

Hastings Volunteer Opportunities

Many Hands Make Light Work

Hastings has many volunteer opportunities that enrich the community both inside and outside the classroom. Be sure to check out the range of opportunities, so you can find the perfect match for you!

One shots – 1 day and special one time events.

Projects - larger commitments that may span several days or week

ACT (Arts Created Together) Projects

Help ACT bring musicians, storytellers, children's authors, artists and other enrichment programs to the school.

ACT Anthology Project

Help students publish and share their stories, poetry, and other writing by compiling, typing, and editing a school-wide anthology of creative work. Spring project.

All School Meeting Ongoing

Help organize and plan for weekly meeting. Includes communicating with performers, teachers and principal.

Anti-Bias Team Ongoing

Explores and supports ongoing projects relating to community building and respecting differences. Other teams are formed as needed to implement annual school improvement goals.

Art Room Ongoing

Help our art teacher on one or more projects throughout the year or come in weekly or biweekly with your child's class to be a hands-on helper - no artistic ability necessary.

Beautification Projects/One shot

Help improve and maintain the grounds around the school building. Volunteers help with weeding, pruning, raking, and spreading fertilizer and mulch.

Big Backyard Ongoing

Please turn over for description.

Book Fair Project/Fundraiser

Volunteers work various shifts during the fair and arrange for the distribution of books. Spring project.

Friday Bulletin Ongoing

Help layout and publish weekly Friday Bulletin.

Computer Lab Ongoing/Bi-weekly

Please turn over for description.

Educational Garden Ongoing

Volunteers plant and tend the school garden throughout the year. The garden is used in grade specific projects.

Family Math Night Projects/ One shot

Volunteers lead fun math activities where a student and an adult partner participate in individual and group math activities. Each grade level meets on one night. Winter event.

Field Day One shot

Volunteers lead games at an all-school field day. Late spring event.

Fifth Grade Activities Projects

5th Grade parents help with fifth grade fundraising and celebratory activities.

Gift Wrap Sale Projects

Process orders and arrange for the distribution of the gift wrap. Early fall fundraiser.

Library Volunteers Ongoing

Please turn over for description.

Math Club Project

Volunteers lead early morning math activities for 10-12 weeks. Winter project.

Recess Helpers Ongoing/One shot

Volunteers help with fun recess activities (e.g. obstacle course, limbo).

School Committee Liaison Ongoing

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

Room Parents Ongoing

Please see attached Room Parent information letter.

Safe Routes to Schools Ongoing

Work to decrease car congestion around the school by promoting walking, biking, bus riding and carpooling.

SR2S also works in cooperation with the town Sidewalk Committee to improve walking and biking routes to Hastings.

School Pictures **Project/One Shot**
Assists school coordinator and students with class & individual pictures on Picture Day. Early fall project.

Snowball Auction '07 **Project/One Shot**
Help coordinate and publicize the event, or volunteer on the day of the event. Early spring fundraiser.

STAR Newsletter **Project/One Shot**
Collects stories and articles from the students, teachers and principal for the PTA newsletter.

Talent Show **Project/One Shot**
Coordinate students for the talent show or help as a One Shot volunteer for the rehearsal or the night of the show

(set-up, clean up, backstage, food concessions). Late spring event.

Walk for the Arts **One Shot**
Help organize the walk, provide refreshments or entertainment. Early fall fundraiser.

UNICEF **Project/One Shot**
Promotes and organizes collection of spare change on Halloween night for Hastings' contribution to this organization which supports kids in need around the world.

Web Site **Ongoing/Project**
Help with the Hastings web site. Create pages about school events, All School Meeting or class projects.

YES Science **Project**
Volunteers help with 10-12 weekly after-school science program for 4th grader. Late fall – winter project.

Information about Volunteer Opportunities that require regular, scheduled time commitments

Hastings Library

Help Hastings children discover the joy of reading! Hastings Library volunteers are invaluable help to the librarian, allowing us to keep the library open every day during school hours.

Volunteers check books in and out, shelve returned books, and help prepare book carts and lists for teachers. We also assist with classes that come in - helping children find books, or assisting the librarian with lessons. We also staff the book fair in the Spring - a great fundraiser and a great deal of fun.

Volunteers come in for 1-2 hours every other week. No experience is necessary, training is provided, and your help is really appreciated.

Questions? Call or email **Carin Casey***.

Computer Lab

Parent volunteers are needed during school hours, to assist in Computer Lab. All children attend Computer Lab at various times, at least bi-weekly. A minimum commitment of *one hour, every other week*, is required. Training is provided.

Interested? Call or email **Lisa Flannery***.

Big Backyard

Do you like to be outdoors? Are you curious about science and nature? Become a **Big Backyard** volunteer. BBY volunteers lead nature walks in the Hastings 'backyard' 3 to 4 times a year. Our walks give the children hands-on learning in science and social studies, and are tied to the classroom curriculum. **Each class needs 4-5 Walk Leaders** who will lead groups of 4 to 6 students. All materials and training provided. No experience is required- just a love of nature. Interested or have questions?

Call or email **Anne Khudari***.



*Please go to school directory to get the phone number or email for the contact person for these committees.