeteria.

EGR Middle School PTO Volunteer Form

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Name: _____

Email: _____

Ph # : _____

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Volunteer Opportunity	Time Commitment	Chair	Volunteer
All School Directory	Varies, See description		
Career Lunches	Up to 6x's during the year		
Copy Center	Weekly, Biweekly or Monthly		
Day of Caring			
- 6th Grade	1 day in May		
- 7th Grade	1 day in May		
- 8th Grade	1 day in May		
Gardening / Grounds	As needed – Fall, Spring		
General Volunteer	As needed		
Hospitality	Varies, See description		
Legislation	Monthly meetings		
Magazine Sales	Early Fall		
Media Center Aides	Weekly, Biweekly or Monthly		
Neighborhood Needs	As needed		
Newcomers	As needed		
PTO Membership	Fall		
Registration Day			
- 6th Grade	8:30 to 1:30 1 day in August		
- 7th Grade	8:30 to 1:30 1 day in August		
- 8th Grade	8:30 to 1:30 1 day in August		
Staff Appreciation	Varies, See description		
6th Grade Fall Party	Fall - varies, See description		
6th Grade Student / Parent Night	Winter - varies, See description		
6th Grade End of Year Lunch	1/2 day last week of school		
7th Grade End of Year Lunch	1/2 day last week of school		
8th Grade Class Night	Spring - varies, See description		
8th Grade Reception	Spring - varies, See description		