

Hastings Volunteer Opportunities

Hastings has many volunteer opportunities that enrich the community both inside and outside of the classroom. On this page you will see the range of commitment required.

It is a subjective estimate, as work load varies year to year. On the second page look at the committees' work and find the match for you! Look also at the school website under PTA: <http://hastings.lexingtonma.org> "Many hands make light work".

You can help one time or on an ongoing basis. Events and opportunities for larger commitments may be one-time, span several days or weeks or carry through the whole school year. We have divided the work into:

One-Shots One day and special one time volunteer opportunities, usually for an hour or two.

Low commitment May be short or long-term but involves a less intense commitment level.

Medium commitment Chairing an event that occurs only once a year but requires a large commitment for a short period of time; this involves managing activities, volunteers, expenses, scheduling the date with PTA/school office/principal, reporting budget needs to the PTA etc. *Examples, multicultural potluck*

Heavy commitment Leading a committee that is ongoing and may require regular meetings, email correspondences, communication with PTA and/or school principal, scheduling/coordinating volunteers, and events specific to your committee.

Here are some examples:

One-Shots – One day and special one time events.

Beautification/ Garden Clean-up
 Book Fair
 Classroom Projects
 Educational Garden
 Family Math Night
 Field Day
 Field Trips
 Gift Wrap Sale
 Recess Helper
 School Picture Day
 STAR Newsletter (Project/Article)
 Staff Lunch/ Appreciation
 Talent Show
 UNICEF Trick-or-Treating
 Fund raiser volunteer

Low commitment opportunities

ACT (Arts Created Together)
 Anti-Bias Team
 Big Backyard walk leader(one walk)
 Boxtops for Education
 Family Math Night
 Fifth Grade Activities
 Gift Wrap Sale *
 Hospitality *
 Multicultural Potluck
 Social Event Coordinator-
 Staff Lunch *
 UNICEF *
 Web Site Maintenance

Medium commitment opportunities

ACT Fundraiser *
 Anti-Bias Team *
 Beautification *
 Big Backyard Coordinator
 Book Fair *
 Directory/Database
 Family Friends Coordinator *
 Fifth Grade Activities*
 Fundraiser/Auction Coordinator
 HPAC PE & Wellness Liaison
 Library Volunteer
 Listserv
 Math Club *
 Membership *
 Multicultural Potluck Committee Member
 Recess Helper *
 Room Parent Coordinator *
 Room Parents
 Safe Routes to Schools *
 School Committee Liaison
 School Pictures *
 Social Event Coordinator (BBQ etc.)
 Talent Show *
 YES Science Project

H: Heavy commitment opportunities

ACT *
 All School Meeting*
 Big Backyard *
 Friday Bulletin *
 Fund raiser*
 STAR Newsletter*

* a committee chair or coordinator position
 (not a committee member or one time volunteer)

Here is a very brief summary of current volunteer opportunities in the school. Anyone working in a classroom needs to have a **CORI (criminal record) check and attend a volunteer training.**

ACT (Arts Created Together)

Ongoing/Fund raisers & Events ACT brings musicians, authors, artists and enrichment programs to the school.

All School Meeting Assistant

Ongoing Keep calendar of student performers at weekly Fri. school assembly; communicate with performers and their parents.

Anti-Bias Team

Ongoing Supports projects relating to community building, respecting differences and meeting school improvement goals.

Beautification

One-Shot/Fall & Spring Improve and maintain the grounds around the school building by weeding, pruning, raking, etc.

Big Backyard

Ongoing Lead small groups of children on nature walks once each season. All training provided. Themes tied to curriculum.

Book Fair

One-Shot/Fund raiser in Spring Raise funds for the library by selling books; volunteers work shifts during the fair.

Educational Garden

Fall & Spring Volunteers plant and tend the school garden for use in grade specific projects.

Family Math Night

One-Shot/Winter Organize evenings where a student and an adult partner participate in individual and group math activities by grade level.

Field Day

One-Shot/Late Spring Volunteers lead games at an all-school field day.

Family Friends Coordinator

Ongoing Coordinate and recruit family to sponsor monthly Thursday play date for children not living in Lexington.

Fifth Grade Activities

Ongoing 5th Grade parents help with fifth grade fund raising and celebration activities.

Friday Bulletin

Ongoing Help layout and publish weekly Friday Bulletin.

Gift Wrap Sale

Early Fall/Fund raiser Process orders and arrange for the distribution of the gift wrap.

Hospitality

Ongoing Coordinate refreshments for the PTA as needed.

HPAC PE and Wellness Liaison

Ongoing Hastings representative on the town wide Health and Wellness HPAC meetings.

Library Volunteers

Ongoing weekly Check children's books in and out, shelve and prepare book carts for specific classrooms. Training provided

Listserv

Ongoing Posts approved messages on the Hastings listserv.

Marketplace

One-shot/Fund raiser in Fall Crafts persons sell their wares and table rental fees raise funds for the PTA

Membership

Ongoing Signs new families up for the PTA and maintains member records. Subcommittee publishes Hastings Directory.

Odyssey Of the Mind

Ongoing After school program. Children works in teams on activities to promote creative thinking and problem solving.

One-Shot Helpers

Ongoing Maintains a list of volunteers (committee members) and publicizes requests for one time helpers for various events.

School Committee Liaison

Ongoing Volunteers attend regular Lexington School Committee meetings, take notes for the community.

Recess Helpers

Ongoing or One-Shot Volunteers help with fun recess activities geared towards grades K-2.

Room Parent

Ongoing Communication link between teachers and parents in your child's classroom. Organize special events, recruit parent volunteers and assist at the teacher's request..

Safe Routes to Schools

Ongoing Promote walking, biking, busing, ride sharing to school; host Gr. 2 pedestrian training; work to improve routes.

School Pictures

One-Shot/Early Fall Assist school coordinator and students with class and individual pictures on Picture Day.

Spring Fair or Auction

Early Spring One-Shot/Fund raiser Help coordinate and publicize the event, or volunteer on the day of the event.

Social Events

Ongoing Coordinate events such as BBQ or Lowell Spinners.

Staff Welcome Lunch

One-Shot/Fall Organize a lunch for all the returning teachers before the first day of school.

STAR Newsletter

Fall and Spring PTA newsletter which publishes stories and articles from the students, teachers and the principal.

Talent Show

One-Shot/Late Spring Event celebrating talents of students & staff. Help the night of the event, or with prep work.

UNICEF

Fall One-Shot/Community Service Organize collection of spare change Halloween night to aid UNICEF.

Web Site Maintenance

Ongoing Posts updates to maintain current information on the Hastings website.

Web Site Design

Ongoing Help the Hastings web site evolve, protect privacy.