



Volunteer Interest Survey and Pledge --- Two Hours for You!

Not sure where to help but want to help the PTO? We can help you decide! Just fill out this survey and we can place you based on your talents and interests! We challenge you to volunteer two hours this school year – after all, our kids are only kids once and they really do love to see you at their school!

Contact Information

Please fill out one pledge form for each parent/guardian in your family. This does not obligate you to do anything.

First and Last Name: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Student's Name: _____ Grade Level: _____ Relationship to Student(s): _____

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The best way to contact me is _____ by phone _____ by email.

1. The types of Opportunities I'm most interested in are:

____ Family Events ____ Fundraisers ____ One-Time Projects

____ Outdoor Projects ____ Teacher Appreciation

____ Dad's Events ____ Lunch Help ____ Working with Students in the Classroom

1. The types of Opportunities I'm most interested in are: (Con'td)

☐ Handyman Jobs ☐ Preparing Newsletters ☐ Preparing Posters, Displays
☐ Calling Volunteers ☐ Speakers ☐ Planning ☐ Picture Day
☐ Computer Data Entry ☐ Public Speaking/Assemblies
☐ Design and Graphics ☐ Writing Grants ☐ Copy/Office ☐ Counting Money
☐ Helping Teachers ☐ Student Recognition ☐ Service Learning
☐ Safety and Security ☐ Organizing / gathering event materials

2. Do you have any unique talent or skill that you'd like to share or access to a unique resource that might be a great fit for the school (like a company matching gift program or a pickup truck perfect for deliveries)? Do you have a business that you would like to advertise in the school directory?

3. Business information:

☐ Yes, my business can help the PTO by: ☐ making copies ☐ matching grants
☐ other

4. The Days, Times, and Types of Activities Best for Me Are: (please check all that apply).

☐ During School ☐ After School ☐ From Home ☐ Weekday, Evenings ☐ Weekends
☐ Weekly ☐ Biweekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Flexible ☐ Anytime
☐ I can help with many events, just call me and check my availability when you need help.

Contact PTO President, Cindee Rizzi, if you have any of your own ideas for getting involved at
(630) 587-9898 or rizzifamily5@comcast.net.

FERSON CREEK COMMITTEE CHAIR POSITIONS

(Organized by Time Commitment Involved)

There are so many ways to get involved in our Ferson Creek School! Whether you can barely find an hour each week or you'd like to donate a lot of your time and talents, we are always looking to find parents like you to help enrich the education of our kids. Listed below are the all committees that Ferson Creek utilizes in effort to make each year the best it can be. The committees have been grouped together by time commitment, so whether you work best in groups during the day or alone at midnight, there is something for everyone! Take a look through them and see where your time and talents fit in!

Small Time Commitment Committees (I can help out a few hours each month!)

1. **Art Enrichment** – Be a liaison with art teacher for wish list items that the PTO budgets to purchase each year for the departments.
2. **Assemblies** – (3 times throughout the year) – Help arrange a variety of special assemblies for Ferson Creek to supplement enrich their education. Past volunteers coordinate in August/Sept. for year.
3. **Auditing** – (At the end of fiscal year only). Help check the Treasurer's work at the end of the school year to verify correctness (mainly for the protection of the Treasurer).
4. **Box Tops & Labels** – (throughout the year) Utilizing the Student Advisory Board students, organize, trim, and submit the General Mills box tops and labels to the respective company for redemption.
5. **District PTO** – (throughout the year) Help represent Ferson Creek at District PTO meetings *(1 per month) and report back to PTO meetings (also 1/mo. for 1 hr.) with any new ideas, programs or issues that were discussed.
6. **Field Day** – (May) Work with the PE teachers to provide a day of fun activities and events for all students. Typically there are 2 field days, one for Kindergarten and one for grades 1-5.
7. **Fifth Grade Breakfast** – (end of school year) Help send our 5th graders off to Middle School by helping put on a breakfast for 5th grade students at Ferson Creek to mark their "graduation".
8. **Foreign Language** – (throughout the year) Help coordinate the Foreign Language Network program with Mr. Adkins in conjunction with North H.S. Spanish Honors Society.
9. **Grants** – (throughout the year as needed) Have a knack for writing? Seek out and apply for grants that can be used to fund any school program, including grant proposals to the St. Charles Greater Education Foundation.

10. **Music Enrichment** – Be a liaison with music, band and orchestra teachers for wish list items that the PTO budgets to purchase each year for the departments.
11. **Picture Day** – (Fall & Spring) volunteers are needed to work with the school photographers to escort classes to the photo room and to help with supervision in the photo room while students are waiting for pictures.
12. **Public Relations** – (throughout the year) Have a connection with the newspaper? Send in press releases, news stories and photos submitted by staff and parents to D303 Communications Director and local newspapers.
13. **School Board Coverage** – (throughout the year) Do you already go to the meetings? Simply follow the D303 meetings, discussions and decisions and report back at PTO meetings periodically.
14. **Voter Registration** – (as needed) Help newcomers to Ferson Creek Community get registered to vote.
15. **Welcoming Wagon** – (throughout the year) Do you like to meet new families? Help welcome new families and tell them about the school and PTO. Coordinate with school secretaries to develop ongoing communication of new families. Prepare packets for new families with directory and info on PTO and dues.

Medium Time Commitment Committees (I'd like to organize something bigger or be a part of an on-going program!)

16. **Art Volunteers (AVIC)** – (selected months throughout the year) Plan and present short art appreciation lessons and activities to a classroom, using framed artwork that is rotated among district elementary schools.
17. **Charity Coordinator** – Again in 2010–2011 Ferson Creek will support a single charity with pen pals, education, fundraising and a January/February volleyball game with Corron. What a super fulfilling and rewarding position on the PTO – not to worry, there is a lot of help from the Staff and PTO Board on this one, but we need someone to help provide communication to the students and teachers and families about our activities throughout the year.
18. **Greater Education Foundation** – (throughout the year) help represent Ferson Creek on the Greater Education foundation, assist with and attend their annual fundraiser and report back to PTO.
19. **Holiday Market**– (early December) – coordinate with selected vendors and schedule parent volunteers to run a gift shop selling small ticket items for students' family members and friends.

20. **Hospitality** – (throughout the year) provide refreshments for Ferson Creek PTO functions, student programs, curriculum nights and other school functions. If you love to bake, plan a party or be a host/hostess, this is a great spot for you!
21. **Phone Directory** – (fall) help create a directory of phone, mail and email addresses of Ferson Creek families and help solicit ads of Ferson parents with businesses to defray printing costs.
22. **Pumpkin Decorating contest** – (October) help coordinate fall pumpkin decorating contest for students!
23. **Recycling** – (throughout the year) Encourage Ferson Creek families to recycle pop tabs, Capri Sun containers, etc. for redemption, Earth Day celebration
24. **Room Parents** – (throughout the year) 4-5 times/year, help plan and run classroom parties, additionally, provide needed assistance to classroom per teacher or PTO request. Help provide info for parents of that classroom regarding desired items by the teacher for their classroom.
25. **School Grounds and Beautification** – (as determined or needed) Have a green thumb? We could use you! Help with projects to improve overall school appearance inside and outside, throughout the year. Help weed and keep landscaped areas in front of the school tidy.
26. **Spirit Wear** – (Fall and Spring) Help sell T-Shirts, sweats and other items with the school logo to help raise funds for the PTO.
27. **Teacher Appreciation Week** – (May) Plan a week of activities that include several student-oriented options as well as a staff breakfast and lunch to show appreciation for teachers and staff.
28. **Welcome Back Day** – (August) help organize and run Welcome Back Day when PTO dues are collected, PTO Committees solicit volunteers, as well as meet & greet new and returning families to the school.
29. **Welcome Back Day Ice Cream Social** – (August) help coordinate an ice cream social in conjunction with the Welcome Back Day.
30. **Write A Check** – Time over the summer planning prizes for raffle of people who contribute. Run the campaign in October with publicity and tracking.
31. **Wrap Pacs** – (Spring and August) help coordinate orders in the Spring and the delivery of pre-packaged school supplies at Welcome Back Day.

The BIG Stuff – ANY HELP OR LEADS ON THESE COMMITTEES IS ALWAYS WELCOMED!!!

- 32. After School Enrichment** – (little in late August/Sept, some in Nov/Dec, heavy in Jan/Feb) It's not bad with help! Assist with planning, organizing and registering Ferson Creek students for after school education enrichment classes throughout the month of February.
- 33. Copy Moms/Helper/Teacher Help** – This committee works behind the scenes in the copy room. Making copies, laminating, cutting, sorting, etc. for teachers and staff.
- 34. Family Fun Nights** – (throughout the year) these evenings are designed for the school community to get together and have fun for free or at minimal cost. Possible Family Nights include: Family Movie Night at the School, Family Game Night, Family Science Night, Family Sports/Fitness Night, Family Reading Night, Family Arts & Crafts Night and Holiday Market Night.
- 35. Halloween Spirit Event** – Help put on an evening of fun, games, activities and food for the whole family (traditionally a Halloween event). Needs lots of energy and preplanning during the summer months.
- 36. Market Day** – (throughout the year) help with sales and pick-up of Market Day brand pre-packaged foods offered through the school each month. Needs energy and desire to promote!
- 37. Spring Event** – Help put on an evening of fun, games and activities for the whole family. Bingo has been a big part of Spring Event in the past and a silent auction and kids' raffle are usually held in conjunction with the Spring Spirit Event. A number of volunteers are necessary to help with this fundraiser and family oriented event.
- 38. Web Communication** – Update the PTO Web site often and regularly! Also, work within PTO Manager and GroupVine administering the weekly newsletter along with PTO President.
- 39. Yearbook** – Take pictures throughout the year, work with vendor, collect order forms at Welcome Back Day and track down every family in the school to make sure they have ordered. Assemble stories, events and activities into a fantastic keepsake for the students.